

## FEES

### Student fees committee releases final opinions

The committee maintained deep cuts to officer stipends for student groups.

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Despite protests from several groups, the Student Services Fees Committee didn't recommend full funding for many salary and officer stipend requests, saying the use of student services fees was not appropriate.

For administrative units, funding closely followed the committee's initial recommendations, including in Boynton Health Service's request for more mental health funding.

The final recommendations were emailed to student groups and administrative units Monday.

Groups are able to submit appeals to the SSFC's final recommendations until 4:30 p.m. Friday. A final public hearing with Vice Provost for Student Affairs Jerry Rinehart will be held April 25.

Chabad's final recommendation increased by nearly \$9,000 from initial recommendations, but its funding for staff salaries was still cut by \$5,000.

In its final recommendation rationales, the SSFC said Chabad's use of staff was "not fully justified."

Collegians for a Constructive Tomorrow was recommended nearly \$40,000 in cuts to its request, including a \$26,000 reduction eliminating all of its student officer stipends.

"The majority believed the

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The committee reversed its opinion for the Fraternity Purchasing Association.

## DIVERSITY

### In U theater, minorities lack opportunities

The dept. says it's working to address the problem.

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Theater student Bijan Riahi's skin color gives him the flexibility to play characters with a variety of ethnic backgrounds.

But the University of Minnesota senior said he has friends who have lost out on parts because they aren't white.

Riahi, like other minority students at the University, believes the lack of diversity in the University's Department of Theatre Arts and Dance is stunting professional growth.

"There's some roles that I know I can get easier because I'm a minority, but there are some roles I know that I can't get because I'm a minority," said George Rodriguez, a theater and psychology sophomore.

There was very little support for playwrights and actors of color throughout the 20th century, said Carl Flink, chair of the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance, and their voices were not often heard.

"There is no doubt that what is considered by some people the traditional canon of theater in America is, at times, greatly lacking diversity at many levels," Flink said.

But the department is working to fix that problem.

"That's something that we feel acutely sensitive to," Flink said. "This is something that is very near and dear to my heart."

Ethnicity matters in some aspects of theater more than others, said Randy Reyes, teaching specialist for the BFA

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The Twin Cities area is home to a number of "culturally specific" theaters.

# TUBBY'S OUT



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The University of Minnesota fired head men's basketball coach Tubby Smith on Monday after six seasons with the team, ending an era marked by improvement, underachievement and scrutiny.

Smith's dismissal also comes at a cost of more than \$3 million for an athletics department that has borrowed millions from the University's central fund in recent years.

The school must pay the 61-year-old coach \$2.5 million to fire him without just cause. It also owes him a \$250,000 retirement contribution and about \$450,000 in base and supplemental salary over the next three months.

Smith was the highest-paid employee at the University in 2012, making more than \$700,000 in base salary and almost \$2 million overall.

Gophers athletics director Norwood Teague said at a press conference Monday that the University will internally conduct a national search for Smith's replacement.

"I just felt like this was the time to have a fresh approach," Teague said. "I hope we'll see this as an investment rather than a needless expenditure because this program needs to be good and has the potential to be good, if not great."

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**\$2.5M**

BUYOUT TO LEAVE

**124-81**

RECORD WITH GOPHERS

**\$1.9M**

TOTAL EARNINGS IN 2012

## BUSINESS

### With a Turkish flair, café opens in Stadium Village

The Kitty Corner Café will serve authentic Turkish waffles.

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Start with a waffle. Add a layer of chocolate. Top with fresh fruit, sprinkle on some nuts and go.

Turkish waffles are a popular "grab-and-go" food in the Ortaköy neighborhood of Istanbul, and now Zuhul Sari has brought them to Stadium Village.

On Monday, Sari, who was born and raised in Istanbul, opened the Kitty Corner Café, which also serves coffee and paninis.

The café's feline-inspired name comes from Sari's love of cats. She has two, Fistik and Findik, or Pistachio and Hazelnut in English.

She plans to donate some of the café's profits to Feline Rescue and Animal Ark, two local no-kill animal shelters, and she hopes to one day run her own.

"I committed myself to be nice to animals and do as much as I can for them," said Sari, who also owns two parakeets.

To share her love for animals, Sari will hang a bulletin board in the café for customers to post photos of their pets.

Stadium Village Commercial Association President Joe Walvoord said the family-owned business will bring charm to an area that's mostly filled with chain restaurants.

"It's good to add local flair," he said. "It'll give people a reason to come down here."

Sari began planning the Kitty Corner Café in September and said the past six months have been hectic.

"I feel like I'm sleeping at the shop; there's so much work," said the 29-year-old, who studies business administration at Metropolitan State University.

After Sari moved to the U.S. from Turkey a decade ago, she trained and worked as a hairstylist before studying and working as a medical laboratory technician, she said.

Beyond cats, Sari also incorporates a strong family aspect into the café. Her brother and sister work at the café with her and brought different perspectives in the planning process.

"We did most of the brainstorming together because of our age difference," Gokhan Sari said.

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Turkish waffles, the Kitty Corner Cafe's specialty, are a popular food in Istanbul.

## GREEK LIFE

### Chi Omega to be aided by special recruitment

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The University of Minnesota greek community will see some new faces in the coming years.

Just before spring break, the University Panhellenic Council announced Chi Omega will join the greek community this fall, with Phi Mu set to join sometime between 2015 and 2017.

The chapters were chosen based on a number of factors, and University administrators plan to work closely with Chi Omega through a special recruitment process.

Chi Omega was chosen because of its leadership program, financial stability and marketing plan, said PHC spokeswoman Reed Mosimann.

"They have a chapter at every one of the Big Ten schools except for the University of Minnesota, so we saw a great opportunity for them to flourish here," Mosimann said.

A strong concentration of alumni in the area — more than 1,100 within a 25-mile radius — also

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## CAMPUS & METRO

### U barely misses four-, six-year grad rate goals

The four-year graduation rate for the class of 2012 was 58 percent.

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### Health care reform: three years later

The Affordable Care Act has been a success and will continue to benefit society.

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### Gophers look to spring practice to fill holes at linebacker, cornerback

Minnesota loses two starters from last season at each position.

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