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STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (SSCC) MINUTES

MAY 13, 2010

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PRESENT: Kathy Julik-Heine (chair), Aaron Carlson, Bree Dalager, Manjari Govada, Jonathan Lundberg, Terrance Paape, Mark Privratsky, Andrew Smith, Evan Symons, John Worden.

REGRETS: Jeffrey Anderson, Andrew Heairet, Kris Schwebler, Greg Summers.

GUESTS: Regent Clyde Allen, Ann Cieslak, Devin Driscoll, Paul Strain, Amelious Whyte.

1. CHAIRS REPORT

Kathy Julik-Heine simply echoed the sentiments that she expressed at last week's Student Senate meeting and stated that the failed amendments from last week's meeting should be considered again next year.

2. STUDENT ASSOCIATION/ASSEMBLY UPDATES

Aaron Carlson reported that MSA elections are complete and transitions will take place this summer.

Terrance Paape said that the GAPSA Executive Committee has been seated and the first meeting of the new board will be in June.

Mark Privratsky stated that MCSA completed elections in April for continuity in officers.

Jonathan Lundberg said that UMDSA was successful this year with its late night library campaign which served over 1000 students in three days.

3. DISCUSSION OF PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

Kathy Julik-Heine welcomed Regent Clyde Allen and Ann Cieslak from the Board of Regents Office to the meeting to discuss the upcoming presidential search and student participation in it.

Regent Allen said that the Presidential Search Advisory Committee will be a 12 member committee so it is impossible to have a representative from each constituency. Instead individuals will be sought who have knowledge about many constituencies. He will be unsatisfied with the process if it is a large Advisory Committee but it needs to be large enough to ask all the necessary questions to candidates.

The committee will have a student representative, but when asked for a second student seat, he is more willing to allot a second seat for a Regent.

The Advisory Committee will start their process in June with intense meetings in the fall.

Kathy Julik-Heine said that students are the largest campus constituency and should have a larger voice on the Advisory Committee.

The students at the meeting stated that the Advisory Committee should have someone who has been a graduate or professional student longer since there are stark differences between undergraduate and graduate/professional education. The research mission of the University also relates more closely to graduate students. There is also a recommendation that an older student be appointed to represent that segment of the student population. If a second student is not appointed, then a recommendation is that Maureen Ramirez or Venora Hung be the Regent representative.

Regent Allen said that this committee is welcome to send additional names with backgrounds to him that express a more diverse student body.

He then said that the process will be to announce the Advisory Committee in June. A search consultant was introduced at the May Regents meeting which will help find a pool of candidates for the Advisory Committee to screen. They will recommend finalists to the Regents at which point the names will be public. Public forums and meetings will be scheduled with the candidates. A selection will be made by the Regents in late fall or early winter with a start date of July 1.

Q: From where will candidates come?

A: There might be few in-house candidates but there will be many from outside the University.

Q: Will weight be given to candidates with public research institution experience?

A: Yes.

Regent Allen said that the Board has formally listed its criteria for the new president which include:

- Experience working with the complexities of a large, research, land-grant institution with a medical school
- Collaborative
- Demonstrate that he or she can listen to an issue and take action even if it is opposed
- Lead in programmatic and financial changes
- Long-range planning experience
- Proven academic record
- Experience with outreach
- Consider the importance of the coordinate campuses

Ann Cieslak said that a website on the search will be available next week which will allow candidates to be confidentially submitted, as well as take comments and suggestions from the University community.

4. ELECTION OF THE 2010-11 STUDENT SENATE/SSCC VICE CHAIR

Mark Privratsky was elected as the 2010-11 Student Senate/SSCC Vice Chair.

5. ELECTION OF ONE 2010-11 TC UNDERGRAD SSCC MEMBERS TO SCC

Evan Symons was elected as the undergraduate representative to the Senate Consultative Committee.

6. ELECTION OF 2010-11 STUDENT SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Terrance Paape was elected chair of the Student Senate Nominating Subcommittee and Bree Dalager was elected as the SSCC member.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business, Kathy Julik-Heine thanked all members for their service this year and adjourned the meeting.

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University Senate