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STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (SSCC) MINUTES

APRIL 17, 2008

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PRESENT: Ronald Miller (chair), Jonathan Bringewatt, James Faghmous, Alicia Smith.

ABSENT: Neal Brown, Jeni Kiewatt, Kris Schwebler.

1. CHAIR'S REPORT AND UPDATES

Ron Miller said that he has recently attended a meeting of the Senate Budget Subcommittee and now understands better how funds are allocated to Senate functions. He proposed a discussion of Student Senate stipends at the May meeting. Lastly, he asked everyone to encourage all student senators to attend the May 1 Senate meetings.

2. CAMPUS, STUDENTS ASSOCIATION, AND OTHER GOVERNANCE GROUP UPDATES

Jonathan Bringewatt said that MCSA elections were held yesterday and results should be available soon. Once these positions are finalized, next year's board will seek applicants for three positions, including SSCC. The campus has almost completed its Frisbee golf course, which will be included in the official campus guide. Morris has also been reviewing the requirements for senior capstone projects and will release a report soon.

Alicia Smith said that the new MSA president is Mark Nagel. The Legislative Affairs Committee is working with the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the University, and state officials to hold a voting competition against Wisconsin during this year's presidential election. The goal is that the state with the highest percentage of students who vote would be awarded a yet-to-be-determined prize.

James Faghmous said that GAPSA's president has been elected and the executive board will be elected next Wednesday. He said that he has discussed the Twin Cities Student Senate Election Procedures with the assembly, and asked anyone with concerns to contact him; he has not received any. Lastly, GAPSA has formed a Football Game Day Committee. He serves on the Neighborhood Subcommittee, which is considering having incoming students, who violate University rules, do their community service cleaning up around the new stadium.

3. DISCUSSION OF TWIN CITIES SENATOR ELECTION PROCEDURES

Members discussed the draft procedures that were circulated to fill Twin Cities student senator vacancies, agreeing that directly contacting all students is an important step since many students might be interested in applying, but do not hear about the vacancies. Members then discussed the composition of the Student Senate Nominating Committee. The procedures were then approved as amended.

4. APPROVAL OF MAY 1 STUDENT SENATE AGENDA

The agenda, with the addition of elections for the Student Senate Nominating Committee, was approved as amended.

5. Other Business

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

Becky Hippert
University Senate