

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AFFAIRS
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2005

[In these minutes: Review of Charge, Brainstorm and Prioritize Agenda Items for 2005 – 2006, Consider Changing Meeting Time]

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PRESENT: Matt Painschab, chair, Kendre Turonie, Amelious Whyte, Iraj Bashiri, Janet Schottel, Jesse Berglund, Jenn Funke, Caroline Younts

REGRETS: Jennifer Engler, Carolyn Nayematsu, Kim Roufs, Maria McRae

ABSENT: Jean-Marie Del-Santo, Gordon Duke

OTHER: Tina Falkner

I). Matt Painschab called the meeting to order, and asked those present to introduce themselves.

II). A copy of the committee's charge was distributed to members for their review. It was noted that wherever the charge states "Office for Student Development" that it be changed to "Office for Student Affairs". Additionally, a suggestion was made to use the verbiage "To recommend to the Vice Chancellor/Vice Provost" rather than "To recommend to the Vice Chancellor or the Office of Student Development".

After reviewing the charge, members asked the following questions:

- Should the Senate Committee on Student Affairs (SCSA) have a Rochester representative on the committee? Renee Dempsey, Senate Staff, was unsure, but volunteered to look into this and report back.
- Have Morris and Crookston students been appointed to the committee? Renee Dempsey reported that Student Committee on Committees met earlier this week to make appointments to the various Senate committees. Student appointments were made, and, currently, the Senate Office is waiting to hear back from several of these students as to whether they will be able to accept their appointments. The Morris student, Jeffrey Wencil, has already contacted the Senate Office and has agreed to serve. There has been no response yet from the Crookston student.

Mr. Painschab stated that the proposed changes to the charge would be voted on at the next meeting.

III). Members brainstormed agenda items for the 2005 – 2006 academic year. Mr. Painschab read aloud ideas that were discussed at the May 5, 2005 meeting (<http://www1.umn.edu/usenate/scsa/05-05-04.html>) to determine if these issues were still of interest to the committee. The committee agreed they were interested in the following issues:

- Invite Dr. Ed Ehlinger, director, Boynton Health Service, to report on risky student behaviors, and the general health of the student body.
- Discuss student stadium fees, and consider drafting a position statement on the matter. Invite Lynn Holleran, Office of the President, to provide information on this item.
- Explore student safety issues. It was noted that there have been lighting concerns in some Minneapolis neighborhoods. A suggestion was made to receive a report from the University Police Department as a means to uncover campus safety issues. On a related note, invite representatives from Student Judicial Affairs and/or the University's Center for Restorative Justice and Peacemaking program to share information on the type of reports they are receiving.
- Receive regular updates and hopefully provide input on the strategic planning process relative to student issues. Mr. Painschab expressed concern over the openness of the process and the relative few number of students serving on the 34 task forces. He indicated that he may draft a letter expressing his concern and bring it to the committee at its November meeting for endorsement.
- Invite Vice Provost Jerry Rinehart to provide information on the protocol that is being developed relative to hate crimes across the campuses.
- Invite an OIT representative to update the committee on the number of illegally downloaded copyrighted information reports it is receiving.
- Discuss how the committee could promote student government.
- Invite Sharon Dzik, director, Office for Student Academic Integrity, to provide information on plagiarism and an update on the Student Advocates for Academic Integrity program.
- Receive a report, in the spring, on student disciplinary procedures, which are currently being re-evaluated.
- Receive a report from the Student Activities Office relative to recent changes to a number of their policies.
- Invite Parking and Transportation representatives, Bob Baker and/or Bill Stahlmann, to discuss student transportation issues e.g. cutting bus routes, a universal UPass, etc.
- Invite Laurie Scheich to discuss the expiring Aramark and Coca Cola contracts. Can SCSA have input into these discussions?

Next, members prioritized agenda items from the list above. They decided that if a special legislative session is called, and depending on the outcome, that the stadium fee issue would be important to discuss. Other items, which were rated high included:

- Strategic positioning.
- Teacher evaluations, which is being brought to the Senate on December 1st.
- Student transportation issues.

- Plagiarism.
- Campus climate issues.

IV). Other business: A member asked whether the SCSA meetings for the fall could start later e.g. 2:30. Renee Dempsey volunteered to poll the committee to see if this was possible.

V). Hearing no further business, Matt Painschab adjourned the meeting.

Renee Dempsey
University Senate