Approved Minutes for the Student Affairs and Campus Life

Committee (SA&CL) Monday, November 21, 2022

3:30 pm

Via

WebEx

Join the meeting via WebEx: https://uncp.webex.com/meet/peter.grimes

Members of the Committee:

- 1. Peter Grimes, Senator and Chair (LETT)
- 2. Abigail Reiter, Faculty Member and Secretary (SBS)
- 3. Brian Smith, Faculty Member (SBS)
- 4. June Power, Faculty Member (ARTS)
- 5. Matt Schneider, Senator (CHS)
- 6. Lauren Norman, Senator (SBS)
- 7. Jamie Litty, Chair of Student Publications Board
- 8. Jessica Siegele, Faculty Athletics Representative
- 9. Jeff Howard, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
- 10. Taliyah Daniels, SGA President (2022-23)
- 11. Oluyemi Stephens, Graduate Student Representative
- 12. Amy Schneider, Graduate School Representative
- 13. Serena Reyes, Student selected by Office of Campus Engagement and Leadership

Members present: Brian Smith, Jamie Litty, Peter Grimes, Oluyemi Stephens, Jessica Siegele, Jeff Howard, Taliyah Daniels, Amy Schneider

Members absent: Abigail Reiter, Matt Schneider, Lauren Norman, Serena Reyes, June Power

Recording Secretary: Peter Grimes

Order of Business

- A. Call to Order By Peter Grimes at 3:31
- **B.** Approval of October 2022 Minutes Minutes were approved by general consensus.

C. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda was adopted by general consensus.

D. Reports

1. Chair

No report.

2. Chair, Student Publications Board (Jamie Litty)

- The *Aurochs* spring 2022 issue will come out during finals week this semester. There will be a "read-in" in January, similar to a launch party.
- The *Pine Needle* is online-only this semester except for a compilation issue coming out later this month. The adviser Dr. Natale is concerned about continuing contact from high-level administrators when anyone complains about a story the students are working on or a story they have published. This can be intimidating to both the students and the untenured faculty adviser, which may have a chilling effect on the student press.
- Last-chance makeup dates for yearbook portraits for students, faculty and staff are January 19 and 20.
- Next semester, the new chair of the SPB is expected to be Dr. Melinda Rosenberg from Philosophy and Religion after confirmation by the Faculty Senate, because Dr. Litty is now actively involved in the *Indianhead* production/class, which is disallowed for chairing SPB.

3. Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs (Jeff Howard)

- New Director of Housing and Residence Life for January
- Hispanic student graduation celebration; next week Lavender graduation
- Friday night student activities board—end of the year event leading up to pancake breakfast
- Sterlin Harjo (*Reservation Dogs*) and Tatanka Means well received—1,000 folks engaged with

4. President of Student Government Association (Taliyah Daniels)

Here are the topics that students discussed in the few weeks since we've met: **Homecoming**

- o 1887 Society
 - Lost the prestigiousness of homecoming (lost in 1887)
 - Changes that happened were rushed
 - Promote what is it and the significance of it (confused on what it was)
 - I like including more people
 - Took the tradition out of the homecoming
 - Thought it was a club (wasn't sure that this was in place of homecoming king and queen)
 - Since it was for the students, students should be a discussion for all students
- o Parade

- Had a lot of fun, interaction with people
- Irritated with the music from fire truck (placement of floats)
- o Bonfire
 - People left after the fire was lit
 - Wasn't as much going on as last year
 - There was nothing to do// couldn't see it because the line was long
- o Football Game
 - It felt rushed (1887 society)
- Homecoming Concert
 - The concert was not geared toward students
 - If you want students to attend, you target people they also want to see
 - If the people who go here can't enjoy it, then what's the point
 - Retention, having events that students want to come out to
 - The little things created sound around campus and outside
 - Create avenues for students at the table for homecoming discussions
- o Overall experience
 - Budget cuts
 - Events
 - Homecoming stroll off

Organizations are experiencing budget cuts which cause a ripple effect on student affairs and retention.

*For example, the Residence Hall Association (RHA) Spirit Fest on October 25 had no DJ as in prior years, which perhaps made the event less engaging.

Student safety

- Dark lighting in many areas around the campus. Administrators have come to observe. A safety walk—dark lighting near new business building, residence halls—is planned to show where lighting needs to be placed. Will occur next semester.
- Student safety outreach, programming.
- We are underprepared for hurricanes.

5. The Graduate School (Amy Schneider)

- Seven graduate students in the homecoming parade
- At the November 15 Graduate Student Organization (GSO) interest meeting, Mr. John Dunlap from Career Center presented on graduate student resources. 25 people attended.
- \circ CAPS will present to GSO the week before exams, 6 pm 11/29 and 11/30.
- Financial aid seminar for online students (PELL grants not available in grad school) 11/30 and in January, offered twice a day.
- GSO is searching for online activities for online graduate students to participate in because of time and life restraints.
- They are also looking to motivate graduate students to participate in

campus events. (Online students who live nearby—what could draw them to campus?)

