Student Affairs and Academic Services Committee Minutes

Monday, February 2nd 2009 6:00 pm, Student Senate Office

I. Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 pm

II. Roll Call: Present: Patrick Okan, Jordan Harshman, Katy van Putten, Tyler Halverson, Kayla Godes, Kurtis Drager; Absent, Linda Abel (has left senate, will be removed from committee)

III. Skateboard Policy

a. Rules for other non-motorized vehicles (excluding bicycles) – The committee never reached a definite decision last semester. The proposed policy would limit skateboarding in covered areas under Rodli Hall and raised areas near the University Center, as well as on benches, railings, etc. on campus. Also mentioned was the possibility of broadening this policy to include other wheeled vehicles (ex. roller blades, foot-powered scooters)

b. Official recommendation or motion – Jordan suggested looking up the University's current documented policy concerning bicycles to see if any mention is made about skateboards.

IV. On-campus smoking

a. Discuss successes / failures of current "25-foot" policy – Due to lack of police officials and money, enforcement of the 25 foot policy hasn't occurred.

b. Determine feasibility of current and future policies – It appears that under the current rules for UW schools we cannot enforce a smoking ban of any nature. If/when this policy changes, we still may not have the money or manpower available to make a full ban possible.

c. Determine student and faculty support

d. Possibility of a student referendum – Another possibility involved determining support for a smoking ban among the students, and possibly proposing a student referendum to the issue in the spring school elections.

V. Discuss permanent meeting time – It was discussed whether to change the meeting time or date, Katy and Jordan stated that they may be a few minutes late to a 6:00 meeting. It was discussed whether to move the meeting time to 6:05 or 6:15, but in the end it was left at 6:00. The issue went to a vote and passed, with one abstention.

VI. Set committee goals for Spring Semester – It was determined that at some point before the end of the semester, a suggestion letter should be written to the next semester's SAAS committee. Also mentioned was whether it is possible to update the home page of the UWRF website to make it easier for students to use.

VII. Additional Items – Jordan volunteered to talk to Student Health Services over their research into an on-campus pub, to be discussed at the next meeting.

Tyler Halverson moved to adjourn, the motion was approved with one abstention; the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

The next meeting of the Student Affairs and Academic Services Committee is at 6:00 pm on Monday, February 9th, 2009 in the Student Senate office of the University Center.