

University Coordinating Council  
February 10, 2017 1:30-3:00 p.m.  
Approved 3/10/17

Attendees: Carla Boyd, Cody Brumbaugh, Nathan Ernst, Molly Harney, Sarah Hatfield, Joel Sandstrom, Krista Twu  
Absent: Chancellor Black

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m. rather than 1:30 p.m. due to a building evacuation. The minutes of January 27, 2017, were approved as revised.

### **Information Sharing**

*Faculty Council, Molly Harney, Chair*

The members are concerned about a potential academic forgiveness policy and want to ensure they are involved in any language submitted to the twin cities that concerns our campus. The joint awards ceremony honoring faculty and staff is scheduled for March 24, 2017. The faculty are unsure how years of service and tenure fit with the event. Karna Kurtz, Interim Director of UMD HR&EO will be invited to a council meeting to discuss the faculty search process and why it takes so much time to hire faculty. UMD Police Chief Sean Huls discussed President Trump's Executive Order on Immigration and how it affects students and faculty at UMD. Student safety is always a concern and with the installation of cameras and increased lighting it should provide more security. The members will invite Sean to meet with the council on a regular basis. The council subcommittees (Governance, Communication and Legislative, Climate) have begun their respective work. Stan Burns is the faculty representative on the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) currently discussing faculty qualifications required to teach the courses in the College in the Schools program. Approximately 800 students enroll in this program. The Bulldog Lobby Day is February 16, 2017, and faculty will be traveling to the Capitol. Lobby Day is scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup> and faculty will be attending as well.

*Teaching & Learning Committee, Sarah Hatfield, Chair*

The committee sought volunteers for the governance and academic calendar work groups. Committee members had gathered feedback from their constituents on a potential academic forgiveness policy on campus. The feedback varied, but was generally in favor of a potential policy. This information was forwarded to Associate Vice Chancellor Jerry Pepper who will be meeting with the twin cities in March to discuss policy considerations. Sarah indicated additional conversations will occur.

There was discussion on the grading and transcripts policy that other campuses are reviewing. The current policy indicates an *I* grade will turn to an *F* grade, if grades are not submitted within 1 year. The twin cities is looking at revising the Twin Cities, Crookston, Morris and Rochester grading and transcripts policy. Because we share one transcript this does have an effect on our campus. They are proposing a 90-day lapse. An *I*, *X* or *K* grade would lapse after 90 days. The *I* grade would turn to an *F* or an *N*, the *X* grade which is a continuous course grade or a *K* grade which is an in progress because it can't be graded would lapse to an *NR*.

The twin cities is reviewing their Makeup Work for Legitimate Absences Policy: Twin Cities, Crookston, Morris, and Rochester. While the other campuses have the makeup work policy our campus has the Excused Absences policy. The twin cities is looking to consider formal University structures (i.e. governance participation, student senate, Board of Regents meetings) when you are acting on behalf of the University or representing as excused absences. This discussion was brought to the committee for possible interest on our campus. The committee feedback indicated there is no need to change our policy, but maybe create an appeals process to the existing Excused Absences Policy.

*Staff Council, Joel Sandstrom, Vice Chair*

The council met February 2, 2017, with Chancellor giving updates on campus climate, budget, and general discussion items. The members discussed the upcoming coffee with staff events and possible formats for those events to make them more productive. The coffee events have already been scheduled so hopefully strategies for the upcoming events will be considered (i.e. what is needed for a smaller crowd while keeping the cross representation across campus). The members asked Chancellor to put forth a request to issue a communication about the restructuring of the UMD HR&EO department. There has been a lack of communication about the reorganization of the department.

*Strategic Planning & Budget Committee, Carla Boyd, Chair*

The committee has not met within the last two weeks, but Carla noted a few items such as the SWOT working group has received a Charge and work has begun with the review and identification of new contributions to the strategic plan from 2014-2017. The committee is discussing representation for the governance task force.

*Student Association, Nathan Ernst, President*

The association passed a resolution related to the Affirmative Consent Policy <https://policy.umn.edu/operations/sexualassault-appa> due to the incidents on the St. Paul campus. The resolution includes sending a letter to Kaler with the policy attached, affirming consent to the platform for lobbying and urging legislative representatives to create legislation for those policies. The association members are planning a conference for late March and the student senators representing each school will reach out to faculty to speak on behalf of research or topics related to the schools and invite students from each school to attend. The conference is held in conjunction with the Kirby Leadership Institute. The Legislative Advocacy Coordinator, Mike Miller, was on campus to discuss platform topics for the Bulldog Lobby Day.

*Student Educational Experiences, Cody Brumbaugh*

The Duluth Transit Authority (DTA) hired SRF Consulting to review the UMD bussing contract. Key points include timing, more buses, increasing the transportation fee (currently \$12.50 per semester and you cannot opt out). Other institutions may pay a higher fee, but have the opportunity to opt out. Cody asked thoughts about the fee cost and members indicated that \$12.50 is acceptable. The twin cities local campus area bus cost is \$24; the service around the twin cities is \$100. The bussing could use more Marketing to campus. The bussing survey was given to the Late Night Library; the concept was liked, but not much response. The committee's information sharing included approving the appeals panel participants by vote and the tuition payments were due a few weeks ago so late payment fees will start to apply.

*Campus Athletic Committee, Krista Twu, Chair*

The committee met February 2 and will meet on March 2, 2017. Academic Advising reported that for fall semester 2016 the overall Grade Point Average (GPA) was 3.26. The top sports include volleyball 3.57, women's hockey 3.44 – highest ever GPA, and women's basketball 3.41. Athletics is currently meeting with the at-risk students and hosting a skill session (time management, study skills, and email etiquette). The NCAA Conference was in Nashville with EVCAA Fernando Delgado and Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) Steve Castleberry attending. Legislation is focusing on student athlete welfare such as the ease of burden for such things as counting academic and athletic financial aid. Through a student led initiative, the D1 and D2 sports will see a reduction of practice hours; D2 will reduce practice hours from 15 hours to 12 per week and there was no change with D1. Additional discussion included better game times for volleyball so the athletes do not get back to campus so late and there were minor violations with compliance. The teams are doing great! The highest ever-combined ranking for any D1 teams. Women's hockey swept the Gophers for the first time in 7 years. There is a bid in to host the women's hockey championships in 2021 and 2022. Men's hockey swept North Dakota. UMD joined the Midwest Student Exchange <http://msepmhhec.org/>. This will assist with recruiting out of state. The National Collegiate Hockey Conference (NCHC) and Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) outstanding scholar athletes nominated were Dan Molenaar and Lara Stalder.

**Constitution and Bylaw Review Task Force Charge and Members**

Please submit task force representatives by Monday, February 13, 2017.

**Academic Calendar**

Chancellor met with EVCAA Fernando Delgado to discuss possible updates to the academic calendar. Because of the strategic plan refresh, SWOT, and governance they both agreed work on the academic calendar should be tabled for the time being.

**New Business**

UCC voted to add more faculty (one from each college) to the Student Educational Experiences Committee. Cody explained the committee is a student-driven committee and with the additional faculty it will uneven the balance of the committee. UCC agreed and will keep the three faculty on the committee, but rotate among the five colleges.

Adjourn.