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ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER STUDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (AHC SCC) MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2004

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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PRESENT: Mark Wiisanen, Chair (Medical School – 4th

Year), Rebecca Floyd (Dental Hygiene), Julie Nitz (Mortuary Science), Jeremy Olsen (Medical School – 3rd Year), Wendy Ruffedt (Occupational Therapy), Sarah Walker (Physical Therapy), Amy Walsh (Medical Technology).

REGRETS:

Anna Abt (Public Health), Stephanie Hvinden (Nursing), Alisa Madson (Dentistry), Katherine Peterson (Veterinary Medicine), Jeff Pinnow (Duluth School of Medicine), Kristen Thorstenson (Medical School – 2nd Year).

GUESTS: Barbara Brandt.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Matthew Wiisanen welcomed all members to the first meeting of the year and asked that members introduce themselves. He then noted that this committee has an important role in the AHC to discuss students' issues that are common to all schools and programs, such as computers, the web portal, bussing, and classrooms. Members should talk to other students in their programs about agenda items and then come prepared to voice those opinions and work collaboratively to make changes. He also asked all members to look for other issues within their schools and programs to bring to the committee.

Barbara Brandt said that she attends these meetings to listen to the student concerns and take those to upper administration, either for the AHC as a whole or within schools and programs.

2. 2004-05 AHC SCC CHAIR

Matthew Wiisanen said that last spring he agreed to serve as the interim chair and facilitate the first meeting this fall. However, he would like to give any other member a chance to serve as chair since he may miss some meetings due to rotations and interviewing for residencies. When no other member expressed interest in serving as chair, he asked if someone would serve as vice chair, to fill in if he was absent. Jeremy Olsen agreed to serve in this role, and the committee approved the two positions.

3. 2004-05 AGENDA ITEMS

Matthew Wiisanen asked that any agenda items for future meetings be forwarded to him via email for placement on the agenda.

4. WEB PORTAL DISCUSSION AND DEMONSTRATION

Matthew Wiisanen said that he had a thought this summer regarding student transition and getting information on simple topics, such as transportation, housing, and child care. One way to get information to students on these and other topics might be to use the web portal that the University has established,

Barbara Brandt said that the concept of a web portal first originated in this committee. The AHC developed the technology and used it for HIPAA training. In the last few years, the University has developed two portals, myAHC and myU, although more work has recently been done with myU, as it has been promoted for the 2008 incoming undergraduate class.

The concept behind the web portal is that after logging in, the web knows who you are and can customize the information

that you receive. Therefore, a person would only receive college-specific reminders or updates on topics that they have pre-selected as important. She would like to see this committee provide input to the AHC on what information AHC students would like to see accessible on the myAHC site. She then gave the committee a short demonstration of both portals and asked for feedback from members.

Member made the following comments:

- Information on a personal counselor or advisor would be helpful
- Map of clinical rotation sites would be helpful when choosing rotations since many people do not know the Twin Cities area
- myAHC calendar should be reassessed considering the University's new calendar program
- Ability to load class schedule into a calendar would prevent errors
- College websites should be accessible through the portal
- List of basic items for new students should be included
- Student input is needed to plan the site as well as for follow-up
- Are items missing from school sites that should be added or are their items on one school site that should be shared between schools?

5. OTHER BUSINESS

With no other business, Matthew Wiisanen thanked the members for attending and adjourned the meeting.

Becky Hippert
University Senate