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STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (SSCC) MINUTES

JANUARY 26, 2006

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PRESENT: Josh Breyfogle (chair), Nicolas Allyn, Brian Edstrom, Blake Hogan, Anthony Kouba, William Kusch, Rick Orr, Timothy Tangen, Dion Turgeon, Jared Warren.

ABSENT: .

1. CHAIR'S REPORT

Josh Breyfogle noted that each campus is working on its items, which will be brought forward later this spring.

2. CAMPUS UPDATES

Duluth – UMDSA has a few open seats and will be holding elections soon. The taxi program will also be starting soon, once a contract is signed.

MSA – A proposal was cage-free eggs was removed from the last forum agenda. Endorsements on election ballots was approved. The fees request was also approved at about \$17,000 less than last year. The final SSCC member will be elected at the next meeting.

3. UPDATE ON STUDENT EVALUATION QUESTIONS

Rick Orr said that he has a meeting on Monday with Vice Provost Swan regarding a pilot test.

4. DISCUSSION OF 2006-07 STUDENT SEATS

Handouts were distributed detailing the number of Student Senate seats for next year, one with the current college composition and another detailing the changes if UMD Medicine and Pharmacy no longer have separate representation.

Members made the following comments:

- Students need to be represented in some way
- Student Senate needs to make sure that UMD communication is in place with Twin Cities units
- There is a difference between collegiate representation and program representation

- Colleges need to be responsible for keeping communication open
- Suggestion could be made to colleges to alternate seats each year between Duluth and Twin Cities

It was decided that this issue would be discussed at the February 9 Student Senate agenda.

5. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 9 STUDENT SENATE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as amended.

6. DISCUSSION OF INTERNAL AGENDA ITEMS

Members discussed voter turnout at the student governance elections, which is about 10 percent for both Duluth and MSA. Would voting on Saturday or rallies help because so many students are busy during the week? Will Kusch said that he would investigate this issue.

Rick Orr said that he would be writing language on liaisons positions for CAPA and Civil Service to the Student Senate. He is also working on a structure to increase communication between committees and the Student Senate.

Members were reminded to each choose an item and continue working on it.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that the stipend review process would start at the next meeting. With no further business, Josh Breyfogle thanked all members for attending and adjourned the meeting.

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University Senate