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ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER STUDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (AHC SCC) MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2008

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

488 CHILD REHAB CENTER

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PRESENT: David Nelsen, Chair (Medical School-4th Year), Ganesh Babulal (Occupational Therapy), Jared Bueche (Physical Therapy), Robb Garni (Dentistry), Jennifer Landwehr (Medical School-Duluth), Meredith Lukasek (Nursing-Twin Cities), Karen Myren (Medical School-4th Year), Arinze Okere (Pharmacy-Duluth), Michelle Rivera (Veterinary Medicine), Julie Ann Schmitz (Public Health), Melissa Wallace (Mortuary Science), Kimberly Weber (Clinical Lab Sciences), Megan Witucki (Pharmacy-Twin Cities).

REGRETS: Ayesha Alvi (Dental Hygiene).

GUESTS: Erin Sperling.

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND REVIEW OF PAST COMMITTEE WORK

David Nelsen welcomed members to the committee and provided an opportunity for introductions. He then reviewed the work of the committee during his three years of service, noting that the committee has expressed passion on a variety of topics during this time.

2. 2008-09 AGENDA ITEMS

Members then discussed the following potential agenda items for this year:

- Usage data and coverage for dental insurance, especially Duluth coverage and rates
- Update on the disability insurance RFP
- Interprofessional education – was a student advisory group formed and how can programs work together more
- Clinical lab space (IERC) – current access and possibility for increase in space
- Economic impact on health care – worsening economy is translating into fewer preventive visits to the doctor and dentist; students need to be educated that this is an issue
- Third party health insurance versus the University policy
- Mortuary Science being involved in the anatomy memorial service – there are bad feelings after Mortuary Science students were excluded last year
- Presentation to the Deans on what the committee has done and future items
- Interdisciplinary outreach
- Highlighting each program one day per year to increase visibility and foster relationships

3. FOOD AND DRINKS AT MEETINGS

The Senate leadership discussed eliminating food and drink at committee meetings. For student committees, the final decision was left up to each committee. The AHC SCC decided that it would prefer to have a pizza dinner once per year or semester, if possible. If this option is not possible, then it will continue with the traditional snacks and drinks. Members also discussed volunteering to bring a healthy option to meetings, whether or not pizza is being served.

4. ELECTIONS

Megan Witucki was elected chair and Karen Myren was elected vice chair.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

With no other business, David Nelsen thanked the members for attending and adjourned the meeting.

Becky Hippert
University Senate