

These are the unofficial minutes of Student Affairs and Campus Life
Jan. 16, 2003 3:30 p.m. Library Conference Room

Present: Dr. Jamie Litty Ms. Beth Nichols Dr. Kelly Charlton
 Ms. Patricia Fields Mr. Robert Canida Mr. Brandon Davis
 Ms. Susan Edkins Ms. Susan Whitt Ms. Cherry Beasley
 Ms. Lisa Schaeffer (for Dr. Jones)

1. The meeting was called to order by the chair, Ms. Cherry Beasley. She reinforced that for Spring semester, the committee will meet every third Thursday of the month in the Library Conference Room, which best accommodates everyone's schedule.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting (Nov. 21, 2002) were approved.
3. Added to the agenda was an update on the library cell phone issue (Old Business).
4. Report from the Chair: (Old Business)

Regarding the final stage of the nominations for Who's Who... It was confirmed that a student really did serve as Marshall for at least one semester as he claimed on his application. All student GPA's were checked. The chair suggests that all the commendation procedures on campus (Who's Who; Marshalls; honor societies; etc.) be consistent, or at least clearly delineated, and that the application process be well communicated to students. The service credit for Marshalls still needs to be discussed because there are some faculty who question giving this academic credit for ushering. The chair would like this committee to form an ad hoc subcommittee to look after these issues.

5. Report from the Office of Student Affairs – Ms. Lisa Schaeffer

The university is in discussion with 2 developers for the construction/provision of private housing for students. Dr. Jones and Mr. Preston Swiney went to Lumberton this week to talk to hotel proprietors about accepting housing overflow next fall. Ideally, no freshmen would be housed there. Dr. Litty suggested talking to Laurinburg hotels also to accommodate students who might want to live west for whatever reason.

There are no more triple assignments, i.e., as of spring semester, there are no students who are three-to-a-room. There are 41 new applications for housing as of today. At this time last year there were 43 new applications.

Rebecca Tabonay is the new Counselor on board in the counseling and testing department. She is ABD, expected to graduate in May. The counseling center was renovated over Winter Break. This includes a new office for a graduate intern and an observation booth for testing. Mr. Gressman has begun his spring programming.

The Multicultural Center has a spring schedule of shuttle service/outings for international students who have no transportation. The chair suggested that this service be for all students if it is an offering of the Multicultural Center. I-20's are being issued out of Ms. Beth Carmichel's office.

The new position of minority affairs officer (Director of Minority Affairs) will be advertised in the near future. This position will be housed in the Multicultural Center and will report to Dr. Jones.

Career Services has expanded hours by staying open until 7 p.m. They are publishing a new monthly newsletter, which is also on the Web, and holding a contest for the students to name this newsletter. The counseling center is also extending its hours

Monday through Thursday by making the last appointment begin at 5 p.m., to accommodate graduate and evening students.

Renovations of Student Health Services are underway. The chair of this committee, Ms. Cherry Beasley, has left SHS and taken the fulltime faculty position in Nursing. Southeastern Medical Center is providing personnel to enable 24-hour coverage of the health center.

Miss UNCP pageant is scheduled for Jan. 30 with nine contestants. Former Miss UNCP and current Director of Alumni Relations Lorna McNeil is directing the pageant.

Homecoming events are scheduled for Feb. 16 – 22.

6. Report from Student Government Association—Mr. Brandon Davis, President

Student forum will continue for spring semester, with the first one scheduled for Wed., Feb. 5 at 10 a.m. in the UC Lounge. SGA is trying to increase participation by students because university administrators are taking the time to appear at these events to answer all student questions.

The first Campus NightWatch walk of spring semester is scheduled for Mon. Jan. 27 and will include members of SGA's Student Issues Committee and SGA officers. The purpose of the walk is to check out dark areas and other potential safety issues of the campus. Invited are Chancellor Meadors, Student Affairs—Dean Swiney usually comes-, Chief Helton and Officer Arthur Hearn of the campus police.

The Association of Student Governments in the UNC system meets once a month and has scheduled a "Students Day at the Capital" for Feb. 3. Charter buses will take students from UNCP to Raleigh to meet state legislators. Ms. Beasley suggested that SGA get the verbal support of the Chancellor and Provost for any absences this causes for student participants.

SGA will show some movies featuring the actor James Earl Jones in advance of his visit as part of the Distinguished Speaker Series.

SGA is working on pep rally and spirit activities. Ms. Edkins suggested that SGA's Spirit Committee be represented at the next meeting of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee because they have been discussing the problem of "dead" basketball games. Homecoming Parade is scheduled for 3:45 p.m. Thursday of Homecoming Week, beginning at Pembroke Elementary School; slam dunk contest; and wrestling demonstration by that team at 7:30 p.m. Friday: semi-formal dance; Saturday: comedian/actor D.L. Hughley.

Three at-large student senate seats have become available due to senators having to quit for various reasons. Students may apply now to complete one of these terms.

SGA has given its Finance Committee more responsibility by setting up a procedure whereby clubs can apply for up to \$500 of funding per year, from a total pot of \$3,000.

7. Report from Givens Performing Arts Center—Ms. Patricia Fields

GPAC really needs a student representative to fill a vacancy on the Programming Board.

Tickets for *Rent* are selling well and the show has stirred a lot of student interest. Students are already familiar with the soundtrack. No complaints have been received regarding the adult themes and adult language of this long-running Broadway musical.

Ms. Fields recently returned from a conference in New York regarding fundraising for GPAC-type of venues. GPAC is open to suggestions for getting students

more involved in their programming and activities. Currently, school-produced plays are enjoying an increase of successful cold auditions by non-theatre students.

The infrastructure committee for the new campus main entrance has been meeting; this entrance will be down by GPAC and is likely to include a better engineered drive-thru and drop-off for buses and handicapped passengers.

The planning and programming committees will meet soon. The number of Broadway shows is expected to be reduced to six from seven, and the Nostalgia series will probably be reduced to three shows.

8. New Business—none

9. Old Business

Mr. Canida met with the editor of *The Pine Needle* in December to discuss a possible feature on the library's cell phone policy, because despite the signs, students are in violation. *The Pine Needle* expects to mention the cell phone policy in the Feb. 6 issue.

Ms. Beth Nichols, of SGA's Constitution Committee, circulated a working document of a potential grievance policy/procedure for UNCP, based on procedures and wording of UNCC, UNCCH, and NC State grievance documents. This policy/procedure would be for students who have certain types of grievances against any employee of the university. The document is currently circulating among SGA and a draft is expected in time for the March meeting of the Faculty Senate, and a draft would be provided to the university attorney prior to that. This committee provided some comment on the wording and stages of the current draft. Dr. Litty, who is Faculty Conciliator this year, stressed the value of a grievance procedure to accommodate conflicts and incidents that are not properly addressed by the grade appeal process.

Discussion of a written complaint about the continued existence of a Miss UNCP pageant was tabled for a second time. The committee would like to hear from the faculty complainant in person at the April meeting and from any students that the faculty member says she is also representing.

10. Adjournment 5 p.m.