

MEETING OF THE STUDENT SENATE

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017

11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

**25 Mondale Hall--Twin Cities Campus
105 Kiehle Hall--Crookston Campus
173 Kirby Plaza--Duluth Campus
7 Humanities and Fine Arts--Morris Campus
Room 398—Rochester Campus**

This is a meeting of the Student Senate. There are 51 voting members of the Student Senate. A simple majority must be present for a quorum. Most actions require only a simple majority for approval. Actions requiring special majorities for approval are noted under each of those items.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSES TO SENATE ACTIONS Information

Resolution on revisions to the parental leave policy for graduate students

Approved by the Student Senate: November 3, 2016

Administrative Response: PENDING

Statement on the implementation of sustainable pollinator practices on University of Minnesota campuses

Approved by the Student Senate: November 3, 2016

Administrative Response: The University administration appreciates the Sustainable Pollinator Practice resolution from the Student Senate. In a state so reliant on agriculture and in light of the research findings of Dr. Marla Spivak and her colleagues at the University Bee Lab, we too are concerned about pollinator health and are committed to managing our campus in ways that maintain the health of pollinators.

As the state's only land grant institution, beginning in 2014, University Landcare began consulting with Dr. Spivak and others to integrate pollinator friendly practices into our landcare practices. The Twin Cities campus currently utilizes the three practices identified in the resolution and will continue to pursue these practices in the management of our campus grounds.

In Crookston, with their emphasis on agriculture and natural resources, they have been practicing best pollinator practices for years. They are currently following practices one and two. Their sustainability coordinator is the person that manages the Butterfly Garden, the rain garden, the nature nook and the natural resources planting beds.

As the University of Minnesota Rochester grows, they hope to protect the policies and initiatives that have earned their current low-carbon status. Rochester is

committed to sustainable practices and will attend to best pollinator practices when possible.

Finally, the community at Morris is nationally known for their commitment to sustainability, which includes sustainable pollinator practices. They employ many green, best practices: storm water gardens, wetlands, jewel box greenhouses, low-maintenance native plants, pedestrian-friendly roadways, and an organic vegetable garden are examples. Campus maintenance crews use eco-friendly cleaners and recycled paper products whenever possible.

Statement on the creation of a University of Minnesota undergraduate research journal

Approved by the Student Senate: November 3, 2016

Administrative Response: The University administration appreciates the statement of the student senate on the creation of a University of Minnesota Undergraduate Research Journal. This is an important development and we applaud the collaborative nature of this endeavor. We understand that MSA, the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, the Office of Undergraduate Education and the University of Minnesota Libraries are working together, and have made substantial progress, on this project. We look forward to reading the first issue.

Resolution on Aramark Educational Services, LLC.

Approved by the Student Senate: March 2, 2017

Administrative Response: The University administration acknowledges the resolution on Aramark Educational Services, LLC, put forth by the Senate. The University administration appreciates that there are many values held regarding food service on campus, including: cost, quality, convenience, variety, special dietary needs, options for those with religious restrictions, business management, and more. We welcome continued discussion about how the University manages these many values.

As reflected in the resolution, University Services has met with and continues to work with student senators and others, including the Minnesota Student Association, in order to increase student input into food service. To date, University Services has agreed to: 1) re-create the Student Advisory Council and seek on-going participation from all student groups; 2) student representation on the University-Aramark Annual Business Review Committee; and 3) collaborate with student senators, MSA, the Professional Student Government and the Council of Graduate Students on future survey processes and questions.

In February 2017, U Services arranged for Student Senate Chair Trish Palermo to talk with an Aramark corporate representative about her concerns related to the

company's business ethics. Additionally, in new facilities improvement and future planning, U Services has expanded and committed to further expansion of food choices in dining services. U Services is also working to arrange a meeting with local faith community leaders to discuss increased dining options for kosher and halal eating students. Any follow-up from these meetings will be reported back to student governance.

The University administration would like to also acknowledge that any discussion on the expansion of service or meeting specific dietary or religious needs must also include a discussion of the resulting impacts on costs.

