Student Affairs Committee Meeting


Committee Members Absent: Tamara Grieshaber

Trustee Medd called the meeting to order.


Directory Information, FERPA and Student Rights. Mr. Kelley Wiltbank, University Counsel, reviewed the issues surrounding recent information requests made about UMS students and how these requests are handled, what is allowable under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) directory information guidance and how individuals impacted by such requests are notified.

Student Affairs Committee 2011-2012 Work Plan. Trustee Medd reviewed the Student Affairs Committee Work Plan for 2011-2012. The Committee discussed the Work Plan and agreed with the items presented. Ms. Rosa Redonnett, Executive Director for Student Affairs, commented that she will be working with the Student Representatives to the Board of Trustees to develop a description of their role and responsibilities.

Trustee Hood inquired about how the UMS currently communicates with the students, how effective are those strategies, and are there any suggestions for improvement. Chancellor Pattenaude commented that the UMS is developing a Portal that will be used to broaden communication and it will provide one gateway for student access and information. Several campuses will have the Portal running in January 2012. The Portal will be similar to what UMF has currently in place.

Mr. Wiltbank explained the process for review of the Student Conduct Code. Under Board policy it is reviewed every three years by the Student Conduct Code Review Committee and May will be the end of the third year. Mr. Stephen Nelson, Director of Community Standards at USM, will be chairing the Committee. As stated in the Committee Work Plan, the changes to the Student Conduct Code will be presented to the Committee at the May Board meeting.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Wiltbank, Clerk