

Minutes of the Student Health Advisory Committee
February 16, 2012

Present: Buchi Akpeh, Aaron Elias, Lauren Beach, Kathy Nelson, Ashley Artmann, Jewon Woo, Devyn Coveyou, Megan McMurray, Grace Kruger, David Nedrelow and Oluleye Oludamilola.

Guests: Dave Golden, Carl Anderson, Ferd Schlapper, Sue Jackson, and Julie Sanem.

- Minutes of the January 19 meeting were approved as submitted

Medical Excuse Policy – Ferd Schlapper:

- Reviewed the existing policy from the Provost's office regarding medical excuses. It serves as a starting point and background as to where the University is currently as we consider making changes. Some of the questions and concerns around aspects of the policy or where it might not conflict with certain programs at the University. Using some of the existing language and proposing an amendment to the current policy might be the best way to proceed. Ferd will meet with the new Provost regarding the challenges of the current policy and look at better ways of dealing with this issue. Members were encouraged to look at the proposed language as to how we might frame it and the context of what has already been established and what we want to consider to move forward.
- Members will review the current policies and this issue will be revisited to discuss further action at the March 1 meeting.

Student Services Fees Request Update - Carl

- Carl distributed an update of the timeline for the student service fees committee deliberations. The initial deliberations for the administrative units were held on February 15 which includes Boynton and Aurora Center. With Boynton in an off year there was minimal discussion about Boynton or Aurora.
- The Fees Committee was very supportive of the Gopher Chauffeur program. They were highly complimentary of this service and want to see it continue.
- There are no issues regarding Boynton's request.
- There was a brief discussion regarding the Aurora Center was primarily around the need to communicate that the leadership decisions get made and permanent staff are in place.
- Several debates with units in the on-year request included:
 - Northrop Summer Concert series - would like to see more programming in late spring and early fall semester so that fee-paying students can also benefit from the concerts.
 - Long discussion regarding the Minnesota Daily spending down some of their reserves
 - For Boynton's on-year next year, we will make sure that we designate our funds for specific purposes over a designated period of time and are clear on student insurance that it is primarily a liability fund.
 - The first public hearing is scheduled for February 22 in Fraser Hall from 6 to 7 pm.
- The final dollar amount for units will be published in the Daily on February 20.

Blue Skies Project Update - Rachel:

- The first focus group is scheduled for February 21 in Room W126 Boynton from 11:30 to 12:30. Asked members to encourage their constituents to attend.
- The hope is to keep the conversation and determine next steps.

Bystander Project Update - Dave

- Boynton participated in a Bystander training project. The program focuses on encouraging people to intervene at points in time when high risk situations arise.
- Posters advertising the Step Up Program are posted in various locations throughout the University.
- The University wants to take this on campus-wide and are providing support to organize times and trainings

- Boynton is working with the Aurora Center to provide training and information and ensure individuals that it is okay to step up. A position will be posted soon for a professional-type position to work from the angle of coordinating campus-wide efforts both in the training of the overall campus population with the intent of reducing some of the negative consequences that are tied to not stepping up.
- Movement in this effort will probably be minimal until the position is filled and the program begins to take shape.
- The hope is to address this issue with Welcome Week Staff.

Student Health Benefits Updates

- Beginning with the 2012 fall semester, services related to gender reassignment will be covered according to provisions of the plan. Asked for input as to how to conduct communication regarding the addition of benefits. Working on setting the final rates for the plan.
- Working on the implementation of the hard waiver which will also go into effect fall semester 2012. Letters will be sent next week regarding the change and criteria for a waiver from the plan and different steps that need to be taken.

International Students and SHAC Awareness were tabled for a future meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 1, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Uchal