STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 19, 1999

229 Nolte

3PM

In these minutes:

Web Development Presentation, Issues for 1999-00, Updates from MSA and OSDA, Announcements

MINUTES

Present: Kathleen Petersen, Chair; John Romano, David Lenander, Jesse Berglund, Brittany Leigh, June Nobbe, Phil Morgan

Guests: Scott Lindgren, Web Development Team

Regrets: Jane Canney, Chris Macosko, Ted Labuza, Thomas Haakenson, Nicole Kubista, Jennifer Watts, Hillary Walters

Absent: Laura Langer, Maren Mahowald, Diane Wartchow, Sabeen Altaf, Laura Taken

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The Student Affairs Committee met at 3PM on Wednesday, May 19, 1999 in 229 Nolte Hall on the East Bank Campus of the University of Minnesota. The minutes from the April meeting were approved as written.

WEB DEVELOPMENT.

Scott Lindgren from the Web Development Team attended the meeting to present the Student Affairs Committee with information about the new student advising initiative on for web at the University of Minnesota. Mr. Lindgren distributed handouts that contained prototype screens of the web pages accessible by students and their advisors and described the two ways for advisors to access information about their advisees: 1) select student from the advisee list by name; or 2) select student from advisee list by ID number.

There are five subject areas that can be selected to access specific information on the student, including general, career/plan information, academic progress, admissions, holds/student groups. The general category contains information on phone numbers, e-mail address, home address, demographic information, and citizenship and residency data. The section on career/plan information contains data on year in school, institution name, major, and advisor name and office. Academic progress subject data consists of enrollment date, degrees conferred, previous degrees, application for degree, and academic status; it also lists grades by term including both term and cumulative GPAs. The admissions category includes high school and previous college information such as grades, courses, test

scores, evaluations, and indexes. In addition, the holds/student group category reveals data about type of holds placed on the student's record, reasons for the holds, and instructions for removal or overrides as well as student groups and a description of each.

Mr. Lindgren reported that information in the advising application has been taken from several different databases around the University. The summary of student information is accessible by advisors as well as by students so that students can know what information their advisors can access. The web program includes information on all students with an assigned e-mail account assigned to them, whether they're full- or part-time, extension, or PSEO. A portfolio application, which is still being designed, will combine institutional information from this initiative with self-report data, like activities, interests, writing samples; the portfolio application would consist of approximately 1/3 institutional data and 2/3 self-report data.

In order to prevent faculty from accessing information about students for whom they do not have advising responsibilities (e.g. students in their classes), access will be restricted to everyone except the assigned adviser. Others, including collegiate advising offices, will apparently not have access to this information.

Although the new program will not provide summary information, such as the average GPA of one's advisees, Mr. Lindgren stated that summary information can probably be obtained from Peoplesoft and Human Resources. In fact, the Data Warehouse Group can customize reports to meet almost any need.

Mr. Lindgren informed committee members that the student advising program will tentatively be up and running as early as July and as late as this fall. Kathie Peterson thanked Mr. Lindgren for his presentation.

OFFICE FOR STUDENT DEVELOPMENT & ATHLETICS (OSDA).

June Nobbe reported that Ed Ehlinger, Director of Boynton Health Services, will be drafting recommendations on the issues related to notification to parents on drugs and alcohol; she added that Jane Canney will keep the Student Affairs Committee informed of this issue next year.

MINNESOTA STUDENT ASSOCIATION (MSA).

Jesse Berglund reported that Ben Bowman was elected the new President of the Minnesota Student Association. He added that the issues in which MSA will most likely focus next year include reinstating the 10th Avenue bridge circulator bus, and increasing student involvement with the bookstores to work on policy issues such as money for used books.

ISSUES FOR 1999-00.

The committee held a brief discussion on the following issues and it was agreed that the 1999-00 committee probably ought to continue the discussion next year:

- Student fees imposed for those who do not register by a certain date in the fall semester (includes fees assessed for cancelling or adding).
- Inconsistencies in the course schedule.
- Separate screen for hospitalization during registration.
- Access to computer labs due to the closings of Coffman Memorial Union and Walter Library.
- Possible tax being imposed on student courses.
- Student input on added registration and technology fees.
- Meet with a representative from the Student 2000 group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- The June meeting of the Student Affairs Committee will be cancelled.

- This spring, the committee expressed concern to the Committee on Committees that there was not enough representation of graduate students. Therefore, a change in membership will take place next year and a representative from the Graduate School will be appointed to the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50PM.