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STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (SSCC) MINUTES

MAY 7, 2009

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PRESENT: Ryan Kennedy (chair), Kia Adams, Jeffrey Anderson, Joao Boavida, Jason Einertson, Missy Gettel, Manjari Govada, Andrew Heairet, Kathy Julik-Heine, Jonathan Lundberg, Alicia Smith, Greg Summers.

1. ELECTION OF THE 2009-10 STUDENT SENATE/SSCC VICE CHAIR

Andrew Heairet was elected as the 2009-10 Student Senate/SSCC Vice Chair.

2. CHAIRS REPORT AND UPDATES

Ryan Kennedy said that this was a good year as the Student Senate was able to accomplish many of its goals.

3. CAMPUS, STUDENTS ASSOCIATION, AND OTHER GOVERNANCE GROUP UPDATES

Greg Summers reported that Crookston's finals are next week. The remaining CSA positions will be elected in the fall.

Jonathan Lundberg said that UMDSA's new congress had their first meeting on Monday which included more elections.

Kathy Julik-Heine noted that the control of the Morris technology fee will be taken from MCSA. A compromise has been agreed to, but a final decision will not be made until next year. A smoking ban is being considered, so a questionnaire and survey of students, especially those in residential halls, was completed. 25 percent of students responded, which will help to form a campus recommendation. The SSCC position was appointed Monday. At Tuesday's campus assembly meeting, the 2013-14 Morris calendar was approved, in the same format as what was voted against at the April 2 Senate meeting.

Jeffrey Anderson stated that three GAPSA representatives recently returned from a Washington D.C. lobbying trip. They were part of a group of 25 students who were trained by a professional lobbyist and then met with 70 representatives on the subject of funding and indebtedness. It was a successful trip.

Andrew Heairet said that MSA held its year-end banquet Friday and then Forum met Tuesday to elect the SSCC representatives. A resolution was also approved in opposition to the Minnesota Daily awarding bonuses to some of their employees.

Joao Boavida noted that he and Mikael Moseley presented their summary at Tuesday's Finance and Planning Committee (SCFP) meeting. There was a good reaction from members, but skepticism remains as to whether any changes can be made. SCFP students members will pursue these initiatives separately, seeing what is already in place in the colleges, and finding faculty allies in each college.

He then said that the Student Committee on Committees should work on staying in touch with the student committee members and providing reports to the Student Senate.

4. ELECTION OF 2009-10 STUDENT SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kia Adams and Andrew Smith were elected as the 2009-10 Nominating Committee members.

5. ELECTION OF TWO 2009-10 TC UNDERGRAD SSCC MEMBERS TO SCC

Andrew Heairet and Andrew Smith were elected as the 2009-10 TC undergrad SSCC members to SCC.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business, Ryan Kennedy thanked all members for their service this year and adjourned the meeting.

Becky Hippert
University Senate