

2016-17 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

APRIL 6, 2017

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES: No. 3

The third meeting of the Student Senate was convened in 25 Mondale Hall at 11:32 a.m. System campuses were linked by ITV. Checking or signing roll were 39 student members. Chair Trish Palermo presided.

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

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

**3. STUDENT SENATE NOMINATING SUBCOMMITTEE
Approval of Appointed Senators
Action**

MOTION:

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

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

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

DISCUSSION

With no discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was approved.

APPROVED

4. ASSEMBLY/ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Chair Palermo invited members of the Student Senate Consultative Committee (SSCC) to give updates on the work of their student government organizations.

Zane Bloom reported that the University of Minnesota Duluth Student Association (UMDSA) recently completed their elections for new senators and leadership, and would be hosting a retreat this weekend. The group is continuing their work on midterm grade alerts, he added.

Katie Ledermann said that the Morris Campus Student Association (MCSA) was concluding work on a resolution regarding campus dining sustainability practices.

Ellie Sjoquist reminded senators that the University of Minnesota Crookston had recently announced their new chancellor, Mary Holz-Clause. It is currently campaign week for the Crookston Student Association (CSA), she noted.

Tylor Cronen reported that the Rochester Student Association (RSA) was currently reorganizing, and working to increase participation in student government.

Patrick English noted that the Minnesota Student Association (MSA) recently concluded its elections process, and was currently working on a campaign to increase funding to the Aurora Center.

Nick Ames said that the Council of Graduate Students (COGS) was currently working on providing feedback for the draft sexual misconduct policy, and was looking into the possibility of forming a disability subcommittee.

5. STUDENT SENATE/ STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Chair Palermo reported that the Student Senate Consultative Committee (SSCC) had received a response from Aramark regarding the ethical concerns raised by the Student Senate resolution from March 2017, and that that she would share that statement with senators. Palermo noted that she hoped students could push for a task force or council to be formed to evaluate the ethical considerations for the University's major contracts. She updated senators on the M Dining response to the resolution, which includes reforming the Student Advisory Group, sending out a spring survey to students, and hosting a "Town Hall" meeting in the fall to gather direct student feedback. Additionally, Palermo reported that there would be temporary solutions in place for those with dietary restrictions (specifically, kosher, halal, and allergen-free) by the fall of 2017, with a permanent solution as part of the Pioneer renovation.

Palermo noted that in response to students' concerns regarding off-campus housing and predatory rental practices, University Services has agreed to help facilitate hosting student reviews on the student housing website, and will help to facilitate sending a yearly survey to students in partnership with the SSCC and other student governments.

The SSCC is in the process of drafting a letter to help to increase funding for sexual assault programming and support, including for the Aurora Center and system campuses, Palermo said, as well as system campus resources.

Palermo reminded senators that elections for next year's Student Senate leadership would take place at the May 4th Student Senate meeting, which includes elections for the new chair, vice chair, and at-large representative, as well as some committee positions.

**6. MINUTES FOR MARCH 2, 2017
Action**

MOTION:

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

<http://usenate.umn.edu/ssenate/minutes/170302stu.pdf>

**ROBERT GOLDSTEIN, CLERK
UNIVERSITY SENATE**

DISCUSSION:

With no discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was approved.

APPROVED

**7. RESOLUTION ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND TITLE IX EDUCATION
Action**

MOTION:

To approve the following resolution:

Resolution on Equal Opportunity and Title IX Education
Submitted by the University Senate Social Concerns Committee

(Draft as amended during Social Concerns Committee meeting on April 25, 2016)

The University Senate recommends that all University employees be required to take an online or in-person course, administered by the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, on University equal opportunity and Title IX policies.

