

## **Student Affairs & Campus Life Committee Meeting Minutes**

Monday, September 18, 2006

James B. Chavis Center Room 233

Present: Matthew Anglin, Judy Curtis, Patricia Fields, Kevin Freeman, Marvin Jacobs, Diane Jones, Ottis Murray (chair), Cindy Saylor

Absent: Michael Alewine, Joshua Bachelor, Liliana Wendorff, Robert Wolf, Don Woods

### 1. Call to Order

Dr. Murray, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved.

### 4. Report from Chair

- a. Dr. Judy Curtis was elected secretary by acclamation.
- b. Dr. Murray reported the Child Chair feasibility study process, funded by Chancellor Meadors, is underway. A market survey has been completed. Online and hard copy surveys of faculty, staff and students are occurring.
  1. Dr. Jones added that the focus group response has not been strong. The online survey is getting a stronger response. She said the surveys are the essential part of the process.
  2. Ms. Fields noted a glitch in the online survey on the questions for those responding who do not have children. Dr. Jones will bring the glitch to the attention of the consultant.
  3. Dr. Curtis suggested announcing the survey on the university marquis and getting a story in The Pine Needle might encourage survey participation.
  4. Drs. Murray and Jones agreed that this process would provide a definitive answer to assessing a need for child care at UNCP.

### 5. Report from Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Dr. Diane Jones

- a. Dr. Jones thanked Dr. Murray for a second year of service as committee chair.
- b. Enrollment is up by 200 students from 5632 to 5827. FTE is up.
  1. Summer school did not have a significant rise from 439 last year to 459 this year.
  2. The number of international students grew from 59 to 81.
  3. SAT scores increased from 938 to 940.
  4. Freshman grade point average rose from 3.01 to 3.08.
  5. Out of state enrollment increased from 235 to 269. The Chancellor has made travel funds available for out-of-state recruitment.
- c. Housing is at full capacity with 20-25 at triple occupancy, six students in West Hall lounge, students in Jacobs Hall, and 43 subleases at Courtyard Apartments. Those at Courtyard are paying the campus dorm rate.
  1. It is anticipated the problem will be alleviated somewhat by January.
  2. There will not be a housing shortage next fall because Oak Hall dormitory will be online as well as additional off campus apartments in The Place and in Pembroke Pointe.
  3. The additional beds next year will accommodate single room housing in North and Belk Halls. Eventually, Wellons and West Halls will be taken off line permanently and, ideally, a new dorm built on the site occupied by West Hall.
  4. The committee expressed interest in touring the housing again this year.
- d. Sara Jahansouz has been hired as Director of Greek Life.
  1. She will emphasize a model of value among Greek Life. Education is needed to overcome a culture of hazing on this campus.
  2. The Village apartments have been designated for Greek housing and six organizations are housed there.

3. The Greek lettering on dormitories needs to be more attractive and consistent with other signage. Student Affairs will work with Greek Life to explore options to replacing letters on residence halls.
- e. Campus Connections is a Student Affairs newsletter for parents. The fall-spring Activities Calendar is available.
- f. The safety issue on Route 711 was discussed at the Executive Staff Retreat. The Town of Pembroke, UNCP, and the Department of Transportation have been meeting to determine how to create a safer situation.
  1. There have been 44 accidents in front of McDonald's since it has been open.
  2. The Board of Trustees in August approved a Department of Transportation plan to eliminate the UNCP south entrance opening. The exit for parking in front of Old Main would exit to the street between Huddle House and McDonald's. The library exit would become a pedestrian crossing. A light would be added at University Drive.
- g. The University Annex will be online in Fall 2007. The housing department will be relocated there.
- h. Students are requesting more informal seating areas.
  1. The southwest end of Sodexho, the side of the library nearest the dorms, and around the flag pole were suggestions.
  2. Marvin Jacobs noted that Greeks would like to have areas where they can congregate as a group, referred to as "plots" at other campuses.
- i. Concerns raised by the SGA safety walk will be addressed with Larry Freeman of physical plant. A key concern is adequate lighting around construction sites.
- j. Who's Who nominations are due November 15. This is a way to recognize student achievement.
- k. Ms. Fields reported on the upcoming season at GPAC. The kickoff event was Nancy Grace.
  1. Dr. Jones offered the committee a choice of Diner's Club events as her guest.
  2. The deans also have been offered blocks of tickets for departments to be able to attend following a dean's reception.

#### 6. Reports from Subcommittees

Dr. Murray will obtain a report from the teaching awards committee for the next meeting.

#### 7. Old Business

There was no old business.

#### 8. New Business

- a. Ms. Saylor raised a question of golf cart safety with increased pedestrian traffic and also where the carts congregate when parked. Dr. Jones will ask for a report on golf carts.
- b. Ms. Saylor raised a point about the need for education about the water feature. Recently, the ecology of the water feature has been disturbed resulting in the death of fish and danger to the other inhabitants such as turtles and frogs. Ms. Saylor agreed to contact the Biology Department to see if someone is interested in adopting the water feature as a project to better educate the campus community about its importance to the environment.

#### 9. Announcements

- a. Mr. Jacobs announced Harmony Walk.
  1. He complimented student Rafael Torres for putting together the Sept. 11 memorial event.

#### 10. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Judy Curtis, Secretary