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ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER STUDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (AHC SCC) MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2003

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

488 CHILD REHAB CENTER

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PRESENT: Kim Canfield, Chair (Public Health), Leslie Carranza (Medical School – 2nd Year), Angela Feneis (Occupational Therapy), Wesley Kurszewski (Physical Therapy), Tori-Thuy Le (Dental Hygiene), Alisa Madson (Dentistry), Jeremy Olsen (UMD School of Medicine), David Renstrom (Pharmacy), Kelly Schneider (Mortuary Science), Leah Van Gorp (Nursing), Christopher Zaun (Medical Technology).

REGRETS: Mark Wiisanen (Medical School – 3rd Year).

GUESTS: Barbara Brandt.

1. DISCUSSION WITH BARBARA BRANDT

Barbara Brandt, Assistant Vice President for Education in the Academic Health Center (AHC), began by distributing an organizational chart of the AHC and noting that all areas of the AHC report to Senior Vice President Cerra. The collegiate deans sit on a dean's council which meets every other Tuesday and allows the colleges to talk about issues facing health professions schools.

Barbara Brandt said that she chairs an associate dean's advisory council meeting every other week that discusses issues regarding education. Some recent issues have been a request to upgrade AHC classrooms in Minneapolis and St. Paul, the open house for the Health Career Center, clinical skills lab space, immunizations, and the CHIP program.

In addition to meeting with administrators, Barbara Brandt meets monthly with this committee to discuss the experiences that students are having. The committee contains one representative from each college and each allied health field so that students can provide input into educational programming, hear about other programs and share experiences. The agenda for the committee is set by the membership, depending on what topics they want to discuss, and the committee has the power to address serious issues and bring in speakers on topics.

In closing, she said that there is a great need in the AHC to collect data and understand student issues. This committee is one way to accomplish this goal.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Each member then introduced himself or herself and what area he or she represents.

3. AGENDA ITEMS FOR 2003-04

Members then presented the following list of possible topics for the year:

- Teleconferencing and room size for Pharmacy classes
- Funding for bigger classes in Medical Technology
- Making the Medical Technology program at the University more well-known
- Printing issues for Medical School and Physical Therapy students
- Paying tuition for field work just to be covered by insurance
- Tuition and its impact on diversity
- Clinical skills exams
- Facilities and the high cost of education
- Crammed and repetitive curriculum in the Dental School

- Scheduling changes for dentistry
- Eliminating the review week prior to dental boards
- **Student commuting when clinicals end at 4:30, but the last bus also leaves campus at 4:30**
- Affordable student parking
- Student fees and insurance increases
- **No option for student dental coverage**
- **Publicizing low-cost dental work on campus**
- **Student health insurance cost and coverage**
- Duluth links not available from myahc.com homepage
- Classroom size and out-of-date equipment in Physical Therapy
- Communication across schools
- Access to technology for education

Barbara Brandt thanked the committee for the list of items. She suggested that the committee focus on two issues first, combinations of issues bolded in the above list: student health insurance which Dr. Cerra is very interested in and student commuting with clinicals.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Kim Canfield then said that student planning is needed for the National Primary Care Week. Any interested student should contact her for more information. With no other business, Kim Canfield thanked the members for attending and adjourned the meeting.

Becky Hippert
University Senate