

Student Affairs Committee
Report on the 2007 Fall Semester as of 13 November, 2007

The committee on Student Affairs has had two meetings so far this semester (one on September 10, the other on October 30). The first meeting was to discuss what roles the Committee would have in the 2007-2008 academic year. It was decided that a better means of communication was needed between Students and Committee Members. It was proposed that "The U" be used to tell Students of ways to air grievances and concerns to the Student Affairs committee. In doing so, the Student Affairs Committee will be enabled to better serve the student body. A member of "The U" has been asked to come and speak with the Committee, and the Committee is still awaiting a response.

The Student Affairs committee also felt that the applications to become a student organization are sketchy, incoherent, and troublesome to decipher. The committee felt that a review of the "intent to organize" applications for new organizations at UMSL needed to be re-viewed by the Committee and also Student Life. Student Life has since been working on ways to make the applications easier to submit and form, and will present its finding to the Committee at a later date.

The Committee reviewed many complaints about transportation on campus, and deemed it necessary that a representative from the "Center for Transportation Services" come and speak to the Committee regarding their current work on transportation scheduling on the University Campus. The Center currently has a project, headed by both students and professors, that is looking into the transportation problem. A member from this project has been asked to come and speak, and the committee is still waiting for a reply.

At the second meeting of the Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Angela Coker resigned as Co-Chair and was replaced by Dr. Charles Granger. Co-Chair Johnathan Eftink still holds his position.

The Committee has also recognized the following organizations:

the American Association of University Women
the Graduate Writers Association
the Hellenic Student Association

The Committee is considering the following organizations for recognition, but more information by these organizations is needed:

Graduate Student Association
Students of Service