COMMENTS:

The University of Minnesota is committed to providing an equitable work and learning environment that is free from discrimination and harassment. The Board of Regents' Equity, Diversity, Equal Opportunity, and Affirmative Action Policy prohibits discrimination and harassment on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.²

Title IX is a federal statute that prohibits sex discrimination in education programs. Sex discrimination includes sexual harassment and sexual violence. University policies prohibit sexual harassment and all forms of sexual violence, including sexual assault, stalking, and relationship violence.³

The University of Minnesota's **Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action (EOAA)** was established to ensure that all University community members uphold federal and state civil rights laws and regulations, as well as University policies. EOAA provides education to University employees based on these laws and policies. However, this education is not mandatory. Accordingly, and based on continued concerns about campus climate and University safety, and to ensure that all university members uphold, are aware of, and have access to the protections of federal and state civil rights laws, the University Senate recommends that all University employees be required to take an online or in-person course, administered by EOAA or another appropriate University office, that would include the following content:

- Identifying and responding to discrimination, retaliation and nepotism;
- Identifying and responding to sexual harassment;
- Sexual assault, stalking and relationship violence policy;
- Reporting obligations for all employees;
- EOAA's role; and
- Resources for complainants and reporting

The proposed required education is a synthesis of the most critical elements of University policies determined by EOAA. The offering would be approximately one hour in length. The in-person option will be offered subject to EOAA's or another teaching unit's capacity and scheduling availability.

All employees who are currently working at the University, including full- time employees, part time employees, and vendors working on campus who regularly supervise University employees,

² Board of Regents Equity, Diversity, Equal Opportunity, and Affirmative Action Policy
http://regents.umn.edu/sites/regents.umn.edu/files/policies/Equity_Diversity_EO_AA.pdf

³ Board of Regents Sexual Harassment
<http://regents.umn.edu/sites/regents.umn.edu/files/policies/SexHarassment.pdf>
Administrative Policy Sexual Assault, Stalking and Relationship Violence
<http://policy.umn.edu/operations/sexualassault>

will be required to take the course within a specific and reasonable time frame after it is made available and widely publicized. Nonexempt employees will be authorized to take this course during work hours. New employees will have a period of time after their start date to take the course. Shorter refresher modules, covering changes in policies and practices, will be offered and required every so many years, as changes warrant. EOAA or another appropriate University departments will monitor completion of the education, send reminder notices, and track the effectiveness of the course.

**RANDY CROCE, MEMBER
SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE**

DISCUSSION:

Randy Croce, member, Social Concerns Committee, provided some background to the resolution, noting that there is currently some Title IX training available for staff, though it is not required (unless there is a specific issue within a unit, in which case, it may be required). Since faculty and/or staff may be mandatory reporters, the Social Concerns Committee felt that a mandatory training for all faculty, staff, and students would be in the best interest of University students. He stated that students at the University of Minnesota are required to take Title IX training, and faculty and staff at many other universities are as well. Kendra Okposo, associate to the director, Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action (EOAA), and ex officio member, Social Concerns Committee, helped to draft the resolution with the outlined recommendations. Croce added that this resolution is slated to go to the University Senate in May.

Chair Palermo opened the floor for discussion. Adi Penugonda, senator, asked which other groups had been consulted about this resolution. Croce replied that the Civil Service Consultative Committee (CSCC), the P&A Consultative Committee (PACC), and the Senate Committee on Faculty Affairs (SCFA) had been consulted, and the Social Concerns Committee was now in the process of incorporating in their requested changes. The CSCC suggested that rather than specifying “University employees,” which may not cover all those who may be mandatory reporters on campus, such as M Dining staff, the resolution refer to “all those who work on campus.” Additionally, staff need to be able to take the training during their work hours, and some may need or prefer an in-person training to an online training, which was added to the resolution. “Training” specified in the resolution was changed to “education,” he added.

A senator asked about graduate student teaching assistants, who are technically both employees and students; would they need to take this training twice? Croce responded that anyone who teaches courses would be required to take this training, which makes their mandatory reporting responsibilities clear. Megan Sweet, chief of staff and assistant to the vice provost, Office for Student Affairs, reported to the committee that undergraduate compliance on the student training was very good, though he did not have the data about graduate student participation.

Mina Kian, senator, asked if sexual assault response training would be included in the online module. Croce responded that the online training is not yet created; first, the University Senate would pass the resolution, and then the administration would need to agree; administration would then likely refer creation and implementation of the training to those with that expertise. Kian asked if offering this online training may be used as a “check mark” by the administration that may prevent more in-depth training offerings. Croce replied that since EOAA was involved in drafting the resolution, they would not likely be in favor of reducing any other training surrounding sexual assault; an hour-long class would not be able to prepare faculty and staff for much more than understanding their roles as mandatory reporters.