Resolution to Declare University of Minnesota a Sanctuary Campus

Approved by the Student Senate:

March 2, 2017

Administrative Response:

The administration appreciates the Student Senate resolution to declare the University of Minnesota a sanctuary campus. We, too, are profoundly concerned about recent changes to immigration law and the impact of those changes on our international students.

While we do not, at this time, believe declaration of a 'sanctuary campus' to be the best response to these complex and changing issues, we are committed to ensuring that all who are affected by any changes to immigration policy will have a clear and accessible path to resources and support and be able to get their questions answered in a timely fashion.

To that end, we have created an Immigration Response Team to help our students navigate the rapidly evolving legal environment around new policies coming out of Washington. This team is a collaborative effort with many Twin Cities campus and system-wide partners, including our Global Programs and Strategy Alliance, the Office for Equity and Diversity, the Office for Student Affairs, University Relations, Office for Human Resources and the Provost's office.

Please know that the administration is following this issue very closely. Furthermore, we understand this issue to be fundamental to our three-fold mission; particularly our commitment to outreach and public service, "to extend, apply and exchange knowledge between the University and society by applying scholarly expertise to community problems, by helping organizations and individuals respond to their changing environments, and by making the knowledge and resources created and preserved at the University accessible to the citizens of the state, the nation, and the world."

2. OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING LETTER Information

March 23, 2017

Mike Berthelsen, Interim Vice President
University Services
317 Morrill Hall
100 Church St. SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455

Dear VP Berthelsen:

We are writing to thank you for your willingness to work with the Student Senate Consultative Committee (SSCC) on off-campus housing concerns affecting students, and specifically for your agreement to provide student reviews of landlords on the Off-Campus Listing Service, to help to publish, via the Office of Off Campus Living, the names of landlords not in compliance with the Off Campus Listing Service policy, and to work with the SSCC to develop an annual student survey of landlords.

As you are aware, the SSCC has been working with various members of administration to address off-campus housing issues and to help make resources more accessible for students. Through our research, we identified the following issues:

- There are currently no resources for students to view student ratings of landlords and management companies in the Twin Cities. In 2008, “The Renters Survey” was distributed by the Minnesota Student Association. However, it was discontinued.
- There are landlords known to University Student Legal Services (USLS) and the Off-Campus Housing Office that take advantage of students and repeatedly violate off campus housing policy¹. If landlords continuously violate off-campus housing policy, they are placed on the “de-list” and are no longer eligible to participate in University sponsored off-campus housing events. This list is currently not accessible to students.

We greatly appreciate your work on behalf of students. We are hopeful that your office will continue to work with the SSCC, the Minnesota Student Association (MSA), the Council of Graduate Students (COGS), and the Professional Student Government (PSG) to ensure a student voice in implementation of these changes.

Respectfully,

Trish Palermo, chair, Student Senate Consultative Committee (SSCC)
Fanda Yang, vice chair, SSCC
Maddie Schwartz, at-large representative, SSCC
Nick Ames, COGS representative, SSCC
Patrick English, MSA representative, SSCC
John Freude, PSG representative, SSCC

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¹ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7RZnohT5JupRGpIajdpMklaUjZqNS1xSTV6a2NCM2IUd0FN/view>

3. STUDENT SENATE NOMINATING SUBCOMMITTEE
Approval of Appointed Senators
Action
(2 minutes)

MOTION:

That the Student Senate approves the appointment of the following Twin Cities student senators selected by the Student Senate Nominating Subcommittee:

Daniel Habchi, College of Liberal Arts

Xuanting Hao, College of Science and Engineering

Salman Ikramuddin, Medical School

Joshua Ikuemonisan, School of Public Health

Allison Jeffords, School of Nursing

Kanav Khosla, College of Science and Engineering

Maria Fernanda Laguarda-Mallo, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences

Christina Larson, College of Veterinary Medicine

Kyle Piwek, Carlson School of Management

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4. ASSEMBLY/ASSOCIATION UPDATES
(5 minutes)

5. STUDENT SENATE/ STUDENT SENATE
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT
(10 minutes)

6. MINUTES FOR MARCH 2, 2017
Action
(2 minutes)

MOTION:

To approve the Student Senate minutes, which are available on the Web at the following URL:

<http://usenate.umn.edu/ssenate/minutes/140302stu.pdf>

ROBERT GOLDSTEIN, CLERK
UNIVERSITY SENATE

7. RESOLUTION ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND TITLE IX EDUCATION
Action
(30 minutes)

The text for this item will be sent to senators in advance of the meeting.

