

[In these minutes: National Primary Health Care Week, 04-05 AHC SCC Representatives]

## **ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER STUDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (AHC SCC) MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2004**

**5:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

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### **PRESENT:**

Kim Canfield, Chair (Public Health), Angela Feneis (Occupational Therapy), Rebecca Floyd (Dental Hygiene), Alisa Madson (Dentistry), Jeremy Olsen (UMD School of Medicine), Leah Van Gorp (Nursing), Mark Wiisanen (Medical School – 3<sup>rd</sup> Year)..

**REGRETS:** Leslie Carranza (Medical School – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Wesley Kurszewski (Physical Therapy), David Renstrom (Pharmacy), Ryann Signorelli (Veterinary Medicine),

**GUESTS:** Shelby Williams.

### **1. NATIONAL PRIMARY HEALTH CARE WEEK DISCUSSION**

Shelby Williams joined the committee to talk about the upcoming National Primary Health Care Week (NPHCW). It is a series of talk scheduled for October 2005 to engage interdisciplinary discussions between professors and students.

This past year only one event, an interdisciplinary panel discussion, was planned. Panelists were given a case study to examine and debate from different health care perspectives. It was a great success.

Since that event, some momentum has fizzled. The plan for next year is to have a larger planning committee so that organizers can focus on one area, such as information sessions, lectures, service learning, rural health, or community outreach. Any student interested in participating should contact her at will0861@umn.edu.

**Q:** Are certain representatives needed? Is committee size an issue? What is the time commitment?

**A:** There were a good mix of students last year except from Dentistry. No interested student will be turned away. Last year's group met weekly, but the hope this year is to have monthly meetings of the whole group with subcommittees meeting between.

She also mentioned the Minnesota Area Health Education Center which is a new resource for students to help with rural clinical training. It is managed by the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) and worked with CHIP this year.

### **2. 2004-05 AHC SCC REPRESENTATIVES**

Members reported whether they would be continuing on the committee in 2004-05, or if a new representative would be named.

### **3. 2004-05 AHC SCC CHAIR**

With no members volunteering to stand for election as chair in 2004-05, and Kim Canfield not being able to attend the May committee meeting, Matthew Wiisanen agreed to serve as interim chair until other members are appointed and an election can take place.

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**

Angie Feneis said that April is National Occupational Therapy month and for the next two Wednesdays, from 11-1, demonstrations will take place at Inside Out. The first week will be simulated disabilities and the second week will focus on

adaptive equipment. She encouraged members to attend and spread the work.

Leah Van Gorp said that the Nursing study and lounge space is an issue. There is one room, the size of the bedroom, for 300 students, there is no good furniture in it, and more computers are arriving. They have been told that there is no alternate space in Weaver-Densford for more room.

Matt Wiisanen said that the Public Health lounge was in the same state until the students went to the dean's office asking that improvements be made. The rationale at the time was to increase students satisfaction and to help with recruitment of new students. Changes were then made.

Kim Canfield asked if any members had issues relating to clinicals and testing.

Alisa Madson said that Dental students do not have a problem if they pass the boards here, but if they fail they must attend a regional site for retesting. This can cost the students up to \$2000 to retest.

Kim Canfield noted that there is an emergency loan system for students in need.

Matt Wiisanen noted that his exit interview for financial aid loans took place over the course of two days, which is not convenient for most medical students.

Leah Van Gorp noted that the Nursing class has a group exit interview.

Members questioned whether days could be set aside especially for graduating AHC students or if more group interviews could be conducted.

Kim Canfield then noted that the International Student Health Organization will be holding a global health forum April 17 at the Holiday Inn Metrodome. The event is from 8:30-2:30 with free breakfast and lunch provided. Topics include HIV, earthquakes in Iran, and pesticides in the Philippines.

With no other business, Kim Canfield thanked the members for attending and for allowing her to serve as chair this year. She then adjourned the meeting.

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