

STUDENT AFFAIRS & CAMPUS LIFE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2011 Room 233 University Center, 3:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Present – Jamie Litty, Nathan Phillippi, Diane Jones, GPAC (Tasha Oxendine), SGA (Brian McCormick), Baxter Williams, Melanie Hoy, Lee Stocks

Excused Absence – Judy Curtis

Absent – Yanissa Perez de Leon, Sarah Lineberger, Kevin McLean

I. Meeting called to order at 3:31 p.m.

Dr Litty – Asked if any action items were foreseen for potential meeting next Monday.

None were foreseen.

II. Reports

Student Affairs

A new financial aid director was hired. One point of concern was the physical layout of the financial aid office to accommodate students. A space allocation committee is being developed to look at areas we need additional space to serve students. It was noted that it would make more sense for student services offices to be at the second floor of Lumbee Hall.

The physical plant was brought in to the discussion in order to look at the square footage that will allow the best arrangements for office space. Currently there are two offices on either side for students to enter for financial aid. This causes some confusion and the possibility of having a central reception area is being looked at to increase the flow of students.

An issue with the Office of Civil Rights in regards to quantity of handicap parking was raised. Student Affairs has been looking at current regulations regarding this concern. A campus-wide assessment has been done and the report on it will soon be given to the OCR Office.

Emergency operations on campus is hiring for a new position. A consulting company is being brought in to help determine the best applicant for the job. They will be setting up emergency simulations in which the current candidates will be evaluated based on their ability to respond in real time.

A chef candidate was interviewed this week for Sodexo banquets and special occasions. He will also evaluate meal plans and plan special events. The primary purpose of the chef will be to increase student satisfaction of the dining experience on campus.

Graduate commencement will be at 7:00 o'clock in GPAC on Friday, May 6.

Insurance costs are going to increase for students in the coming year. Fees are going to go up from \$255.50 per semester to \$439 per semester; this represents an increase of \$167 per semester. Costs are being increased because our school had higher unanticipated usage. Under consideration is the removal of the vision plan because so few students have used this benefit. A zero dollar deductible will still be sought for next year's plan.

It was noted that faculty members are asked to accommodate, if possible, students who chose not to attend class due to perceived hazardous weather conditions.

The new residence hall is on target for completion. A tour is scheduled for the next meeting.

Givens Performing Arts Center

Tasha Oxendine mentioned the annual fundraiser and listed some upcoming shows.

Student Government Association

SGA elections are currently underway. Election campaigning began on March 20th. Sophomore candidates will be competing for the senator position. For junior, senior, graduate, and executive board positions, there were not enough candidates to have opponents in the races. Unofficial results on elections will be available on April 1st. Brian McCormick and Kim Nguyen are expected to be President-elect and Vice President-elect, respectively, having run unopposed.

III. New Business

None

IV. Old Business

Dr. Jones said that a place is being sought on campus where students have a friendly social environment to interact. She asked that if anyone had suggestions of ideal locations to let her know.

V. Announcements

None

Meeting adjourned at 4:17.