

STUDENT AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES

April 5, 2012

Present: Dan Burcham, Mike Cairns, Matt Chaney, Sara Dew, Renee Douglas, Elise Gramza, Kathy lake, Kristin Norton, Kristen Salomonson, Mark Schuelke, Linda Telfer, Cindi VanderSloot (for Cindy Horn), Alli Witucki and Leroy Wright.

Absent: Cindy Horn and Angie Roman.

Guests: Kia Hunter and Charisse Welborn.

Rec Center Hours

Cindi VanderSloot reported that the hours for the Rec Center are posted including summer hours. She noted that the last day of spring hours will be April 29th. The week after classes end, the facility will be closed but offices will remain open with summer hours beginning on May 20th.

IT Report

Dan Burcham sent a note to Jerry Scoby indicating that we support the IT plan and remarked that it was a very complex and comprehensive plan (copy of plan e-mailed to the directors previously). Dan also indicated that this plan will take care of the FerrisConnect issue with which we have struggled.

Rate Schedule

Dan Burcham reminded the group that it is time to review the rate schedule and a due date of April 27th is set for anyone needing to changes their rates. Jackie Warner had sent a note to everyone involved on April 3rd.

NCHA Report

Renee Douglas distributed an Executive Summary of the American College Health Association (ACHA) and National College Health Assessment (NCHA) II survey. She provided a brief overview of some of the highlights for the Counseling Center and Birkam Health Center (see below).

1. Ferris students are not as healthy as the national average.
2. Ferris students are not getting vaccinated as much as the national average.
3. Ferris female students are receiving gynecological exams above the national average.
4. The following factors are above the national average and impacting Ferris students' academic success
 - a. Anxiety
 - b. Cold/flu/sore throat
 - c. Sleep difficulties
 - d. Stress

Renee indicated that this survey assists them in determining where the education is needed and also assists them in writing the Biennial Review Report. Below are some questions that the directors asked:

1. Is our Social Norming campaign working compared to previous years' statistics?
2. What percentage of students answered the questions?

GEAR-UP Program

Kia Hunter explained that the GEAR-UP program is a pre-college program which began in 2006 to gain early awareness for students beginning in 7th grade. Ferris services six different middle schools (Big Rapids, Morley Stanwood, Muskegon Heights, Bunker, Steele and Baldwin) totaling 726 students of which 304 students are active in GEAR UP. It has two grants that are running concurrently. As of April 1, 2012, 64 students have been accepted to Ferris out of the 128 active students. Kia also noted that the State will adopt Ferris' database system for the other institutions with GEAR UP programs.

Kia indicated that for the first five months of the program this year, 726 students were eligible and 304 (56%) are active in the program. The State indicated that only 10% should be active. She also noted that these same students will be on campus for College Day programs and STEM summer camp. Six individuals received GEAR-UP scholarships this year and two were from Ferris. Krissy Workman has hosted three financial aid nights in three different locations.

Also noted was the fact that the State gave Ferris glowing remarks after an audit and has used us as a model for other institutions. The auditor meant with Mike Cairns and very enthusiastically praised Kia and the program for doing such a good job. (Matt will submit this for "Good News.")

VISTA Program

Charisse Welborn addressed the directors and indicated that her position is actually funded through the State. Four universities have this position and they are: Ferris, Central, U of M/Flint, U of M/Dearborn. Charisse explained that she currently has seven College Positive Volunteers (CPV) trained by VISTA and there will be 27 more trained next week. These mentors are required to go through the Michigan Compact training and need to be "good" mentors for the students. The mentors promote the idea of attending college and assist them in understanding that college is attainable.

Kia announced that there will be a "pass the torch" ceremony on May 18 for the last cohort of seniors.

Dan noted that Ferris would be working with Union High School in Grand Rapids also.

Leroy Wright asked that Kia Hunter mention the Ferris Youth Initiative to any foster youth that she is working with also.

Announcements

Leroy Wright

- Completed 37 interviews for orientation leaders and have narrowed it down to 22 with eight students returning.
- Have selected two team leaders – Andrew and Michelle.

Matt Chaney

- Working on the end-of-the-year events.

Alli Witucki

- In the process of selecting the e-board for EU.
- April 12th comedian has cancelled.
- Five-Star judges needed on April 18, 19,20 to judge 5-star binders in Rankin.
- Upcoming events:
 - Greek Week
 - The Big Event
 - Torchbearers' Awards
 - Ferris Fest

Renee Douglas

- The nurses are looking at discrepancies in access in health care for Black/African American students.
- Will be using students more in the health center.
- Interviewing interns for next year (Masters in Counseling Center and BSW senior).

Mark Schuelke

- Board of Trustees has approved \$300,000 in planning money to move the University Center forward.
- Masselink and Carlisle halls were supposed to be torn down this summer and that will not happen now.

Kathy Lake

- Hosted the last general Dawg Day this past Saturday with 183 attending.
- One more Dawg Day left which is a Junior Dawg Day and that is filled to capacity.
- Had 27 applicants for the Hispanic recruiter position; however, only two met the minimum requirements.
- Will be assisting with searches for the Associate Vice President position in HR and the Student Affairs Operations Analyst position.

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Kristen Salomonson

- Summer enrollment is down approximately 300 students.
- Fall admits are up 500 and there is an increase in orientation sign-ups.

Elise Gramza

- The second Thursday of early registration went really well this year as previously years the system crashed.

Sara Dew

- Effective July 1, graduate student loans will be unsubsidized at 6.8%
- Undergraduate loans used to be 3.4 and they will be going to 6.8%.
- There will not be an interest grace period of six months anymore.
- The Pell Grant maximum is 12 semesters. There is a calculation used if students is $\frac{1}{2}$ time or $\frac{3}{4}$ time.
- Perkins Loans will remain the same
- Continuing with the summer awarding process as it is a manual process.
- Financial Aid has a facebook page.

Dan Burcham

- The Big Event is next weekend.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Telfer
Executive Secretary to the
Vice President for Student Affairs