

MEETING OF THE STUDENT SENATE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2011

11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

**25 Mondale Hall--Twin Cities Campus
116 Kiehle Hall--Crookston Campus
410 Library--Duluth Campus
7 Humanities and Fine Arts--Morris Campus
Room 419—Rochester Campus**

This is a meeting of the Student Senate. There are 42 voting members of the Student Senate. A simple majority must be present for a quorum. Most actions require only a simple majority for approval. Actions requiring special majorities for approval are noted under each of those items.

1. STUDENT SENATE NOMINATING SUBCOMMITTEE

Approval of Appointed Senators

Action

(2 minutes)

MOTION:

That the Student Senate approve the appointment of the following Twin Cities student senators:

Catherine Brumm, School of Dentistry
Ziran Dai, College of Liberal Arts
Mark Hanson, Carlson School of Management
Lucas Huijbregtse, College of Liberal Arts
Charles Kaul, College of Continuing Education
David Kraft, College of Liberal Arts
Jonathan Morris, College of Science and Engineering
Hayden Rensch, College of Design
Phil Roban, Medical School
Andrew Timm, College of Liberal Arts

**ADAM MATULA, CHAIR
STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

2. P&A SENATE UPDATE

(5 minutes)

For Information:

The P&A Senate represents the academic professional and administrators (P&A) class of 5400 non-unionized employees at the University. This class was started in 1980 and the governance body was formed as an advisory committee to the President. P&A have skills between civil service employees and faculty in jobs such as teachers, researchers, advisors, counselors, and extension service workers. Most people stay in this classification or move to a faculty position. P&A employee have some of the same benefits as faculty, but work on annually renewable contracts.

The P&A Senate meets from 9:30-11:30 am the first Friday of most months and meetings are open to the public. The P&A Senate consists of 40 representatives from campus units and colleges and has four subcommittees: Benefits and Compensation, Communications, Outreach, and Professional Development and Recognition.

**3. CIVIL SERVICE SENATE UPDATE
(5 minutes)**

For Information:

The Civil Service Senate represents the approximately 4300 employees in the civil service category which includes accountants, scientists, executive assistants, and administrators. The classification was started in 1945 with the passage of the civil service rules by the Regents. In 1984 PELRA was passed which allowed for the creation of a bargaining unit separate from civil service employees.

The Civil Service Senate is composed of 50 elected members. The body elects a vice chair each year, with the vice chair becoming next year's chair. The Civil Service Senate meets twice per year.

**4. STUDENT SENATE/ STUDENT SENATE
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT
(5 minutes)**

**5. ASSEMBLY/ASSOCIATION UPDATES
(5 minutes)**

**6. MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 6, 2011
Action
(2 minutes)**

MOTION:

To approve the Student Senate minutes, which are available on the Web at the following URL:

<http://www1.umn.edu/usenate/ssenate/111006stu.html>

**STUART GOLDSTEIN, CLERK
UNIVERSITY SENATE**

**MOTION A
Consent Agenda
Action
(5 minutes)**

Agenda Items 7. through 9. are considered to be non-controversial or "housekeeping" in nature and are offered as a "Consent Agenda" to be taken up as a single item with one vote. Any item

will be taken up separately at the request of a senator. As Items 7. and 8. are amendments to the Student Senate Bylaws, the motion requires either a majority of all voting members of the Student Senate (22) at one regular or special meeting, or a majority of all voting members of the Student Senate present and voting at each of two meetings. This is the first meeting at which this motion is being presented.

7. STUDENT SENATE BYLAW AMENDMENT
Changes regarding P&A Senate and Civil Service Senate

ARTICLE V. STUDENT SENATE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTIONS, AND OFFICERS
(Changes to this article are subject to vote only by the Student Senate)

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3. Election and Duties of Officers

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c. Duties of the Vice Chair

The duties of the vice chair are (1) to serve as the vice chair of the Student Senate; (2) to serve as the liaison to the Civil Service ~~Senate Committee~~; (3) to serve as the liaison to the ~~Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators~~ P&A Senate; (4) to assume the duties of the chair in the event of an absence or incapacity of the chair; (5) to assume responsibilities delegated by the chair; (6) to ensure that the Student Senate Handbook is updated and distributed; and (7) to serve as the vice chair of the Student Consultative Committee.

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ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES OF THE STUDENT SENATE (Changes to this article are subject to vote only by the Student Senate)

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2. Eligibility for Membership

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c. No individual holding an academic staff title or a civil service title may serve on a Student Senate committee which includes among its ex officio members the University officer to whom the individual directly reports. If the Faculty Committee on Committees, Student Committee on Committees, or Civil Service Consultative Committee believes there is a reasonable potential for a conflict of interest for a prospective committee member from a unit on which a University officer from the same unit serves as an ex officio member, it should decline to appoint such an individual to a committee.

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4. Removal of Committee Chairs and Committee members

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b. If the committee chair to be removed is a faculty member, the Student Consultative Committee will consult with the Faculty Consultative Committee before voting on removal. If the committee chair to be removed is an academic staff member, the Student Consultative Committee will consult with the ~~Executive Committee of the Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators~~ P&A Consultative Committee before voting on removal. If the committee chair or committee member is a civil service staff member, the Student Consultative Committee will consult with the Civil Service Consultative Committee before voting on removal. If the committee chair or committee member is an alumni representative, the Student Consultative Committee will consult with the President and the Director of the Alumni Association before voting on removal.

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d. Student members of committees may be removed from a committee by a two-thirds vote of the Student Consultative Committee. Faculty, alumni, and ex officio members of a committee may be removed from a committee by a two-thirds vote of the Faculty Consultative Committee. If the committee member is an alumni representative, the Faculty Consultative Committee will consult with the President and the Director of the Alumni Association before voting on removal. If the committee member is an ex officio member, the Faculty Consultative Committee will consult with the appointing officer before voting on removal. Academic staff members may be removed from a committee by a two-thirds vote of the ~~Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators~~ P&A Consultative Committee. Civil Service members of a committee may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Civil Service Consultative Committee.

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COMMENT:

These amendments reflect the changes that became effective on July 1, 2011.

**ADAM MATULA, CHAIR
STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**8. STUDENT SENATE BYLAW AMENDMENT
Increase in Student Members**

B. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Student Affairs Committee is concerned with all issues dealing with the welfare of students at the University of Minnesota.

Membership

The Student Affairs Committee shall be composed of 6 faculty/academic professional members, 9 12 students, one civil service staff member, one alumni representative, and ex officio representation as specified by vote of the Senate. Student members shall exceed by at least one the total of other voting members. Faculty/academic professional and student members shall be nominated by the Committee on Committees with the approval of the Senate. Civil service members shall be appointed by the Civil Service Consultative Committee. The alumni member shall be appointed by the president in consultation with the director of alumni relations.

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COMMENT:

In Spring 2011 an Ad Hoc Committee Reviewing the Senate Committee on Student Affairs (SCSA) met to discuss several issues related to the functioning of the SCSA and issued a report (http://www1.umn.edu/usenate/scsa/1108scsa_report.pdf). One recommendation was to increase the number of student committee members from 9 to 12 to allow for a more diverse set of students to serve.

The Student Committee on Committees (SCOC) has reviewed the request and is forwarding this amendment. The increase in student members will be reviewed by SCOC in early Spring of 2013 to determine if the number should remain at 12 or should be reduced to 9. Their recommendation will be brought back to the SCSA and the Student Senate for information or action.

**SILVIA CANELON, CO-CHAIR
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**JOYCE HOLL, CO-CHAIR
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**9. STUDENT SENATE RULES AMENDMENT
Changes regarding P&A Senate and Civil Service Senate**

ARTICLE V. RULES OF THE STUDENT SENATE (Changes to this article are subject to vote only by the Student Senate)

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2. Agenda and Minutes

The Student Consultative Committee shall plan the agenda for any meeting of the Student Senate. This responsibility may be delegated to a committee. The agenda shall be distributed by the Clerk of the Senate. The agenda consists of items submitted for Student Senate consideration by the University Senate, the Faculty Senate, a campus assembly, the Senate Consultative Committee, the Faculty Consultative Committee, the Student Consultative Committee, the ~~Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators~~ P&A Consultative Committee, the Civil Service Consultative Committee, by any committee of the Student Senate or campus assemblies, or any member of the Student Senate. The Student Consultative Committee may include additional items on the agenda for any regular meeting of the Student Senate. Items for the docket must be delivered to the Clerk no later than two weeks prior to the date of each meeting.

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STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

END OF MOTION A

10. DIFFERENTIAL TUITION AND FEES

**Discussion with Vice Provost Robert McMaster
(20 minutes)**

11. COMMUNICATION WITH STUDENT SENATORS

**Discussion
(15 minutes)**

12. RESOLUTION ON BICYCLIST AND PEDESTRIAN CONCERNS

**Action
(10 minutes)**

This resolution will be distributed prior to the meeting.

13. OLD BUSINESS

14. NEW BUSINESS

15. ADJOURNMENT