MOTION A
Consent Agenda
Action
(5 minutes)

Agenda Items 8. through 10. are considered to be non-controversial or “housekeeping” in nature and are offered as a “Consent Agenda” to be taken up as a single item with one vote. Any item will be taken up separately at the request of a senator. As Item 8. is an amendment to the Student Senate Constitution, the motion requires either a two-thirds majority of all voting members of the Student Senate (34) at one regular or special meeting, or a majority of all voting members of the Student Senate present and voting at each of two meetings. As Item 9. is an amendment to the Student Senate Bylaws, the motion requires either a majority of all voting members of the Student Senate (26) at one regular or special meeting, or a majority of all members of the Student Senate present and voting at each of two meetings. This is the first meeting at which this motion is being presented.

8. STUDENT SENATE CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

MOTION:

To amend Article V, Sections 2, 3, and 4 of the Student Senate Constitution, as follows (language to be added is underlined; language to be deleted is ~~struck out~~).

ARTICLE V. THE STUDENT SENATE (Changes to this article are subject to vote only by the Student Senate)

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2. Membership

a. The Student Senate shall be composed of the following voting members: (1) the 50 elected student members

(2) the 10 elected members of the Student Consultative Committee who shall serve as ~~ex-officio~~ voting members

b. Each member of the Student Senate shall represent the University as a whole. The Senate committee and subcommittee chairs, deans, vice presidents, chancellors, provosts, the University Librarian, and the General Counsel shall serve as ex officio nonvoting members. Student body presidents of the Twin Cities, Duluth, Morris, Rochester, and Crookston student bodies shall, if not otherwise elected, serve as ex officio nonvoting members.

3. Student Senate Officers

The officers of the Student Senate shall be a chair, ~~and a vice chair~~, and ranking student senator.

4. Student Senate Meetings – Call – Quorum

a. The Student Senate shall hold regular meetings, at least ~~twice in each semester of the three times each~~ academic year, at a time and place determined by the ~~chair of the Student Senate University Senate Office~~. Special meetings of the Student Senate may be held upon the call of the chair, the Student Consultative Committee, or upon written request of ten members of the

Student Senate. Senators shall be given notice of any special session by the clerk of the Senate at the earliest possible date and not less than two days before the meeting. Only subjects specifically listed on the proposed agenda for any special session may be considered at that meeting.

b. At any regular or special meeting of the Student Senate, a majority of its membership (not including vacant seats) shall constitute a quorum. Any student eligible to vote for senators may be admitted to Student Senate meetings and shall be entitled to speak ~~at the discretion of the Student Senate,~~ without requiring a student senator to yield their time. Only elected Student Senate members (or their designated alternates), Student Consultative Committee members, and, in the case of a tie, the presiding officer, shall be entitled to vote.

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COMMENT:

These changes are being requested in order to more effectively work collaboratively with Student Senate committee and subcommittee chairs, deans, vice presidents, chancellors, provosts, the University Librarian, and the General Counsel, and presidents and vice presidents of all University of Minnesota student government organizations, by adding them as ex-officio, non-voting members of the Student Senate. Additionally, the SSCC would like to change the name of the “at-large representative” to the “ranking student senator,” to more accurately reflect the scope of that position. Changes to the Student Senate meetings section of the constitution seek to align the constitution with current practice.

**TRISH PALERMO, CHAIR
STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

9. STUDENT SENATE BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

MOTION:

To amend Article V, Sections 2(a), 3(a) and (d), and 5(D) of the University Senate Bylaws, as follows (language to be added is underlined; language to be deleted is ~~struck-out~~).

