

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

Monday, April 16, 2007

James B. Chavis Center Room 251

Present: Michael Alewine, Judy Curtis, Kevin Freeman, Diane Jones, Lisa Kelly (ex-officio), Ottis Murray (chair), Tasha Oxendine (representing Patricia Fields), Cindy Saylor, Robert Wolf

Absent: Matthew Anglin, Martin Cooper (SGA Representative), Maleka Lipscomb (representing SGA President Marvin Jacobs), Liliana Wendorff, Don Woods

Visitor: Student Keosha Hunt

### 1. Call to Order

Dr. Murray, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the March 19, 2007, meeting were approved.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved.

### 4. Report from Chair

The chair had no formal report

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

- a. The university has been reviewing what we need to do as an institution in light of the tragic shootings at Virginia Tech April 16. They have been in conversation with the campus police and with counseling services. A forum for students, faculty and staff where questions can be answered has been announced via listservs for April 17 to let students know the campus is safe and to make counseling available. She acknowledged it's been a devastating experience for that institution.
- b. A successful Family Day was held where students, faculty, and staff participated in a number of activities, such as caricature artist, inflatable driving range, face paint, video games, and free bowling, among other things. Lunch was provided. A football practice occurred on Saturday. The event originally was started as a way for nontraditional students to bring their spouses and children to get them involved with the university. This Family Day had the largest attendance ever.
- c. The current Miss UNCP and two former Miss UNCPs will compete in the Miss North Carolina pageant. A weekend event in Raleigh is upcoming where the Miss North Carolina contestants will meet one another.
- d. The University Annex will be completed about the time that school begins and they will take possession around the end of August to September 1. The project originally was thought to be around \$2 million short, but additional money has been provided by General Administration so some cuts that were made may be able to be put back in, such as petitions and security cameras. The ground floor will feature one large, quiet room that can accommodate 500-600 people.
- e. The capital project request to General Administration for a new Residence Hall may fall from the Number 1 position to the Number 2 position behind a facility for Allied Health. A Physical Therapy program would be part of Allied Health, but that program has yet to be approved. The additional residence hall would have made it possible to address some of the problems with Wellons and West Halls. The Chancellor will determine which of the two projects takes the Number 1 position.
- f. Admissions numbers are growing and are higher than last year at this time. If the student population keeps growing, the ability of food service to service the numbers may become an issue. Oxendine Building and the Bookstore have limited food service concepts; something similar may be added to Lowry. Something is needed on north campus to service the new classroom building and the Village Apartments. If the Allied Health facility is built on the north side

of Lumbee Hall, an expanded food service concept may be added to that building. More information will be known to the committee by fall.

- g. Greek Life has improved since its new Director Sara Jahansouz was hired last fall. That office is addressing drinking and hazing issues. One fraternity already had been disbanded this year. A second fraternity has also lost its charter for severe hazing, including beating and branding and excessive alcohol chugging. The Office of Greek Life is being aggressive in pursuing reports. New Greek organizations are coming online. Student engagement is one way to combat our low retention rate. New Greek organizations are coming online with a culture that does not include hazing.
- h. Dwight Humphrey from New Bern, N.C., won the Student Government Election for President. Installation of new officers, as well as recognition of RAs, RDs, and service learning, will take place next week. The Who's Who Brunch recognition ceremony took place April 11. Dr. Jones expressed appreciation to Dr. Judy Curtis, secretary, for assisting her with that event.
- i. New off-campus apartment complexes, the Place and the Commons, will be online next fall. UNCP housing is looking at their weekly numbers and has more signed up for on campus housing than at the same time last year. They are again encouraging Greeks to go to the Village Apartments where they can be housed together. The Village Apartments have six students to a suite, two to a bedroom, with three bedrooms and a large living area. Once the indebtedness has decreased in the long term, the university can look at making them three private rooms, each with its own bath, housing three instead of six students.
- j. Upper classmen, Honors College, and Teaching Fellows will have priority for housing in the new dormitory, Oak Hall. This will help establish learning communities. Building a sense of community is another way of engaging students to help with retention.
- k. Plans are moving forward to design a new 24-hour lab, combining the former U.C. lab and Lowry Building lab, into one 24-hour lab downstairs in the University Center.

#### 6. Reports from Subcommittees

- a. Dr. Murray announced the report on the UNC-Pembroke Child Care Needs Assessment has been received by the Ad hoc Committee on Child Care. A copy is on reserve at the library. They are trying to get an electronic version that can be put on the website. A one-page summary was distributed to the committee and also will go before the Faculty Senate.
- b. Dr. Murray thanked Dr. Lisa Kelly for her work over several years on this project. Dr. Zoe Locklear and Dr. Karen Stanley also were instrumental.
- c. Dr. Murray summarized the findings. There is a need. However, it is not economically feasible, or politically feasible, for the university to do it alone. Economically, the facility needs to be state of the art. Politically, the university needs to be sensitive to the local daycare association, which opposed the university going it alone. The current thinking is that a summit is needed of interested parties to come up with ways the university can partner better with the existing facilities in the area. The School of Education and Student Affairs would be interested parties on behalf of the university and would meet with the local providers. A half-day summit this summer to address the campus community needs and how those could be met through existing providers is proposed. The university will explore what it can do in partnership with the local community. At Dr. Murray's request, Dr. Linda Little, Director of the Center for Sponsored Research, is looking into grant possibilities. Foundations might be approached to provide money. Dr. Kelly recognized Dr. Jones' contribution to the project.

#### 7. Old Business

There was no old business.

#### 8. New Business

- a. Ms. Tasha Oxendine, for Ms. Patricia Fields, reported on the Marshall Program. April 25 is the cut off for applications. April 26, GPAC will review applications. April 27-30 the SACL committee will review applications online. By April 30, the Marshalls will be contacted. Dr. Murray clarified that applications will be sent to the committee via e-mail. If no objections are found, they will be approved.

- b. The May 3 Urban Cowboy show is the last in the series. Although shows and acts for next season are still being negotiated, some possibilities are the Gatlin Brothers, Rent Live, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, and Tribute to the Beatles.

9. Announcements

- a. Dr. Jones expressed appreciation for everyone's service on the committee. She gave a special thanks to Dr. Judy Curtis, secretary.
- b. Ms. Saylor announced she has been asked to be Chair of the committee next year. She asked Dr. Curtis to be secretary next year.

10. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Judy Curtis, Secretary