

**The University of North Carolina at Pembroke
Student Affairs and Campus Life Committee**

**Monday, September 20, 2004
3:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Cynthia Saylor, Dr. Lisa Kelly, John Antoine Labadie, Patricia Fields, Cammie Hunt, Dr. Diane Jones, Maya Budihardjo, Dr. Michael Spivey, Michael Alewine, Siporia Wrighten

Members Absent: Blake Tyner, Vanessa Jones, Shikia Swatson

Guest: Dr. Lisa Schaeffer

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Labadie. Dr. Labadie took a moment to welcome the committee, give a brief overview of the goals of the committee and to review the agenda.

Dr. Diane Jones then took the floor to give the committee a report on the happenings of Student Affairs. Dr. Jones noted that the Fall 2004 enrollment numbers were over 5,000, due largely to returning students. She went on to say that Graduate Studies enrollment number was over 500. The University is also experiencing the highest enrollment for on campus housing in its history. Although not at capacity, Dr. Jones explained that this was positive, as it gives options should housing conflicts arise. It was reported that the Fall '04 opening was the smoothest ever. This can be attributed to the extended four (4) day move-in, the increased number of volunteers and the installation of air-conditioners in both the Belk and North Hall lobbies.

Dr. Jones then updated the committee on the new University Center Annex. She explained that this would be a multi purpose facility and that many of the current Student Affairs and Student Activities related offices would be moving into this facility. She expressed concerns that this project, along with most others on campus, is coming in over bid. She stated that the options as they now appear are to either identify additional funds or to leave the 2nd floor of the Annex an open shell.

Dr. Jones next talked about the issue of retention. She stated that this is a concern of not only Student Affairs but also the campus as a whole. She explained that there is a committee in place to look at 90-Day retention and ways to engage students and connect with them.

Next, Dr. Jones addressed the issue of Pembroke Day. At this time, there is not a rescheduled date. The original date had to be postponed due to campus flooding. This led into a general discussion on the campus-flooding problem. Dr. Jones reported that University and town of Pembroke officials, NC Department of Transportation and the Corp of Engineers have met and are working together to correct this problem. She went on to say that during recent flooding, UNCP received a visit from the Health Department. Department officials determined that UNCP was doing everything possible to ensure the safety of the students, faculty and staff. A question was then posed regarding property damage to vehicles and liability. Dr. Jones stated that any property damage issues should be handled through the individuals auto insurance.

Dr. Jones then brought the committee up to date on community growth. The land for Wal-Mart is in the process of being cleared. McDonalds has been confirmed and will be locating beside the Huddle House. Plans are moving forward for a hotel on the west side of town, possibly a Hampton Inn. Based on the outcome of the January vote on local liquor by the drink, there is possibility a steakhouse that will locate near the hotel.

Next, the issue of student fees was discussed. Dr. Jones explained that the fee committee is now on a two-year schedule with fees. She went on to say that UNCP has a high representation of students on the fee committee. More updates will be given at the October meeting.

Dr. Jones' list of updates then moved to the proposed football program. She reported that based on student surveys, there is an overwhelming interest in a football program. There will be a 2nd part to this survey which will ask students how much they are willing to pay to have football at UNCP. Dr. Jones explained that initial projections say that an increase in fees of \$50-\$80 per student per semester would cover the program. It is expected that fees will be collected for 3-4 years before the team actually becomes a reality and that those students who have paid the fee in years that the team was being developed, will receive compensation in the form of tickets. There was general discussion among committee members on such issues as solicitation of sponsors for this program, how a team would affect the conference UNCP is currently in, what other sports must be added if and when the University changes conferences, scholarship opportunities, how similar programs have impacted other universities and is it football or nothing with this proposed new money. Dr. Jones followed up by saying that all of these are very valid points. She noted that a consultant was being brought in to study this issue and that it is important to get all of these questions on the table.

Next on the agenda was the development of an on-campus or campus supported daycare center. Dr. Lisa Kelly brought the committee up to date on this item. She reported that she and Dr. Labadie had visited with Tony Norman at COMtech. regarding the possibility of a daycare center located at their site. Dr. Kelly noted that there was concern from all UNCP delegates, especially Dr. Meadors over the fact that Mr. Norman and a private investor would be asking UNCP to guarantee the number of children that UNCP faculty, staff and students would be placing at the daycare. At this time, the childcare subcommittee plans to visit other campuses in NC who host similar daycares (UNCG and FSU) to see how they operate. Dr. Kelly went on to say that the subcommittee is still looking at preparing a needs assessment before moving forward. Dr. Labadie closed this discussion by saying that this is not an easy issue to resolve. There are many components that must be considered and it will take time.

One final item of major concern was the crossbar at the railroad tracks at the main entrance to campus. There was another accident during the summer at this location. It has been determined that the increased number of accidents make this a critical needs issue. Cindy Saylor agreed to contact Campus Police to see what needs to be done to get this issue resolved.

Other general items on the agenda were as follows:

- Fall make-up days – it was determined that if no additional days are missed, no make-ups will be necessary.
- Requests from students for a copy center such as Kinko's. This issue was tabled until more information could be collected.
- Concerns over computer, Internet, blackboard and access in general on campus. It was noted that the library will soon have 20 high-end laptops but this will only make a dent in the problem. The biggest issue seems to be with bandwidth. This issue was tabled until more information could be gathered.
- The next meeting of SACL is set for Monday, October 18, 2004 at 3:30 p.m. The location will be announced at a later time.

With no additional business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned.