

Minutes of the Student Affairs Committee

March 23, 2012

Campus Assembly
Student Affairs Committee
Friday, March 23, 2012

Present: Andy Blackwell, Lynn Brice, Ross Burns, Cody Dorumsgaard, Lisa Erwin, Taylor Glynn, John Greene, Tom Isbell, TJ Kiewatt, Corbin Smyth,

Excused: Ross Halvorson, Brittany Nystrom, Nkasa Yelengi

Absent: Sean Finn, Dahui Li, Kimberly Newton

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm.

- Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February 17th meeting were approved as written.

- Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented, however Parking Appeals was discussed before Student Appeals Panel, as information was late in arriving.

- Parking Appeal Board

Corbin reported that he had spoken with Pat Keenan regarding the process for implementing an Appeals Board and stated that Campus Assembly will be notified that there will be an Appeals Board, but it is Dr. Erwin who will approve. Discussion was held regarding "in person" vs. other means of requesting an appeal. Corbin reported that Cheryl Love, Parking Supervisor, feels that by requiring appeal requests to be made in person, only those individuals who are really committed to the process would make requests. There was discussion concerning the need for more customer service, and requiring all submissions to be done in person is not easily done by individuals not from the UMD community, or for individuals who are not here during the day. A vote was taken to remove the "in person only" requirement. It passed with (2) abstained and (9) in favor of removing the "in person only" requirement. Pat Keenan and Cheryl Love will be asked to work up the logistics of the process for submitting the appeal, perhaps even through the computer system they are currently using.

- Student Appeals Panel

There was discussion on proposed changes due to not having enough people to sit on Student Appeals Panel. Dr. Erwin stated that delaying appeals due to not having enough people to sit on the panel is not the preferred method. More people must be trained. One training was done early in the year, but perhaps more should be offered throughout the year. TJ suggested

opening up the training to other committees. Corbin felt that perhaps it was the procedure for asking people to serve on the panel that should be questioned. Perhaps a set day and time would help the process. Dr. Erwin suggested inviting Cat Riley to the April meeting. Discussion on what comprises the panel was given, specifically, an odd number of people.

- Statement of Commitment

There was discussion on how to promote the statement of commitment. How do we bring the strategic plan to life for our students? Dr. Erwin contacted Bill Payne, in Fine Arts, to see if there was any interest in working on a project to get the statement “out”. Students in his class worked on “Are you a Champ”? She shared several creative ways that they proposed to get the message/information out.

- Health Insurance Waiver

Since the 1970's, U of M students must have health insurance as a requirement of registration. In the registration process there was no means to verify the information provided. The U studied this and mandated that student's insurance information be verified. It was determined that beginning Fall 2012 students will be charged \$950 for the U's plan, and then have the option of waiving out of it by providing personal/employer information provided electronically by their provider. The charge is then removed. Plans must meet certain criteria (found at <http://www.shb.umn.edu/>) Since January, UMD has been working on getting the word out so that students are aware of this change, educating them on the new requirement, and the process for submitting a waiver. There was discussion on how hard the information is to locate and possible issues that the requirement creates. It was determined that a small subcommittee will go to the Registrar's Office to discuss concerns and give suggestions, perhaps in conjunction with Student Association.

- Updates from Student Association

- Yell Like Hell! (suggestions, complaints, venting) including an open forum this year - open to students, faculty, and staff

- Walk a Mile

- Champ Day of Service

- The street signs changing to maroon and gold has some student group support. A fundraiser is being held at Buffalo Wild Wings with 10% going towards this effort.

- Bulldog Lobby Day

- Open Announcements

Bulldog Taxi renewed for next year at requested amount. Rides record this year 8800 as of first semester, 10000 will be hit by year end. 1600 different students have used the program.

The meeting adjourned at 2:04 pm.

Paula Rossi, Recorder