Sammy Holquist, senator, said that as a graduate student, she had to take the same training as the undergraduates regarding Title IX. She asked how this training would be different, and if graduate students who teach or supervise in a lab would be required to then take two trainings. Croce responded that faculty had also voiced concern about this issue. The class will likely be monitored, so that no one will have to take it twice if unnecessary, though this training would be more applicable to a graduate student's role as an educator. Croce said that he would bring up this issue with EOAA and Social Concerns to be sure that graduate students would not have an undue burden.

A senator asked if "non-exempt employees" included student employees. Croce replied that this refers to any employee who is eligible for overtime for over 40 hours per week of work, so some student employees may fall into that category. The inclusion of non-exempt employees in the resolution is to ensure that they are able to take this training during their regularly-scheduled work hours.

A Duluth senator said that UM-Duluth already requires this training for all faculty, staff, and students, noting that the resolution often refers to the EOAA office, which is Twin Cities-specific, though the resolution is system-wide. Croce responded that the resolution refers to "EOAA or another appropriate University department," to account for differences on each campus, though it may be better to say "unit," rather than "department." Croce said he would talk with Social Concerns about amending the language to be more clear for system campuses.

A senator made a motion to send this resolution back to committee to take into consideration the Student Senate feedback. With no discussion, a vote was taken, and the Student Senate voted to approve sending the resolution back to the Social Concerns Committee.

NOT APPROVED

MOTION A
Consent Agenda
Action

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.

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

DISCUSSION:

With no discussion, a vote was taken, and 35 senators voted to approve the motion.

APPROVED

END OF MOTION A

**11. SENATOR TRANSITION PLANS
Discussion**

Palermo invited Maddie Schwartz, ranking student senator, SSCC, to provide an overview of senator transition plans. Schwartz reported that she would provide a template for senators to create their transition plans to give to new senators. In these reports, she said, there will be information on how to bring forward items from student governments or college boards, space for advice, and information on how to write proposals with system-wide significance.

Chair Palermo opened up the floor for discussion. Carl Thon, senator, asked what Schwartz needed from senators to create these reports. Palermo responded that these reports will be a template including the charge of a senator, space for the reports from the college deans, and tips on how to be effective.

**12. MEDICAL AMNESTY RESOLUTION
Action**

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 Code⁴, in an effort to ensure student safety, and in an effort to align with the Minnesota State Medical Amnesty Statute⁵;

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?
- 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

⁴ https://regents.umn.edu/sites/regents.umn.edu/files/policies/Student_Conduct_Code.pdf

⁵ <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/?id=112&year=2013&type=0>

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.

TRISH PALERMO, CHAIR
STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION

Palermo explained the State of Minnesota Medical Amnesty Statute to senators, noting that the Student Conduct Code had been updated to include alcohol-related incidents after the state statute was put into place. Currently, she said, non-alcohol-related drug incidents are not covered by the statute nor the conduct code. In conversations with administrators, most said that they would not be in favor of superseding the law by adding these incidents to the Student Conduct Code. Student government groups will be lobbying the legislature to include drug-related incidents in the state statute, reported Palermo, and this resolution seeks to streamline the process of adding these incidents to the conduct code if and when the law changes.

Nick Ames, member, SSCC, asked what would happen if the change did not pass in the legislature. Could the University change the conduct code without the law being changed? Palermo responded that she has gotten different responses from different administrators, but that most are not in favor of superseding the law, so therefore the conduct code will change when the law changes.

Chandler Peterson, senator, asked if this was included in the Student Conduct Code, would it be the same process as the current policy regarding alcohol? Palermo replied that yes, it would likely follow the same process, as these rules exist for student safety. Other groups, such as Greek Life, she said, will likely seek other changes to the statute, such as waiving the two-person rule.

Peterson asked if when students were present at an event, for example, a football game, would they be able to wave over UMPD officers and still be protected? Yes, Palermo replied, since UMPD will call an ambulance, though this is a rare circumstance.

