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STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (SSCC) MINUTES

OCTOBER 16, 2003

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PRESENT: Scott LeBlanc, (chair), Sean Bell, Derek Brunsberg, Joshua Colburn, Jeff Dahl, James Kanten, Levi Kary, Charles Stech, Jeremy Steil, Adam VanWagner, Dan Weiske.

REGRETS: Ryan Osero.

1. CLARIFYING AGENDA ITEMS

Scott LeBlanc reviewed the list of items that were submitted by members. He asked that this committee pick a few to work on, and consider sending a few others to the Student Affairs Committee.

Q: If items are sent to another committee, how can SSCC guarantee that work is being done?

A: SSCC can always request progress updates.

Members then made the following comments:

- Student Service Fees audit should be handled by Student Affairs since it is part of their charge
- Student Bill of Rights should go to Student Affairs
- SSCC should discuss administrative acts that take place over the summer. While SSCC can meet over the summer, it is inappropriate to push items through without student input. A letter could be sent to the President on this topic. Could these policies be revisited in the fall?
- SSCC should not spend time on the stadium, especially since coordinate campus students will not be funding it
- Any Twin Cities issues should be scheduled for the end of the meeting so coordinate campus students can leave
- Housing is a topic that needs to be examined

The committee decided to focus on the following issues:

- Tuition, including the University fee

- Administrative acts over the summer
- Student Code of Conduct
- Student Senate role and attendance
- MnSCU relations
- Student Service Unit Accountability

2. APPROVAL OF STUDENT SENATE AGENDA

Dan Weiske reviewed the discussion items that will appear on the agenda. It was then approved as presented.

3. DISCUSSION OF THE ROLE AND CHARGE OF SSCC

Scott LeBlanc asked members to consider what they wanted SSCC to be, just an agenda-setting body or a consultative body?

Members then made the following comments:

- If SSCC is not consultative, then who is?
- SSCC represents all groups and can meet much quicker than the full Student Senate
- It will be hard for SSCC to set the agenda if it is not consultative
- SSCC is the only committee guaranteed a student chair
- Can SSCC be truly consultative without equal representation?

The committee then turned to the actual charge language for SSCC, noting that the current list of duties and responsibilities for SSCC should be increased to include some duties listed under SCC, as long as the duties are particular to the needs of students and do not overlap other duties.

The committee then reviewed the charge language, noting duties that needed to be deleted or language that needed to be changed. It was decided that the revised language would be approved by email following the meeting.

Scott LeBlanc said that issues about membership would be reviewed at a future meeting.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

The committee then discussed holding a separate meeting for SSCC and interested student senators to work on reviewing changes to the Senate constitution. A member noted that the response rate for a meeting in Duluth was poor, and meeting at another coordinate campus might not be much better. Since most senators are in the Twin Cities, it should probably be held here. Another member then asked that an email be sent to all senators, asking them to RSVP for attending a Saturday meeting to review the constitution.

With no further business, Scott LeBlanc thanked all members for attending and adjourned the

meeting.

Becky Hippert
University Senate