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October 14, 2015

SAPC Senate Subcommittee Approved Minutes

Present: Myrna Gabbe, Ann Biswas, Chuck Edmondson, Liz Kelsch, Steven Goodman, Dori Spaulding, David Watkins

1. Minutes were approved.
2. Updated members on the last meeting, who were unable to attend.

Notable attendees of our last secession included Lisa Sanders, Bruce Biel (Legal department) and Ted Bucaro (Government and Regional Relations Director). They entertained our questions regarding UD's political activities policy.

Myrna Gabbe reported that she sent an email to Lisa Sanders and Bruce Biel after the meeting requesting clarification on comments made. In particular, she asked about the mentioned "grey areas" – what they were – and the possibility of the policy being reviewed. Bruce Biel reported that UPCC agenda is booked for the fall semester, and legal will have to consult with Ted Bucaro before placing the policy in the queue. We will be notified when a decision is made.

3. Discussed general reaction and how to proceed.

Generally, members of SAPC were unconvinced by the arguments that our policy needs no or little revision. We failed to see how campaign signs placed in front lawns, campaign banners hanging out windows, or tables sets out in the common areas on campus with information endorsing candidates could be construed as the university endorsing a candidate for public office.

We will meet in two weeks. David Watkins is assigned the task of tracking down political policies at other Catholic institutions and tracking down the names of the organizers of the college democrats, republicans, and libertarians. Dori Spaulding will ask ECAS whether the senate can make a recommendation to have the UPCC review the political activities policy and review it this semester.