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ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER STUDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (AHC SCC) MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2006

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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PRESENT: Jeff Pinnow, Chair (Medical School-4th Year), Maria Huh (Veterinary Medicine), Linnea Jorgensen (Nursing-Rochester), Michael Lueneburg (Physical Therapy), Karen Myren (Medical School-Duluth), David Nelson (Medical School-2nd Year), Dana Simonson (Pharmacy-Twin Cities), Sara Tomczyk (Nursing-Twin Cities).

REGRETS: Amenah Babar (Public Health), Heidi Gluth (Medical Technology), Elizabeth Welle (Occupational Therapy).

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Jeff Pinnow welcomed members to the first meeting of the year and introductions were made.

2. REVIEW OF 2005-06 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Jeff Pinnow said that the AHC SCC represents students in all colleges and programs in the AHC. Student concerns voiced at the meeting are heard by Assistant Vice President Barbara Brandt and then referred to Senior Vice President Cerra, deans, or administrators in other units. The committee meets monthly on Wednesdays from 5-6 pm six to seven times per year. Members should speak with their classmates and bring issues to meetings or email him between meetings. The committee can then determine if a speaker needs to attend a meeting to address an issue. Frequently, Barbara Brandt will also use the committee to gather student feedback on a variety of topics.

In the past few years, the committee has been involved in the myAHC portal design, changes to student health insurance, and a student response to the AHC strategic positioning task force reports.

3. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE 2006-07 AGENDA ITEMS

Jeff Pinnow stated that he has a few issues already to look at this year. The first is an update on the professional/behavioral code of ethics. The committee heard about an AHC initiative last year, but should find out where this issue is at now.

Another issue is student dental insurance. A medical school student emailed him about a survey being done to request this coverage. This is a perennial issue for the committee, but due to the high cost and the low level of interest, dental insurance has not been pursued. The committee could consider the issue again once the survey is complete, although the results only pertain to one college.

A member noted that most students in her college would not be willing to pay for this coverage because they can use the discounted service offered by the Dental School.

Members then noted the following updates from programs:

- Physical Therapy is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year; classes were remodeled this year to increase class size to 50 students
- Changes are happening in the School of Nursing due to the approval of a Master's degree program and the Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree
- Rochester Nursing is transitioning facilities, which might mean a move from the RCTC campus
- Duluth Medical School campus is conducting a dean search
- Veterinary Medicine has its accreditation this year

A member then noted that students are asking for more interdisciplinary activities, both class related and social. Her program had one activity earlier in the program, but it would seem more beneficial later in the process once each discipline knows their role. She was not sure if this issue should be dealt with by this committee or CHIP.

Another member said that he is enrolled in an interdisciplinary course that meets every Tuesday at 8 am in Moos 2-650 (and encouraged everyone to attend), but since the course is only required for Medical School students, most groups have few or no participants from outside the one college.

It was noted that Duluth has interdisciplinary work built into its programs so that medical, nursing, and pharmacy students work together two times to see patients. The Duluth CHIP also hosts many social events.

Jeff Pinnow said that this issue was heard last year, but more discussion should take place to see what can be done within the programs and if interdisciplinary work can be made mandatory or highly encouraged as an elective.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

With no other business, Jeff Pinnow thanked the members for attending and adjourned the meeting.

Becky Hippert
University Senate