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STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (SSCC) MINUTES

JANUARY 31, 2008

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PRESENT: Ronald Miller (chair), Jonathan Bringewatt, Neal Brown, James Faghmous, Alicia Smith.

ABSENT: Jeni Kiewatt, Kris Schwebler.

1. CHAIR'S REPORT AND UPDATES

Ronald Miller noted that the Student Advisory Council will begin its spring semester meetings this Friday.

2. CAMPUS, STUDENT ASSOCIATION, AND OTHER GOVERNANCE GROUP UPDATES

Alicia Smith noted that MSA is focusing on the February 20 Support the U day at the legislature.

Neal Brown reported that CSA will have at least two buses at the February 20 event. CSA is also focusing on campus recycling with the goal of having recycling bins in each campus room.

James Faghmous said that he is still working on campus security issues; the group will start meeting again in February after the break. Central corridor funding and the final route is still an issue. The University has offered to pay for a Northern alignment feasibility study, but this will take time and a decision needs to be made by February 27. Students should contact their legislators and MET Council members with their opinions. Lastly, Northrop will be closing Fall 2009 for renovations. Student suggestions are welcome to determine what activities could be held in the new space to increase its utilization.

3. DISCUSSION OF CHANGES TO THE STUDENT RELEASE QUESTIONS

The committee approve a motion to have a closed discussion on the student release questions.

4. DISCUSSION OF TWIN CITIES SENATOR ELECTIONS

Ronald Miller said that he will have language at the next SSCC meeting to amend the Bylaws to address Twin Cities senator elections. Due to this problem there is a shortage of senators. The proposed amendment would have three goals: 1) to have all Student Senate seats filled by the

first fall meeting, 2) to improve communication with colleges and student associations/assemblies, and 3) improve the Senate experience for all senators.

5. DISCUSSION OF SPRING SEMESTER AGENDA ITEMS

Ronald Miller said that members should contact him with any agenda items they might have. It was noted that there might be resolutions arising from MSA committees.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business, Ronald Miller thanked all members for attending and adjourned the meeting.

Becky Hippert
University Senate