

[Meeting topics: One Stop for Students, Parking, Association Updates, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD) Committee.]

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STUDENTS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 17, 1999

3:00-4:30 p.m.

300 Morrill Hall

Present: Kathleen Peterson (chair), Sabeen Altaf, Jesse Berglund, Jane Canney, Thomas Haakenson, Ted Labuza, David Lenander, John Romano, Laura Taken, Hillary Walters, Diane Wartchow, Jennifer Watts

Regrets: Nicole Kubista, Maren Mahowald

Absent: Laura Langer, Brittany Leigh, Chris Macosko

Guests: Edward Ehlinger (Boynton Health Services), Sue Van Voorhis (Office of the Registrar)

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1. Minutes

The January 20 minutes were approved.

2. One Stop for Students

Sue Van Voorhis presented an update on the One Stop for Students initiative. The concept of the One Stop project is to provide a single location that provides students access to all student-related tasks and information. There will be a virtual site, three staffed physical centers (one each on the St. Paul campus, West Bank, and East Bank) and a telephone help line. Students will have access to such services as the bursar, financial Aid, registrar, admissions, advising, bookstore, housing, etc., all in one place.

In response to a question about advising, Ms. Van Voorhis said there has been some discussion about having an advising contact, particularly for non-traditional students at the One Stop Centers. It would not, however, replace advising services students receive in their colleges.

Another component will involve career development for students. As freshmen, students will begin developing their own portfolio so that when they graduate, their resume and other information will be complete and ready to go.

One person suggested including a campus map and links to such things as the cultural centers, disabilities services, the women's center, and other such services/centers that students have an interest in.

It is expected that the web site, which is headed up by Michael Handberg, will be ready by this spring and everything else by winter 2000.

3. Parking Issues

Ms. Peterson reported that Bob Baker was unable to attend the meeting to discuss parking issues, but did express interest in meeting with the Committee. She thought it would be helpful to generate a list of questions and/or comments to submit to him in advance. The Committee took several minutes to generate the following topics it would like Mr. Baker to address:

1. What is the status of the proposed plan to enforce uniform parking policies on the Minneapolis and St. Paul campuses?
2. How are costs assigned to particular lots and at certain times? A breakdown of current bus and parking lot fees would be desirable.
3. Please address the parking situation on the St. Paul campus with respect to the surrounding neighborhoods.
4. The issue of illegal parking in University lots has been raised both by the Civil Service Committee and Student Affairs Committee. How is parking monitored to prevent illegal parking?
5. What are the short-term parking options?
6. What is the arrangement between Facilities Management and Parking concerning snow plowing of University lots?
7. Please discuss the recent decision by the City Council to move to single-sided parking on the streets in the Dinkytown neighborhood and the impact it is having on students.
8. Can you provide data on the number of parking spaces available at the University compared with the average needed on any given day?

9. Please discuss the availability of buses on the weekends and during finals week, including how frequently they run.
10. Students who come to campus to study on the weekends have expressed frustration that parking lot charges are oftentimes set at the event rate of \$6.00. Are there available lots for students to park in on the weekends that do not charge event parking rates?
11. Students would like to see broader and more frequent dissemination of parking information. How might this be accomplished?

Ms. Peterson will invite both Bob Baker, Director of Parking and Transportation Services, and Stephen Gudeman, chair of the Finance and Planning Committee to the March meeting to discuss these issues.

4. Association Updates

MSA--The Student Services Fees request was endorsed by MSA at its last meeting.

GAPSA--no report

STUDENT SENATE--The Student Senate will meet on February 18. Agenda items include 1) tuition banding and 2) a proposed policy on academic progress of undergraduates. The second item includes a statement of expectations for students to graduate in a timely manner (4-5 years), a requirement that departments and programs have a plan in place that allows students to graduate in 4 years, and a provision allowing departments and programs to require students to be enrolled full-time in certain programs. This item is on the Student Senate agenda for discussion and on the Twin Cities Campus Assembly agenda later in the day for action. It is not clear to students at this time whether the policy will be used to force students to graduate in 4-5 years. If that is the case, students are very concerned about the effect it will have on students who are not able to attend school full-time. Others on the Committee echoed this concern, noting that the proposal appears to be very discriminatory and not a position that the University should be taking.

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5. Office for Student Development & Athletics Update (OSDA)

Dr. Canney announced that a Student Research Task Force is being established to look at the work that is being done in a variety of areas, such as student affairs, Boynton Health Service, multicultural affairs, etc., and to make recommendations concerning how that information can be made accessible to students and others.

Next, Dr. Canney turned to Dr. Ehlinger, chair of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD) Committee, to discuss the work of this new committee. Dr. Ehlinger reviewed the charge, goals, and objectives of the committee and the membership of its five subcommittees. The objectives of the committee are to:

- reduce the irresponsible use of alcohol by members of the University community,
- reduce the use of tobacco products by members of the University community,
- eliminate the use of illegal drugs on campus,
- assess the ATOD use by University members on a regular basis,
- educate the campus and broader community about the University's efforts to reduce the problems associated with ATOD use.

The Policy Subcommittee will examine existing policies to see whether they are consistent and/or effective in achieving the committee's goals. The Program Subcommittee will research the effectiveness of the numerous approaches being used at the University and other colleges and universities to combat the misuse of alcohol. The Enforcement Subcommittee will monitor the effectiveness and impact of the enforcement of University policies and state and local laws regarding alcohol use. The Assessment, Monitoring, and Evaluation Subcommittee is charged with collecting data on the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs at the University and the impact that use has on health, social, and academic outcomes. Finally, the Communications and Education Subcommittee is responsible for communicating with faculty, staff, students, parents, and the general community about alcohol issues at the University.

6. Food Service

Ms. Peterson reported that the Senate Finance and Planning Committee has held a number of discussions concerning the Food Service and has developed a web site to provide access to information and an avenue for comments. The URL is:

<http://www1.umn.edu/usenate/scfp/foodcomments.html>

7. New Business

Thomas Haakenson inquired whether there are published compensation guidelines by the graduate and professional schools. There appear to be great variances among colleges, he noted.

Professor LaBuza recommended that he contact Vice President Maziar who should be able to provide that information.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

--Martha Kvanbeck