

[In these minutes: Campus updates, housing issues, strategic planning and student involvement, coordinate campus issues]

STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (SSCC) MINUTES

OCTOBER 20, 2005

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PRESENT: Josh Breyfogle (chair), Rick Orr, Jared Warren.

ABSENT: Nicolas Allyn, Brian Edstrom, Blake Hogan, Anthony Kouba, William Kusch, Timothy Tangen, Dion Turgeon.

1. CHAIR'S REPORT

Josh Breyfogle said that the three members present would talk through each item on the agenda, and then action would be held until more members could be present.

He has been focusing on the student housing issue. He was contacted by a Minnesota housing cooperative after this topic was mentioned in the Minnesota Daily article. It is possible that the two groups might be able to work cooperatively since more housing for graduate student and young families is their goal as well.

2. CAMPUS UPDATES

Josh Breyfogle said that UMDSA has been working on the taxi program and a better neighbors program.

Rick Orr mentioned the following issues that MSA has been working on:

- Position statement to support an on-campus stadium and the capital planning bill [GAPSA is not opposed to the stadium, but is split on requiring a student fee]
- Discussion with strategic planning task force dealing with counseling and advising
- Increasing University investment in local banks versus those on the East Coast; this issue will be referred to the Social Concerns Committee
- Requiring civic engagement courses for freshmen
- Student leaders discussed with Vice Provost Jerry Rinehart extending the Student Conduct Code to off-campus jurisdiction

Jared Warren said that MCSA is working on:

- Hurricane relief with the community, which has already raised \$20,000

- At the last MCSA meeting two new activity fees members were elected
- Safety and security walk with Vice Chancellor Loy and discussion of the security cameras on campus which are monitored in the Twin Cities
- Increased MCSA office hours to improve student services
- New web site created with links to other student government organizations
- Two students were appointed to the Chancellor search committee and they were not the highest choices from SSCC; one student is a cause for concern because of their lack of knowledge. MCSA will keep in contact with both students and might want to talk with Senior Vice President Jones on his choice.

The members then discussed the distribution of Student Senate seats between undergraduates and graduate/professional students. It was asked that this distribution be included in the minutes:

FINAL SEAT ALLOCATION	COLLEGE	STUDENTS ELIGIBLE 2005-06
1	COAFES	1052
1	CALA	267
1	CBS	1480
1	CCE	1642
1	<i>DENTISTRY</i>	478
1	CEHD [^]	1346
1	GC	1748
7	<i>GRAD SCHL</i>	7482
1	HUM EC	997
1	<i>LAW</i>	817
12	CLA	12627
1	CSOM [^]	1836
1	<i>MED SCHL</i>	1669
1	NAT RES	407
1	NURSING	335
1	<i>PHARMACY</i>	420
1	<i>PUB HLTH</i>	373
3	IT	3975
1	<i>VET MED</i>	342
2	UMC [^]	927
2	UMM [^]	1620
1	UMD-BE	1694
1	UMD-EHSP	2016
1	UMD-FA	616
1	UMD-LA	1943
1	<i>UMD-MED</i>	109
1	<i>UMD-PHARM</i>	102
2	UMD-SE	2156

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^ NOTES:		
	one seat per college, 2 seats guaranteed for Crookston and Morris	
	CSOM total = 1836 (1620 undergrads + 216 MBA)	
	CEHD total = 1346 (698 undergrads + 648 M Ed)	
	Undergrad seats are in BOLD	
	Grad/Prof seats are in <i>Italics</i>	
	Either undergrad or grad/prof are in <i>Bold Italics</i>	

3. HOUSING ISSUES

Josh Breyfogle said that he and his senators are working on a document, which will then be distributed to SSCC for comment before being presented to the Student Senate in December. The document will apply to all campuses and all forms of non-traditional students.

4. STRATEGIC PLANNING AND STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

Rick Orr said that he, the MSA president, and the GAPSA president recently met with a representative from the President’s Office regarding student involvement in the process. They asked that more students be appointed, but it appears that all the task forces are full. However, it does appear that a student will be appointed to the steering committee headed by Senior Vice Presidents Jones and Sullivan.

When he talked with MSA about this position, they agreed that it should be someone from SSCC to present a system-wide viewpoint. From an email, Nic Allyn and Jared Warren expressed interest. He will forwarding their information to Lyn Holleran tomorrow for a final decision

Jared Warren said that the strategic planning process at Morris has been going well with four students serving on the task force. There was a campus kick-off event at which time faculty, staff, students, and community members were asked about their vision for Morris and the University in the future.

Josh Breyfogle said that Timothy Tangen is looking into the situation at Duluth and there is no news from Crookston as to whether a student was appointed.

5. COORDINATE CAMPUS ISSUES

Members made the following comments:

- Most issues at the Student Senate are Twin Cities focused which means that coordinate campus students just sit and listen to the discussion.
- Coordinate campus voices do not appear to be heard and their issues are not being addressed
- Should members travel to coordinate campuses for Senate meetings?

- Faculty senators from the coordinate campuses need to be more involved
- Some Twin Cities issues are related to the coordinate campuses
- Students will need to make sure that business comes to the University Senate instead of just the Faculty Senate
- President Bruininks should be invited to speak to the Student Senate at an upcoming meeting, but topics are needed for him to address
- Morris would like the State of the University Address to be given from Morris; the Student Senate could approve a resolution encouraging

6. COORDINATE CAMPUS VISITS

It was noted that there was a poor response rate to the coordinate campus travel email, and no agreement on dates from those who did respond. The members then discussed the apathy among SSCC members and the lack of members at today's meeting. It was decided that Josh Breyfogle would send an email to members to encourage better attendance.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business, Josh Breyfogle adjourned the meeting.

Becky Hippert
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