Carl Thon, senator, asked why there was a need to include drug-related incidents in the conduct code. Palermo said that there is need, since some alcohol-related incidents may also involve drugs (marijuana, for example), and the priority is student safety. If the code does not include drug-related incidents, she noted, this increases hesitancy, which could cause loss of life.

Max Hurst, senator, said that he was in favor of lowering barriers to getting help for those students in need, noting that punishment exacerbates these problems, and disproportionately affects sexual assault victim-survivors. It is necessary to prioritize student health and safety, he added. Palermo said that as a former Community Advisor (CA), the process was often confusing for students.

Joshua Ikuemonisan, senator, asked for clarification on what is considered a “drug,” since alcohol is a drug, and some over-the-counter, non-opiate drugs could be used to commit suicide.

Shantal Pai, senator, shared a personal story in which friends of hers found some anti-depressants, were self-medicating, and also smoked marijuana, creating a health concern. She said that these students did not seek help because they knew they would get into trouble. Though her friends made it through, it could save lives to add drugs to this policy, she added.

Claire Breitenstein, senator, reported that the Boynton Health Survey showed extensive use of drugs and alcohol in students, here and nationally. 30% of UMN students use drugs, she said.

Salman Ikramuddin, senator, said that from his experience in the Medical School, multi-drug intoxication is a major issue, and that the medical community as a whole is in favor of full disclosure.

Kanav Khosla, senator, asked about students over the age of 21, and whether or not this policy provided protection for them. Adi Penugonda, senator, replied that medical amnesty pertains to “illegal substance use.” Khosla asked about students purchasing alcohol for a minor, and asked whether this was included. Penugonda said that this depends on the circumstances, though those selling drugs would be criminally liable.

Tipheret Peña, senator, asked how housing interacted with UMPD dispatch when reporting an alcohol-related incident from the dorms. Palermo said that if a student is found (but has not reported the issue), they will not be immune, though if they reach out and report, they will be immune. Calls from CA’s are covered in this, she added, if they report the incident.

A senator asked if students would be immune from penalty if they brought the affected student to the hospital, rather than calling 9-1-1, due to the potential financial burden of an ambulance bill. Palermo responded that in this case, students would not be immune, because legislators do not want impaired people driving on the road. She added that this could be part of the discussion in the legislature.

Adi Penugonda, senator, noted that emergency room staff (including staff, doctors, nurses, etc.) do not report these incidents to the police. Kanav Khosla, senator, asked why police needed to be involved in reporting these incidents. Palermo replied that police did not need to be involved, and students could just call for an ambulance.

Carl Thon, senator, reported that he knew of several CA’s who had given citations for these types of incidents, including when there is a lack of evidence.

Katie Ledermann, member, SSCC, said that on the Morris campus, the process is to talk to a CA before anyone calls 9-1-1, to avoid any compliance issues regarding the statute. She added that she is unsure of what students on campus know about medical amnesty.

Zane Bloom, member, SSCC, said that the majority of UMD students live off-campus, but on-campus, the Resident Assistants are the ones that call for an ambulance. They can also get assistance from the on-duty police officer, he said.

Taylor Cronen, member, SSCC, reported that only first-year students live on the Rochester campus, but that the practice is for the housing director to call the police.

A proxy for the UM-Crookson representative said that medical amnesty is covered in depth during orientation week, and that there were not many issues on campus.

Joshua Ikuemonisan, senator, proposed an amendment to change the language in the resolution as follows (language to be added is underlined; language to be deleted is ~~struck out~~):

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Palermo opened the floor for discussion on the proposed amendment to the resolution. Adi Penugonda said that he was not in favor of the change, because it made the resolution more restrictive for students, not less restrictive. Max Hurst agreed. Joshua Ikuemonisan said he felt it was important to include both illicit and non-illicit drugs in the language of the resolution. Aleksander Holleran said he felt the original wording was more clear.

After discussion of the amendment, a vote was taken, and the amendment was not approved.

As time for this agenda item had elapsed, a vote was taken on the original motion, and the resolution passed.

13. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

14. NEW BUSINESS

Austin Kraft, proxy for Maddie Schwartz, announced that the Twin Cities Undergraduate Research Journal was currently looking for student leadership, noting that details were available on Facebook and Twitter (MURAJ_MN).

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Barbara Irish
Abstractor