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STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (SSCC) MINUTES

APRIL 16, 2009

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PRESENT: Ryan Kennedy (chair), Jeffrey Anderson, Joao Boavida, Jason Einertson, Missy Gettel, Kathy Julik-Heine, Jonathan Lundberg, Alicia Smith.

1. CHAIR'S REPORT

Ryan Kennedy reported that he recently met with the CSA President, the MCSA President, and a representative of UMDSA regarding how to better coordinate the work of these bodies. Talks focus on reviving the Student Legislative Coalition (SLC) with a revised structure and creating a UM Leadership Council composed of the student assembly/association presidents and the Student Senate Chair and Vice Chair.

2. STUDENT ASSOCIATION/ASSEMBLY UPDATES

Kathy Julik-Heine noted that MCSA elections will take place next week. The presidential candidate is running unopposed, while there are 18 names for 16 MCSA seats. Technology fee negotiations continue. A solution is sought for next year. The SSCC representative for next year will be appointed on May 4.

Jonathan Lundberg said that UMDSA's elections were April 7-8. Josh Gillson is the new president and three of eight Senate seats were filled. A student rights initiative is being considered and academic advising is a topic for the association.

Jeffrey Anderson stated that GAPSA's election will be on April 22. Graduate and professional student appreciation week is April 20-24. There is a graduate and professional student conference on April 25. April 26-29, GAPSA representatives will be traveling to Washington D.C. to lobby with other graduate and professional students.

Missy Gettel reported that MSA's tax program has finished. The Lend a Hand, Hear the Band, concert is tonight. Paul Strain and Alicia Smith were elected as next year's president and vice president. Executive committee elections will be held on May 5.

3. DISCUSSION OF CONSULTATION PATH FOR POLICIES

The committee walked through the list of policies being considered for future consultation, proposing the following changes:

- Student Representatives to the Board of Regents should go to the Student Senate for information
- If the policy, Employees Campaigning for or Holding Public Office, applies to students, then it should go the University Senate for action
- Health Care Components (HIPAA), Protection of Individual Health Information by U, should go to SCSA for student information and usage
- Copyright Ownership should go to SSCC and the University Senate for information
- Student Education Records, Protecting the Privacy of, should go to SCSA and the Student Senate for information
- Using Email as Official Student Communication should go to SCSA and the Student Senate for information
- Withholding Degrees from Students with Financial Obligations should go to SCSA and the Student Senate for information
- Student Employment should go to SCSA
- Emergency Closing should go to the University Senate for information
- Telephone Services, Using University, should go to SCIT
- World Wide Web, Publishing Information on the, should also go to SCIT
- U Card should go to SCSA and SCC

4. DISCUSSION OF STUDENT RESPONSE TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL REPORT

Ryan Kennedy said that the report has been delayed. A link to the report will be sent to all senators once it is available. He reminded members to review the document when it becomes available.

5. CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF STUDENT GOVERNANCE COORDINATION

Members reviewed the discussion from the April 2 Student Senate meeting, noting that it was productive since it generated many ideas and showed how senators are thinking about the Student Senate down different paths. Members then made the following comments:

- MSA does not pay much attention to the Student Senate and what actions it takes
- Governance needs to better utilize the bonds that are already in place
- All student assemblies/associations need to discuss what the Student Senate is
- Senate is a way to better communicate student issues with faculty and staff
- Administration interacts more with MSA, but that body has no power to make or influence policy
- Once roles are defined and refined, they need to be written out for future students

6. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 30 STUDENT SENATE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the addition of an item on Student Senate mentors.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business, Ryan Kennedy thanked all members for attending and adjourned the meeting.

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University Senate