STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (SSCC)

MINUTES OF MEETING
April 16, 2015

[In these minutes: IT governance input gathering; Docket approval]

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PRESENT: Valkyrie Jensen (chair), Zachary Shartiag, Rob Stewart, Tareyn Stromberg

GUEST: Craig Bantz, Bernard Gulachek

OTHERS: Deanna Rey

REGRETS: Alex Stangel (vice chair), Martin Caride, Nick Dalton, Jordan Weil

ABSENT: Laddie Arnold, Olivia Stiller

1. IT Input Gathering

Ms. Jensen called the meeting to order and asked for introductions. Mr. Gulachek explained that in the past, there was an impression that there was no end user input gathered to establish technology priorities. In response, Information Technology (IT) designed a system for input gathering three years ago to collect data via online surveys and meetings. They then identify themes within the data that are reviewed by the deans and the President's Operational Excellence Committee, and then the list of IT priorities is outlined. Mr. Gulachek then opened the discussion and members provided the following input and questions:

- Technology rentals. Bundles that include computers, calculators, clickers, etc.
- Better bulk email prioritization capabilities
- A more functional U of M App
- Wifi:
    - There have been noticeable improvements
    - Need more coverage in public green spaces
- Moodle:

- - Appreciate the improvements over the last few years
    - Reduce the number of clicks to get Moodle events and reminders to Google calendar
  - Technology service awareness
    - IT presence at orientation
  - Building access - Expand card access and hours

In closing, Mr. Gulachek encouraged members to invite their colleagues and peers to complete the IT Priorities Survey, particularly if they would like to have a voice in IT decision-making at the University.

2. Docket Approval

Ms. Jensen asked members to review the docket for the April 30th Student Senate meeting and they discussed the following points:

- Motion in Support of Creating a GRE Subject Test Testing Facility
  - Mr. Shartiag explained that the Northfield location is going to be closed.
  - Members unanimously approved the resolution for the docket.
- Resolution for Student Senate Consultation of Administrative and Local Policies
  - Members discussed the disconnect between the Student Senate and the student representatives on committees. This is an issue because much of the policy consultation that is being called for in this resolution is actually done at the committee level. If communication about these policies is carried out more efficiently between the student committee representatives and the Student Senate, this resolution does not need to be implemented. Members suggested that they ask senators to serve on committees to fill committee seats to begin to bridge this gap.
  - A member suggested a YouTube informational video of what the Student Senate is be created to get more students engaged.
  - Members agreed to table the resolution.

Hearing no further business, Ms. Jensen adjourned the meeting.

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