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Academic Policy Advisory Committee meeting minutes, September 17, 1996

Moorhead State University

APAC Minutes - September 17, 1996

Members present: Midgarden, Chair; Bakke, Bolton, Brown, Brunton, Conteh, Dobitz, Fasick, Hart, Klenk, Krause, Pemble, Reed, Roy, Sanderson, Shaker, Strong. Guest: David Crockett

Announcements:
Elections have begun for the faculty positions open on the committee. Paul Beare resigned because he has a class scheduled during the APAC meeting time, so there is an opening for a faculty representative from the Education and Human Services division.

1. Liability Insurance for Internships

Bette Midgarden stated that internship agreements have been forwarded to J.P. Barone at the Minnesota Attorney General's office. He has not responded to the agreements yet so there are some liability questions for which we do not yet have answers. Most internship sites are shifting liability responsibility to MSU. J.P. Barone is planning to visit MSU on September 24 so our questions and concerns will hopefully be resolved then.

David Crockett, Vice President for Administrative Affairs, attended the meeting to answer and gather questions regarding additional liability issues for internships. He stated the former State University System office paid MSU's insurance and took care of those concerns in the past. Last year, the MnSCU office received a $74,000 premium notice. MSU's share will cost approximately $15,000 per year. MSU has not received the insurance policy yet so we don't know what the exclusions will be. Students who are registered at MSU and are involved in site-based internships will be covered by our policy, although workmen's compensation is still a concern.

The questions and concerns VP Crockett will ask Barone are:

    Are students covered through MSU's insurance if they do volunteer work that is interest- or field-related, but not for credit toward their degree?

    Can or should students buy separate insurance coverage and if so, where and what is the cost?

    What protection do we have against potential OSHA-related issues?

2. Background Study Requirements for Students and Faculty in Clinical Programs.

Paul Shaker and Judy Strong submitted a proposal which would implement the new law requiring that background studies of students in clinical placement be done annually. The proposal was sent to faculty who are involved with clinical placements for review and comment. Comments were received from LaRae McGillivray, Bill Packwood and Vince Lindgren.

Questions about the law and MSU's implementation process were discussed. Midgarden will submit these questions to Dennis Hefner, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Does this apply to only licensed Minnesota facilities? Can study checks be shared with other states with whom we have reciprocity agreements?

What is the response time? How long does it take to do a background check?

Should the Social Security number be listed on the form too?

How will background checks be done on international students?

Is there a right of appeal for the student who is denied?

Will the institution be informed regarding the results of the checks?

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Gloria Riopelle