**ARTICLE V. STUDENT SENATE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTIONS, AND OFFICERS
(Changes to this article are subject to vote only by the Student Senate)**

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2. Twin Cities

a. Between February 1 and August 10 of each year, Twin Cities units as listed in Section 1 of this Article shall conduct an election for Student Senate members and alternate members, if any, for the following year, in partnership with the All-Campus Election Commission (ACEC). In the case a senator is not elected through the ACEC election process, a run-off election is required. Each unit shall establish its own procedures, in accordance with the constitution, for conducting its run-off elections. If ~~the~~ alternates are to be elected, then the constitution of the institute, college, school or other unit shall specify the number to be elected and their term in office, and they shall be elected at the same time and in the same manner as senators. The results of the run-off elections shall be ~~mailed~~ provided to the Senate Office not later than August 15.

b. After August 15 of each year and for the current year, any open Student Senate members and alternate members from Twin Cities units as listed in Section 1 of this Article shall be filled by the Student Senate Consultative Committee with approval of the Student Senate. The Student Senate Consultative Committee shall establish its own procedures, in accordance with the constitution, for conducting elections.

c. A senator may designate anyone from the appropriate unit pool to serve as an alternate in the senator's absence by providing notice to the Senate Office prior to the commencement of any meeting of the University or Student Senate.

d. All members elected to the Student Senate shall begin service on July 1 and shall serve for one year. Elected members of the Student Senate shall not serve more than four one-year terms, or any part thereof, in any six year period.

3. Election and Duties of Officers

a. Election

The chair, vice chair, and ~~at large representative~~ ranking student senator shall be elected at a special spring semester session of the Student Senate attended only by student senators elected for the following year. The outgoing chair shall preside over the election. Non-senators and outgoing student senators may not be candidates for these positions. The chair and vice chair, ~~and at large representative~~ shall be constituents of different student governance organizations. In the event that no one is nominated for the vice chair ~~or at large representative~~ positions from a different student governance organizations, the position will be open to all qualified members of the Student Senate. The ranking student senator position is open to any senator. However, no more than two of these three positions can be filled by candidates from the same campus. In the event no system campus senator is nominated, any senator is eligible. Terms of office shall be July 1 to June 30, and the person holding office is eligible for re-election.

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d. Duties of the ~~At Large Representative~~ Ranking Student Senator

The duties of the ~~at large representative~~ ranking student senator are (1) to represent members of the Student Senate and their interests on the Student Senate Consultative Committee; (2) to serve as the Student Senate Consultative Committee liaison to the Student Senate; and (3) to assume responsibilities delegated by the chair.

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ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES OF THE STUDENT SENATE (Changes to this article are subject to vote only by the Student Senate)

5. Student Senate Committee Charges

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D. STUDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

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Membership

The Student Consultative Committee shall be composed of:

- one representative of COGS
- one representative of CSA
- one representative of MSA
- one representative of MCSA
- one representative of PSG
- one representative of RSA
- one representative of UMDSA
- the chair, vice chair, and ~~at large representative~~ ranking student senator of the Student Senate.

A student governance representative members shall be a member of the respective student governance organization who is elected or appointed in accordance with procedures determined by the respective campuses' student governance organizations.

Student vacancies shall be filled in accordance with procedures determined by the respective campuses for the balance of any unexpired term until the next regular election.

The chair of the Student Senate shall also serve as the chair of the Student Consultative Committee. The vice chair of the Student Senate shall also serve as the vice chair of the Student Consultative Committee. The ~~at large representative~~ ranking student senator of the Student Senate shall also serve as the ~~at large representative~~ ranking student senator of the Student Senate Consultative Committee. Chair, vice chair, and ~~at large representative~~ ranking student senator elections should be subject to the following provisions:

- The chair, vice chair, and ~~at large representative~~ ranking student senator shall not also hold executive, elected, or appointed positions in their respective student governance organizations.
- If either the chair, vice chair, or ~~at large representative~~ ranking student senator has already been elected to the Student Consultative Committee as a regular member, they must concede that position to another student, to be chosen as soon as possible by the appropriate student governance organization.
- If either the chair-elect, vice chair-elect, or ~~at large representative~~ ranking student senator-elect has already been elected to or will hold an executive or elected position in their respective student governance organization during the upcoming year, they must concede that position prior to taking office in the Student Senate.
- The chair, vice chair, and ~~at large representative~~ ranking student senator of the Student Senate shall be elected by the Student Senate in accordance with the Senate Constitution, Article 5, Section 3 (a).
- The chair, vice chair, and ~~at large representative~~ ranking student senator are eligible for re-election to these positions.

