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STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (SSCC) MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

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PRESENT: Kris Schwebler (acting chair), Jeffrey Anderson, Katie Best, Jason Einertson, Missy Gettel, Ryan Kennedy, Mariam Maiga, Alicia Smith, Jeffrey Wencil.

ABSENT: .

1. CHAIR'S REPORT

Kris Schwebler updated the members on the following items:

- Viewing results from the student release questions on the one-stop web page is the next step
- Student attendance at University Senate meetings is crucial; SSCC is the leadership and should set the example
- If members have any topics that they would like discussed by SSCC or the Student Senate, please email him or Becky Hippert
- Speakers are being scheduled for Student Senate meetings
- Everyone should be prepared and read SSCC and Student Senate agendas prior to the start of the meetings

2. STUDENT ASSOCIATION/ASSEMBLY UPDATES

Ryan Kennedy reported that MSA approved a proposal to form a University-wide tuition oversight committee composed of 14 students, seven faculty, and seven administrators. The committee would provide a formal way for collective agreements between the campuses. The proposal is being brought to UMDSA and MCSA next Monday, and should be included on the October 2 Student Senate agenda.

Alicia Smith said that MSA is also working with libraries and MPIRG to coordinate voter registration, a debate will be taking place with the district 59B candidates, and the MSA Express bus is now part of Boynton.

Jeffrey Anderson said that the President's reception for new graduate and professional students is tonight. The national association for graduate and professional students will be holding its annual conference at the University the last week in October. A Duluth graduate student event is planned for next weekend. Lastly, voter registration is also taking place in the GAPSA office.

Mariam Maiga stated that funding has been approved for a new dorm on campus and the tobacco-free policy takes effect January 1, 2009.

Katie Best reported that the Bulldog Taxi Program already has 2000 students registered, which is usually the goal for the entire year. UMDSA is also working on its better neighbor program which provides the names of students living on a block to permanent residents as a way to informally resolve disputes.

3. UPDATE ON STUDENTS APPLYING FOR SENATE SEATS

Becky Hippert reported that an email will be sent in the next few days asking students from colleges with open seats to apply.

4. ELECTION OF 2008-09 TC UNDERGRADUATE SSCC MEMBER TO SCC

Ryan Kennedy was elected to SCC.

5. APPROVAL OF LANGUAGE TO REQUEST AN INCREASE IN STUDENT SENATE STIPENDS

The stipend request language was approved.

6. ACTION ON FOOD AND BEVERAGES AT STUDENT SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

A motion was approved to allow each Student Senate committee to decide individually if it wanted to provide food and/or beverages at meetings. A motion was then approved to only provide food at future SSCC meetings.

7. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 2 STUDENT SENATE AGENDA

The agenda, as amended to include approval of the tuition oversight committee, was approved.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business, Kris Schwebler thanked all members for attending and adjourned the meeting.

Becky Hippert
University Senate