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STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (SSCC) MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

PRESENT: Kathy Julik-Heine (Chair), Kia Adams, Aaron Carlson, Manjari Govada, Andrew Heairet, Jonathan Lundberg, Andrew Smith, Greg Summers

REGRETS: Jeffrey Anderson, John Worden

1. CHAIR'S REPORT

Kathy Julik-Heine reported that since last May she has been working on the retreat and meeting with individuals from the University to introduce herself and open lines of communication. So far she has met with Sarah Waldemar, CAPA Chair, and Donna Peterson, State Relations. Today she is meeting with Kristi Kremers, GAPSAs President; Marti Gonzales, FCC Chair; and Michael Oakes, FCC Vice Chair.

She has also spoken with a reporter from the Minnesota Daily about having regular articles on student governance.

Lastly, she hopes to generate ideas at next week's retreat to compliment her goals of improving SSCC and student governance and increasing communication.

2. STUDENT ASSOCIATION/ASSEMBLY UPDATES

Andrew Heairet said that the MSA Forum held its first meeting on Tuesday. They heard from a speaker on restorative justice. Due to the new on-campus stadium, the program would like to work with MSA to have students cited for violations related to alcohol go through the program. MSA also elected two new students to SSCC and approved the budget.

Greg Summers said that the CSA Executive Board has held several meetings and has conducted elections for open positions. Topics for this year include retention of the 1300 students enrolled and campus recycling. A new campus resident hall, Evergreen Hall, is the most sustainable residence hall to have been built.

Jonathan Lundberg stated that the UMD Chancellor has announced that she will be stepping down as of July 31, 2010. There have also been other changes in academic administration that will need to be followed by UMDSA. Duluth has an 83 percent retention rate for last year's freshmen.

Manjari Govada noted that MCSA has met twice and heard speakers on campus reorganizations due to budget cuts and the campus's progress to energy self-sufficiency by 2010. Other issues will be the construction of a new administrative building and the only 24-hour store in town closing.

3. DISCUSSION OF SEPTEMBER 26 STUDENT SENATE RETREAT

Kathy Julik-Heine said that the RSVP rate for the retreat has been low and she was considering calling senators personally. Would this be intrusive? Members agreed that it would not. SSCC members are planning to attend and feel that this is a required commitment.

Members discussed the PowerPoint, noting that there were no changes. The goals for the retreat are for senators to be more comfortable with the Senate, get to know members outside of a meeting, and learn some fundamentals.

4. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 30 STUDENT SENATE AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

A member asked if Rochester participation will be an issue for this year. Since the campus is now admitting its own students and tenuring its own faculty, it will need to be recognized in the Faculty Senate and Student Senate so its campus community can participate.

With no further business, Kathy Julik-Heine thanked all members for attending and adjourned the meeting.

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University Senate