The seven members who serve on the Senate Consultative Committee shall be composed of:

- the chair of the Student Senate
- six of the seven student governance representatives

The Student Consultative Committee will vote to determine which student governance representatives will serve on the Senate Consultative Committee.

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COMMENT:

The SSCC is requesting to change the name of the “at-large representative” to “ranking student senator,” in order to more accurately describe the scope of the position. The SSCC is proposing

that the “ranking student senator” position be open to any current or incoming senator (excluding outgoing senators). Additionally, the Twin Cities senator elections are now done through the ACEC election process; this change updates the Student Senate Bylaws to reflect current practice.

**TRISH PALERMO, CHAIR
STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

10. STUDENT SENATE RULES AMENDMENTS

MOTION:

To amend Article VI, Section 1 of the Student Senate Rules as follows (language to be added is underlined; language to be removed is ~~struck-out~~). As an amendment to the Student Senate Rules, the motion requires a simple majority for approval.

ARTICLE VI. RULES FOR COMMITTEES OF THE STUDENT SENATE (Changes to this article are subject to vote only by the Student Senate)

1. Ex Officio Members of Student Senate Committees

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- ~~Student Consultative~~--Student Member of the Educational Policy Committee, Student Member of the Finance and Planning Committee, ~~and~~ Student Member of the Student Affairs Committee, and Student Representative to the Board of Regents. (All are chosen at the discretion of the Student Senate Consultative Committee.)

COMMENT:

The SSCC is requesting to add a representative to the SSCC from the student representatives to the Board of Regents as an ex-officio, non-voting member.

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STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

END OF MOTION A

11. SENATOR TRANSITION PLANS

**Discussion
(10 minutes)**

12. MEDICAL AMNESTY RESOLUTION

**Action
(25 minutes)**

MOTION:

To approve the following resolution.

MEDICAL AMNESTY RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Student Senate believes student safety should be a priority for University of Minnesota administration;

Whereas, University of Minnesota administration has included medical amnesty for alcohol-related incidents in the Student Conduct Code², in an effort to ensure student safety, and in an effort to align with the Minnesota State Medical Amnesty Statute³;

Whereas, medical amnesty does not currently apply to students in need of medical assistance due to non-alcoholic drug-related incidents, since these incidents are not included in the Minnesota State Medical Amnesty Statute, and the lack of protections for students involved in these incidents creates safety concerns;

Whereas, student government organizations plan to address this gap in protections in the Minnesota State Legislature, encouraging lawmakers to amend the state statute to include non-alcoholic drug related incidents;

Therefore, be it resolved, the Student Senate requests the University of Minnesota administration provide a statement of commitment to align the Student Conduct Code with these changes if they are made in the Minnesota State Legislature, including non-alcoholic drug-related protections under medical amnesty in an effort to prioritize student safety.

COMMENT:

In the spring of 2013, campus units and organizations, including the Minnesota Student Association (MSA) and the University Student Legal Service (USLS), went to the Minnesota State Legislature to express their concerns about underage students who fail to seek medical assistance for themselves or their friends after consuming alcohol in fear of legal ramifications. The resulting law, known as the Medical Amnesty statute, was signed into law by Governor Mark Dayton on May 24, 2013, and provided for prosecutorial immunity for underage persons seeking medical assistance relating to the underage consumption of alcohol.

Understandably, it has taken some time for University of Minnesota units and student organizations to become familiar with medical amnesty. Stakeholders include the University of Minnesota Police Department (UMPD), Housing and Residential Life, the University Student Legal Service (USLS), among others. Incoming students are taught about medical amnesty during orientation, though some in-state students may also be familiar with the law through their high school health classes.

