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STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (SSCC) MINUTES

APRIL 22, 2010

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PRESENT: Kathy Julik-Heine (chair), Jeffrey Anderson, Aaron Carlson, Manjari Govada, Andrew Heairet, Jonathan Lundberg, Greg Summers.

REGRETS: Kris Schwebler, Andrew Smith, John Worden.

GUESTS: Devin Driscoll.

1. CHAIR'S REPORT

Kathy Julik-Heine said that she is assembling transition materials for the next chair, including a status on this year's issues including Rochester.

2. STUDENT ASSOCIATION/ASSEMBLY UPDATES

Greg Summers said that officer inductions are today for CSA. Thomas Haarstick will be the next SSCC representative.

Manjari Govada said that MCSA had its first meeting with its new representatives and the executive officers have been appointed.

Aaron Carlson said that the MSA Volunteer Tax Assistance Program has finished and saved students \$800 this year. At the April 6 forum, the resolution on class absences for sick dependents was approved. Sarah Shook was elected MSA President on April 7. The Lend a Hand, Hear the Band concert for 600 students was held on April 12.

Jonathan Lundberg said that chancellor visits have been completed at Duluth and the student service fees committee is being revised to have over 50 percent student members.

Jeffrey Anderson stated that GAPSA elections took place last week. Representatives returned last week from a lobby trip to Washington D.C. The student service fees committee decision is that GAPSA will receive 50 percent funding for next year.

3. DISCUSSION OF STUDENT NAMES TO FORWARD FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

Members discussed the student candidates for the search committee and noted that a second seat for a post-baccalaureate student would be helpful since usually an undergraduate student is appointed to these search committees. The student leaders are willing to ask for a second seat. Possible candidates are the Student Senate Chair and the Chair of the Student Representatives to the Regents.

4. DISCUSSION ON ADDITIONAL LEGITIMATE ABSENCES

Kathy Julik-Heine said that in light of the email from the Educational Policy Committee Chair on the timeline of the proposed policy amendments, she does not believe that SSCC should vote in lieu of the Student Senate. Instead the resolutions should be brought back to the May meeting.

Devin Driscoll said that the graduate students have discussed the three amendments. They do not agree with the amendments on interviews or Senate meetings as these absences are unavoidable and can be managed in other ways. Graduate students are in full agreement with the dependent care amendment.

The committee agreed to bring the three resolutions back to the Student Senate in May.

5. DISCUSSION OF BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Attendance

Kathy Julik-Heine said that this amendment would allow senators to be removed after one meeting without sending an alternate or providing notice, or two meetings without an alternate.

Members agreed that this amendment would make senators more engaged and put more emphasis on finding an alternate which would help with quorum issues. This amendment will be sent to the Student Senate in May.

Committee members

Kathy Julik-Heine said that by making student committee members ex officio members of the Student Senate it will provide for easier updates to the Student Senate from the committees and add a level of commitment.

Members stated that as there will be no penalty for not attending Student Senate meetings, they cannot see an issue with this amendment. It might also help with recruiting future senators. This amendment will be sent to the Student Senate in May.

Parliamentarian

Kathy Julik-Heine said that she would like to withdraw this amendment as she has learned that Becky Hippert is the appointed parliamentarian for the Student Senate.

Members stated that it is probably best if a non-member serves in this function and it is helpful to not have to choose someone new each year. This amendment will not be sent to the Student Senate.

6. APPROVAL OF MAY 6 STUDENT SENATE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the additional of the three resolutions and the two Bylaw amendments.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business, Kathy Julik-Heine thanked all members for attending and adjourned the meeting.

Becky Hippert
University Senate