

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AFFAIRS
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 5, 2004

[In these minutes: *CEU-ternship¹ Proposal, Student Services Fee Subcommittee Update, Change to SCSA Charge, Brainstorm Agenda Items for 2004 - 2005*]

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PRESENT: Adam VanWagner, chair, David Lenander, Gerald Rinehart, Kendre Turonie, Iraj Bashiri, Kim Roufs, Matt Painschab, Divya Raman

REGRETS: Jean-Marie Del-Santo, Janet Schottel, Tina Falkner, Kristen Denzer

ABSENT: Yasemin Kaygisiz, Erin Albrecht, Emily Brown, Nathan Hilfiker, Shawn Lavelle, Nathan Saete

OTHER: Gabriele Schmiegel

I). Adam VanWagner called the meeting to order.

II). Associate Vice Provost Jerry Rinehart distributed a handout, which outlined the *CEU-ternship¹ Program*. *CEU-ternship¹* is a proposed program that would match students with practicing professionals and administrators on campus to assist them in developing skills and characteristics associated with a successful transition to life beyond the University. In particular, the program seeks to stimulate discussion, reflection and planning based upon the seven developmental dimensions in the ³*Citizenship and Life-Long Learning²* component of the University's *Twin Cities Campus Undergraduate Learning Outcomes*. Vice Provost Rinehart solicited members input regarding the proposal. Comments/questions from members included:

- Is ŒEU-ternship¹ a system-wide proposal? Yes, there is no reason it could not be a system-wide program.
- Is the ŒEU-ternship¹ name set in stone? No, it can still be changed. A member suggested ŒEMinn-ternship¹ as an alternative.
- Which office would be delegated authority for overseeing this program? That has not yet been determined. There are aspects of the program that have yet to be flushed out, and this is one of them.
- The benefits of such a program to students are obvious, but how would the practicing professionals and administrators benefit? For some practicing professionals and administrators there will be no perceived benefit, however, for others there would be the opportunity to interact with students in a positive way. Also, this program would give practicing professionals and administrators the opportunity to see how their business operations are viewed from a student¹'s perspective. This program is yet another way the University can invest in its students.
- What practicing professionals and administrators would participate in the program? Vice Provost Rinehart would like to have high-level administrators help kick-off and participate in this program. By starting at the top it will encourage buy-in from others as the program expands.
- Is there a reason that faculty are not targeted to participate in this program? Vice Provost Rinehart believes it is wonderful when student/faculty relationships go beyond the nature of the discipline and faculty encourage students to think about the realm of their careers. However, that is an academic enterprise and this program has a different focus.
- Besides completing a form and writing an essay as part of the application process, shouldn¹t there also be an interview? This is a good idea. As noted, this program proposal is still in its developmental stages. Vice Provost Rinehart agreed to note this as a suggestion to follow-up on.
- Will an attempt be made on a regular basis to bring participating students together to discuss their experiences? Scheduling is always difficult. However, it would be a good idea to make the opportunity available for those participating in the program to attend a monthly luncheon, for example, to share experiences. Also, listserves and/or a

- chat room could be set up to allow for exchanges of information and promote communication between participants.
- Will confidentiality issues play a role when it comes to administrators being able to participate in this type of program? Would student participants be required to sign a confidentiality agreement? The confidentiality issue is a big concern. Vice Provost Rinehart plans to seek guidance from administrators that are interested in participating in the program for further direction related to this issue.
 - What is the target start date for this program? Fall 2004.
 - A member suggested that a letter of recommendation also be required as part of the application process.
 - What kind of restrictions will ultimately be put on the candidate pool when it becomes too large? Maybe the program application process will need to include an oral or written nomination.

Assuming the program starts in the fall of 2004, Vice Provost Rinehart suggested inviting a couple of the student participants to the December 2004 SCSA meeting to share their experiences. Additionally, he thanked members for their input on this proposed program.

III). Adam VanWagner provided members with a Student Services Fee Subcommittee Update. He noted the following:

- The Subcommittee discussed the importance of more clearly defining its role.
- Next year the Board of Regents will review the fees process.

IV). Members voted unanimously to modify the University Senate Bylaws, Article III., Section 14 by adding the following statement to the Committee¹'s charge under Duties and Responsibilities: ³e. To serve as a consultative body to any party reviewing Regental or central administrative policies pertaining to student affairs².

V). Members brainstormed possible agenda items for the 2004 - 2005 academic year. The following ideas were generated:

- OEU-ternship¹ update.
- Follow-up on HRL¹'s plan to OEdelist¹ properties when a landlord has 3 or more unresolved tenant complaints filed with the University Student Legal Services (USLS) and/or properties that have received

- 3 or more inspection orders with municipal code violations in the last 12 months. .
- Stadium update.
 - Invite Steve Cawley to report on the implications of downloading of copyrighted material and the recent subpoenas received by the University.
 - International Student Services update.
 - Boynton Health Service update. Also, discuss students¹ concerns around their lack of choice in terms of care delivery because Boynton Health Service is so established on campus.
 - Invite a governing board member of the Minnesota Daily to discuss the Daily¹s operations.

In closing, Adam VanWagner thanked members for their service on the Committee this year.

VI). Hearing no further business, Adam VanWagner adjourned the meeting.

Renee Dempsey
University Senate