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STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (SSCC) MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

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PRESENT: Ronald Miller (acting chair), Neal Brown, Bree Richards, Kris Schwebler, Alicia Smith.

ABSENT: Jeni Kiewatt.

GUEST: Mitch Pemberton.

1. STUDENT COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES ELECTION

Quorum was not present to complete this election. It will be held at the October Student Senate meeting.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ronald Miller welcomed everyone to the first SSCC meeting. Members then introduced themselves.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT AND UPDATES

Ronald Miller noted that he is actually the SSCC/Student Senate Vice Chair, but since a Chair was not elected last spring, he is serving in that role. Therefore he has been attending meetings of the Student Advisory Council which works with the Office for Higher Education.

From reviewing last year's items, he noticed that the student evaluation issue is still outstanding. He is suggesting action on this issue later in the meeting.

4. CAMPUS, STUDENT ASSOCIATION, AND OTHER GOVERNANCE GROUP UPDATES

Neal Brown reported that the Crookston Student Association (CSA) is looking at having additional recycling bins on campus.

Alicia Smith noted that MSA approved the light rail resolution from GAPSA.

Bree Richards said that GAPSA's first assembly meeting is next week, at which time three director positions will be ratified by the Assembly. Possible resolutions from GAPS include light rail, media neutrality, and the strike.

5. APPROVAL OF MSA MEMBERS APPOINTED TO SCC

Kris Schwebler and Alicia Smith were approved as the MSA members on SCC.

6. APPROVAL OF LETTER ON STUDENT EVALUATION REVIEW

Ronald Miller presented a letter from SSCC to the chairs of the Educational Policy Committee (SCEP), the Faculty Affairs Committee (SCFA), and the evaluation review subcommittee to ask them to finish work on standard evaluations fall semester so that the revised student release questions can be used spring semester.

The letter was approved as amended.

7. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL 2007-08 AGENDA ITEMS

Members made the following list of potential items:

- Central corridor
- Media Neutrality – should the University have a policy to govern what administrators say when they are acting in an official capacity?
- Compensation for teaching assistants and graduate assistants
- University maintaining a list of faculty and graduate students who hold classes off campus during the strike
- Graduate student unionization
- Stadium update

8. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 4 STUDENT SENATE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as amended.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Members then discussed the SSCC and SCC meetings schedules and asked that they be aligned so that both meetings take place on the same dates.

With no further business, Ronald Miller thanked all members for attending and adjourned the meeting.

Becky Hippert
University Senate