- Frustrations and issues graduate students are experiencing:
 - Time management
 - Procrastination
 - Writing papers
 - Financial problems
 - Stress
 - Isolation
 - Sense of belonging and Work/life balance

E. Old Business

None

F. New Business

Discussion: Proposal to add a representative from the Office of Global Engagement to SACL's membership, perhaps an international student representative (student must be at UNCP at least a semester). Close to 93 international students are expected next semester provided that they get a VISA); plan to invite Dr. Kulmala to SACL for discussion

G. Announcements

None

H. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS LIFE COMMITTEE – November 21, 2022

- Milkshake Mondays. Next one will be held November 28. Will be held throughout the semester on the last Monday of each month from 11:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. in the Chavis Student Center.
- The Wellness center has seen a 35% increase compared to this time last fall, as well as Fitness Class participation has seen a 45% increase compared to last fall.
- CCE staff members Phylencia Latney and Sam Hauser will both lead four students at CSNAP- CSNAP is an event that brings civically-engaged student leaders together to share ideas and develop skills that help them be more effective in their community change efforts, while networking with their peers across the state. There will be four students presenting in the areas of Democratic Engagement and Brave Foundations.
- The director of Student Conduct is working in conjunction with Michael Litty, University Videographer, to create a pre-hearing video that will be used beginning the spring 2023 semester. The instructional video will be used to educate students on the student conduct process, inform them of their rights, alleged violations, as well as coach them on hearing type selection. In addition to the implementation of the use of this new video, office personnel will be available to meet with students and to respond to any questions or concerns they may have.
- CCE currently has 20 approved Service-Learning Spring 2023 Application and 10 that are in the process of being reviewed.
- Student Magally Ortiz-Rojas has been selected for the NC Community Engagement's Community Impact Award
- Braves Rave Program occurred on 10/18/22. This focused on Substances and Mental Health and was a collaborative effort with CEL, Student Health Services, CAPS, CARE, and Student Conduct. In addition to the video clips and discussion, there were offices and campus partners with informational tables, and an ice cream bar provided by Student Affairs.
- Each year CEL takes a delegation of students form the Pembroke Activities Council (PAC) to attend the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA), a professional development organization that is focused on creating college communities where students connect, interact, and engage with the campus experience. This year, two of our students, Kiarra Payton and Samuel Bowen presented and were awarded Outstanding Educational Session of the conference with their presentation *Programming at a Minority Serving Institution.*
- Homecoming was a huge success with highlights being the biggest Parade ever in terms of participants (62) and the bonfire was excellent as over 550 attended. The 1887 Society was launched to recognize the top student leaders at halftime.

- o The Sterlin Harjo and Tatanka Means event was by most accounts a success. Over 200 high school students attended the morning event sponsored by Admissions. The event included a welcome from the Lumbee Tribe, college admissions info, tours and a fireside chat with our guests that was well received by the students. The guests then had lunch with officials from the Lumbee Tribe along with UNCP staff and faculty (27 attended). Harjo and Means later were hosted by the Tribe for an event featuring Lumbee youth (25 attended/presented). Our guests were hosted by the students of REACH (10 attended) where they fielded questions and took photos. The Museum hosted a reception attended by over 60 at which Tribal officers presented the guests with Eagle Feathers (highest honor) and other gifts. Over 250 attended the event at Thomas Hall.
- The Career Center hosted a Recruiter and Career Panel on Thursday, November 9 at 3:30
 pm in Thomas Hall Auditorium featuring representatives from UNC Southeastern Health.
 Speakers included President Chris Ellington and SRMC Recruiters.
- Collaboration event between CCE and Museum of the Southeast American Indian, Night at the Museum took place on November 10th to provide students with information on volunteer opportunities within the Museum.
- The Food Lion Food Donation Drive was held on November 12, 2022 where donations were accepted at the store (Pembroke Location) and donated to the CARE Resource Center. During this time, MVP numbers were also collected as a part of the Collegiate Hunger Challenge.
- SHS will host a second blood drive for the fall semester. This blood drive will be held from 10 am-4 pm and will use the American Red Cross's Mobile Unit stationed outside the UC Annex.
- The Resident Advisor Appreciation Carnival will be held on November 17th from 6 10 p.m. on the UC Lawn.
- o Exam Breakfast- hosted Monday Dec 5-9-11, breakfast "with a flip" waffle tacos.
- Parent and Family Weekend was held Nov. 11-12. Events included an Info Fair that featured 9 offices, 2 movies, free play in the Hawks Nest, a game truck at the tailgate and reduced meal rates in the cafeteria.
- Friday, November 18: After Dark Program hosted by PAC includes: trivia games, DJ, Pizza, Board games, Movie, make and take including Tie Dye, Disney Room trivia, Tik Tok Dance room. 9 p.m.-2a.m. in the Student Center