UMC Executive Committee
Minutes
November 15, 2012

Present: Dan Svedarsky, Rich Connell, Andrew Svec, Kim Gillette, Jeff Sperling, Corby Kemmer, Tricia Sanders, Tom Baldwin, Stephanie Helgeson, Jack Geller, Chris Winjum, Amber Schultz, Michelle Christopherson, George French

Guest(s):

In these minutes: Memorial Policy/Procedure, December 6th Table Top Exercise, Global Spotlight Initiative, Fulbright Opportunities, Chancellor Update, Member Updates

New Business:

Memorial Policy/Procedure – Tricia Sanders
Tricia explained that the Chancellor’s Office sends a memorial on behalf of the whole campus in the event of an employee, past employee, or qualifying family member’s death. If you have an incident in your department please contact Chris and he will make these arrangements. If Departments want to do any act beyond that it needs to be funded by personal finances.

December 6th Table Top Exercise – Rich Connell
On December 6 from 8:30 am – 11:30 am there will be a mock-emergency scenario training session in the Alseth Business Boardroom. Gary Hendricks from the U of MN Emergency Management Office will be on campus to facilitate this training. All Executive Committee members and other staff to be identified are expected to participate in this exercise. It is a requirement of the Clery Act that UMC complete this exercise before 2013.

Global Spotlight Initiative – Kim Gillette
Kim provided some background on the Global Spotlight Initiative for 2012-2014 which will be the region of South Asia and Global Food Security. Go to global.umn.edu/spotlight for more information. If you would like to participate in this initiative talk to Kim.

Fulbright Opportunities – Kim Gillette
Kim has information regarding Fulbright funding opportunities to bring speakers/researchers to campus or to send current employees to locations for learning opportunities. There are even opportunities to go overseas to India, Japan, Korea, Germany to learn about educational systems in those countries. See Kim if you are interested in more information.

Chancellor Updates
- Vice Chancellor Listening Sessions are scheduled for Monday, November 26th, see the schedule Bill Peterson sent out to know when your group is.
- Consider attending the campus reception for Danny Lee and Abbey to recognize them for their SEED award. They were in Minneapolis yesterday to receive that award.
• The Thursday Commons Committee will be seeking opinions, watch for a survey coming out from this group if you have ideas to share.
• Campus “Open House” day, start thinking about an event like this and what that would look like at UMC.
• This Saturday the Chamber is hosting their annual dinner and auction fundraiser on campus. Tickets are still available at $38 if anyone is interested in attending.

‘Pre-Posted’ Member Updates
None were submitted.

Member Updates

Andrew Svec - Communications
• Campus website was launched on Monday. If you notice any typos or incorrect information let Andrew know.
• Approved to run 4 TV commercials (1 for each academic department)

Corby Kemmer – Development and Alumni Relations
• Thanks to Kari Torkelson for hosting the gathering at the Alerus Center before the FB game
• There is an Alumni Association gathering tonight in Fargo
• FY 13 is going well so far for fundraising

Amber Schultz – Admissions
• Applications are slightly off from last year, but this week is MN college application week and we have gotten a bunch in so far, so we expect to have a jump up after this week.

Steph Helgeson – Athletics
• Athletic offices are finished, thanks to facilities for all their work.
• Basketball is on the road this weekend, Equestrian team is at home
• This week is early signing and some teams have filled some spots for next year.

Jack Geller – Liberal Arts and Education
• Be aware of a lawsuit that MN SCU lost, where they had to provide copies of course syllabi for an open records request for the purposes of educational uses

Kim Gillette – International Programs
• International Education Week is wrapping up, come to the reception for Danny and Abbey today at 2pm and participate in our final activities tomorrow.

Jeff Sperling – Technology Support Services
• We continue to grow out the wireless capabilities of campus but even with our aggressive growth we are just meeting demand as students are using wireless more and more on campus.

Dan Svedarsky – Liberal Arts and Education
• Stressed the importance of working with area 2 year schools on articulation agreements, collaborations, etc

Respectfully submitted by Chris Winjum