This report summarizes some of the discussions of the Faculty Council on Student Affairs (FCSA) for the 2007-2008 academic year. In addition, the report also provides some action items for the 2008-2009 academic year.

North of 45th Street and Campus Safety Issues

The FCSA continued to monitor issues related to crime in the area North of 45th Street. Although complaints, due to the behavior of UW students, have fallen significantly over the last few years, UW students are still affected by criminal activity in this area. This academic year there were several robberies of UW students in the area, and one student was badly beaten.

FCSA supports the efforts of the President and Provost in implementing the recommendations of the North of 45th Street Working Group. The FCSA notes that there have been increased UW police patrols in the area during the last year, and hopes that this will continue in the future. The FCSA encourages the administration to consider locating a UW police station (or facility) in the area North of 45th Street.

Student Counseling

The UW has two facilities that serve the mental health counseling needs of students. Specifically, the Mental Health Clinic at Hall Health, and the Counseling Center in Schmitz Hall. These two centers have different operating procedures and costs, which is a source of confusion to some students. The Counseling Center in Schmitz Hall has recently eliminated its $35 fee. Many students have found these counseling center fees to be a significant impediment to seeking counseling service. The FCSA will continue to review efforts to streamline and coordinate the activities of these two counseling centers.

Admissions and Student Athletes

Members of the Advisory Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics (ACIA) made a report to the FCSA regarding the admission and academic performance of student athletes at the UW. The FCSA notes that the current policy regarding the admission of ‘special’ and ‘priority’ student athletes has expired, and the ACIA should present a revised policy to the Faculty Senate. The FCSA also recommends that the ACIA make an annual report to the Faculty Senate regarding the academic progress of all student athletes, and in particular the performance of special and priority admit students.