In the fall of 2015, students and community advisors (CA's) expressed frustration and confusion about medical amnesty protections to MSA. Some common questions included, but are not limited to:

- Can a CA call 9-1-1 for medical assistance and still have the statute apply for the students needing medical assistance?
- How many students are covered by prosecutorial immunity after calling 9-1-1?

² https://regents.umn.edu/sites/regents.umn.edu/files/policies/Student_Conduct_Code.pdf

³ <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/?id=112&year=2013&type=0>

- Would a student who called for and received help under medical amnesty still be documented within Housing and Residential Life's internal procedure?

As the answers CA's received to these questions were inconsistent, which led to a culture of mistrust within the residence halls regarding protections under medical amnesty. Students expressed their confusion about the policy, and often did not understand how it would affect them, some believing that absolutely no adverse consequences would come about after seeking medical assistance related to underage alcohol consumption. These students became distrustful of these protections after seeing peers who were required to participate in Housing and Residential Life's internal documentation process, sometimes receiving a negative consequence.

After MSA met with UMPD, Housing and Residential Life, and USLS, the following clarifications were given:

- UMPD prioritizes the health and safety of students ahead of any duty to issue citations or charge students with crimes;
- Medical Amnesty protections cover one individual needing medical assistance, the individual who actually calls 9-1-1 for help, and up to two individuals "acting in concert," or being generally helpful when police arrive on the scene;
- CA's are allowed to call for assistance, and the prosecutorial immunity will be applied to the individual needing assistance and up to two individuals helping. Furthermore, anyone can call 9-1-1 and medical amnesty will be applied;
- Students must be compliant with UMPD in all cases. Once UMPD arrives on the scene, the officer is in complete control. Failure to readily comply with the instructions of an officer may result in the determination that an individual was not "acting in concert," and therefore is not protected under medical amnesty;
- Within Housing and Residential Life, the "documentation" process is not meant to be a punitive measure, but rather a means of following up with students and ensuring their mental and physical health;
- Housing and Residential Life seeks to maintain its ability to remove particularly disruptive students from University-owned housing if such measures are necessary. These measures are generally not employed more than two or three times per year.

In sum, in order to be shielded from prosecution under medical amnesty, a minor must:

1. Be the first person to reach out for help.
2. Provide a name, contact information, and state the call is for medical attention.
3. Stay on the scene with the person until help arrives.
4. Cooperate with authorities at the scene.

These four simple points were aggregated into an awareness campaign. Posters outlining these requirements have been posted in University-owned residences and private residences through the work of the MSA Campus Affairs and Student Experience Committee. Furthermore, MSA participated in the retraining of all University CA's before the start of spring semester 2016 in order to share these points with those engaging most directly with residence hall students. UMPD shared these points with the security monitor officers as well.

In the spring of 2016, MSA sought to ensure that the Student Conduct Code explicitly stated that the housing policy aligned with the Minnesota State statute regarding medical amnesty (i.e., when a student seeks medical assistance in these cases, they should be immune to disciplinary action in addition to immunity from legal prosecution.) MSA made the following recommendations to University of Minnesota administration:

- Medical amnesty should be applicable in situations when medical assistance is needed involving non-alcoholic drug related incidents;
- Housing and Residential Life should train community advisors annually regarding medical amnesty and the necessary steps to be eligible for protections;
- When the Student Conduct Code revisions were made, MSA recommended medical amnesty be explained to the student body as follows: “If you seek out medical assistance for a friend in need, you will be immune from negative consequences legally and under University policy;”
- Housing and Residential Life and UMPD should implement medical amnesty training annually to ensure consistency in procedure.

All of these recommendations were implemented by University of Minnesota administration, aside from the inclusion of non-alcoholic drug related incidents, as this does not currently align with the State of Minnesota Medical Amnesty Statute.

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13. OLD BUSINESS

14. NEW BUSINESS

15. ADJOURNMENT