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STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (SSCC) MINUTES

MARCH 23, 2006

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PRESENT: Josh Breyfogle (chair), Nicolas Allyn, Joshua Beiningen, Anthony Kouba, William Kusch, Rick Orr, Timothy Tangen, Jeffrey Wencil.

ABSENT: Blake Hogan, Dion Turgeon.

1. STIPEND REVIEW

The Stipend Review Subcommittee completed the review of the three positions and made initial recommendations to forward to the Student Senate for approval.

2. CHAIR'S REPORT

Josh Breyfogle said that he has been meeting with the Duluth Vice Chancellor regarding binge drinking and the feasibility of different alternatives, such as making Duluth a wet campus or more punitive punishment.

3. CAMPUS UPDATES

Duluth – Applications are being taken with elections to happen in two weeks. A retreat and orientation will then be held for old and new members. Duluth will be traveling to the Twin Cities for the April Senate meetings.

Morris – Technology fees proposals are being reviewed. Morris was happy to host the State of the University Address and looks forward to the upcoming Jazz Fest.

MSA – MSA approved the Poggemiller bill which would eliminate student fees for the stadium and ask the state to make up the funding provided by the TCF naming rights. This vote will be reconsidered at the next meeting since no administrators were present to discuss the alternative view. A meeting will be held on March 28 to discuss shared governance. The Student Senate approved a resolution on this topic last year, and the meeting is to decide what option would work best for this campus. A vote was slated for the proposed bill on city housing code changes to over occupancy and zoning, but it was tabled since no one from the city was present. MSA is also considering a policy change that would elimination grading based on attendance and/or participation.

GAPSA – GAPSA is working with MSA on Lobby Day and will be holding a joint meeting on

Tuesday. Other issues include graduate student housing and a housing summit for campus.

4. DISCUSSION OF THE HOUSING RESOLUTION

Rick Orr said that nothing has changed in this resolution. A graduate student asked that the item be tables at the last Student Senate meeting so changes could be made. That student has not spoken with Rick, but he has discussed the resolution again with two representatives from GAPSA, who are supportive of the action. Therefore it will be present on the April 6 Student Senate agenda.

5. APRIL 6 STUDENT SENATE AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Rick Orr said that he would like to find a student who will be involved next year who can follow-up on the student evaluation process, to make sure that the new one is being used and that One-Stop makes changes to their website.

With no further business, Josh Breyfogle thanked all members for attending and adjourned the meeting.

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University Senate