

Senate Student Affairs Committee
2006/2007 End of Year Report

The Student Affairs Committee is comprised of the following members;
Faculty: Susan Catapano, Peggy Lambing, Charles Granger, and Mary Kay Wolf
Students; Ann Chisholm, Mark Bacon, Kelcy Siddall, and Paula Rother

Ex Officio members; Vice Provost Curt Coonrod, Vice Chancellor Reinhard Schuster, and SGA President Nick Koechig

Co chairs:
Ann Chisholm
Mary Kay Wolf

The Committee recommended the following organizations for approval during the past year:
Voices for Gender Equality
Mu Tau Rho Society
African-American Leadership Council*
Pan-American Association (from inactive status to active)
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia
Campus Life**
Colleges Against Cancer***

Organizations that were denied approval:
Red and Gold Rush
Verstchen
Student Athlete Advisory Committee

- * Requested name change/Black Leadership Organizing Council
- ** Provisional recommendation/with name change to avoid confusion with Student Life
- *** Provisional recommendation to Student Life for their review

Some issues that the committee agreed to address:

1. Vice-Provost of Student Affairs, Curt Coonrod, explained the new process for recognizing student organizations on campus. It will be the charge of this committee to review the applications for recognition, as in the past, with one distinction. We are now asked “to recommend,” or “deny recommendation” for approval of any new organization. Those recommendations will then be forwarded to Student Life for formal recognition. The decision to change the procedure was made so that all four campuses will follow the same procedures. The Vice-Provost also announced that our committee could be called upon to hear an appeal by an organization regarding a disciplinary action taken against it. This appeal would only take place if the organization wanted to pursue this action.
2. The committee was advised of the proposed increase in student fees for the 2007-2008 academic school year by Vice-Provost of Student Affairs, Curt Coonrod. There was a

proposed \$2.00 a credit hour increase in the Student Activity fee. This increase would enable the University Program Board to expand their services to the entire student body, allow more funding for the student organizations, allow the Student Life office to improve some of the computer and equipment services, and, perhaps, permit the initiation of legal services to students on campus. This proposal was introduced to the SGA and was passed. Our committee, after consulting with a number of students, voted against the increase and recommended that \$1.00 per credit hour increase would cause less stress for the student body, especially for those students who are not active on campus.

3. A list of student concerns was gathered and prioritized. Some that the committee agreed to address were as follows:
 - Communications on campus are poor, and a method of communicating with, and hearing those questions and concerns by the students Student Affairs Committee is sorely needed.
 - Maps and signage around campus are outdated and confusing, and need to be addressed.
 - Students desire to be made aware of community service events and opportunities to participate.
 - Parking and safety issues were identified by the students as a problem.
 - Food Service, including its expense and quality of selection, was a concern. The students also requested food to be available at other sites around campus, including South campus.
4. In an attempt to improve the communications between the students and the university a column was initiated in "The Current," the school newspaper. Entitled "Did U Know?" it was begun at the end of March 2007. Eventually there will be a link students will be able to access to ask questions or state their concerns that will then be answered by the Student Affairs committee via the column, or forwarded on to the right parties to address. At this time the committee poses a question and the following week presents the answer. An additional suggestion was made to contact the student radio station "The U," to see if they would run messages or announcements on the plasma screens. The hope is that this process will continue and be expanded in the following year. Emails to the student body might also be of assistance.
5. A five-year review report of the Committee on Student Affairs was conducted and presented to the chair of the Faculty Senate/University Assembly for review on January 31, 2007.
6. Committee members discussed the issue of parking and safety on campus, including the shuttle service provided. There have been many complaints about the shuttle's inefficiency. The committee co-chair, Ann Chisholm, contacted Chief Roessler regarding the issue of signage and maps, and shuttle service, etc. He attended the committee meetings in March and April and offered insights, such as budget constraints. It was suggested that perhaps there could be a shuttle that would deliver express service to South Campus, at the Provincial House, and to North Campus, at the MSC, and would

provide faster direct service for those who simply needed a way to get to the other side of campus quickly. The committee would like to see this issue pursued by next year's committee.

Respectfully submitted;

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