

STUDENT AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES

August 6, 2009

Present: Dan Burcham, Mike Cairns, Jo Gerst, Cindy Horn, Kathy Lake, Kristin Norton, Angie Roman, Kristen Salomonson, Mark Schuelke, Paul Sullivan, Linda Telfer, Rob Wirt, and Leroy Wright.

Guests: Fred Heck and Angie Knoertzer

Introduction of Intern

Cindy Horn introduced her intern, Angie Knoertzer, who will be working with University Recreation through December.

General Education

Fred Heck gave a brief overview of the basic elements of the General Education Program. He explained that the General Education Program underwent an Academic Program Review in 2008. The General Education Program enables students to have a well-rounded education so that they can communicate effectively, are contributing citizens, have ability for life-long learning, and have quantitative skills also. He explained that there are no specific courses that provides life-long learning skills.

Fred explained that about 1/3 of the classes taken for a bachelor's degree are general education classes and produces approximately \$5 million dollars for the University. Fred explained that Student Affairs assists with the life-long learning piece and can assist with the general education outcomes.

Further discussion pursued regarding the fact that students need to start building their resume as soon as they get to Ferris. It was suggested that Fred be invited to a Student Government meeting to discuss the General Education program.

Youth Empowerment Day

Angie Roman indicated that the Michigan Works Youth Empowerment Day was held on July 30, 2009. She indicated that her committee was wonderful and very task oriented and encouraged the directors to do more things with Michigan Works. Angie noted that 120 students participated in the Youth Empowerment Day and that the average age was 17-20. She explained that many things were discussed with the students including the TIPS program and the students were very responsive to the events that were planned for them.

Announcements

Mike Cairns announced that:

- Deb Sweet is heading up First Impressions.
- A review of the procedures for Greek life student conduct issues is being reviewed.
- Works continues on HLC.
- Nominations are being sought for the Student Affairs Faculty/Staff Appreciation Lunch. (Please send 1-2 names from each department to Linda.) Mike stressed the importance of talking to your nominees once this event gets closer.
- Kristen Salomonson and he are working on assessment highlights which are due August 14.

Kristen Salomonson indicated that:

- 11 people will be involved in recruiting this year.
- Graduate Follow-Up Study is out. The State is asking for longevity of employment experiences now.
- Ferris had the highest percentage of returns at 9%.
- Enrollment looks good.

Kathy Lake reported that:

- Dawg Day Appreciation Breakfast was held yesterday.
- Kristen formed a committee to look at getting 10,000 students on campus for Fall 2010. (Kathy Lake should talk to Student Government about this initiative.)

Rob Wirt announced that:

- Bills went out last week.
- \$500,000 support money has been spent assisting over 200 students.
- 13% increase in Pell students this year. (Rob to provide TIP enrollment information for next meeting.)

Cindy Horn reported that:

- The hot tub has bubbles.
- Pool will be repaired the week before classes begin.
- Roof repair has begun.
- Student Recreation Center will be closed August 8 and 9 and August 15-29 due to tiny window of staff training available. This will result in a savings of \$7000.
- Over 100 students to train this year (50% on work-study).
- Ropes course will be very busy the week before classes.

Angie Roman noted that:

- Career Services has moved to Rankin 135.
- New recruiting system is up and running. Employers currently have access to it and students will be able to use it next week.
- Job Fair registrations are coming in with a lot of government jobs.
- Working on a Government Job Fair with CPTS to be held in Fall 2010 in Grand Rapids. Will be partnering with 14 other colleges.
- New name for NACElinks (recruiting software) is Bulldog Career Link.

Mark Schuelke announced that:

- The moves have started in Rankin Center with OMSS moving to FLITE, Career Services moving to Rankin 135, Dining Services moving to The Rock, and Mike Cairns and Sherry Hayes will be moving back to Rankin 255.
- A meeting will be held with Troy Tissue regarding SERV in Rankin Center.
- Work is progressing on Bulldog Beginnings (formally Welcome Week).
- Meeting with Cindy Horn regarding Rock'in in the Rec.
- Telephone interviews will be held with Assistant Director of Student Leadership and Activities candidates tomorrow and on-campus interviews held next week.

Kristen Norton indicated that:

- Hall Director training is almost complete and has established learning outcomes with the Hall Directors.

Paul Sullivan reported that the:

- Counseling Center has been busy this summer with three people working this summer.
- 9 month counselors will be returning on Monday.
- 9 month health center staff will be returning at the end of August.
- Will be working with off-campus locations on services.

Leroy Wright indicated that he will be:

- Giving his annual football player talk next week.
- Participating in new student orientation.
- Writing his annual letter and Fall newsletter to students.

Respectfully submitted,

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