

STUDENT AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES

January 14, 2010

Present: Dan Burcham, Mike Cairns, Jo Gerst, Cindy Horn, Kathy Lake, Kristin Norton, Kristen Salomonson, Paul Sullivan, Linda Telfer, Troy Tissue, Rob Wirt, and Alli Witucki.

Guests: Don Flickinger and Doug Haneline.

Enrollment

Kristen Salomonson reported that tonight the official 4th day count would be run but as of right now we are up 477 students total from the same time last year and up 2,200 credit hours. Kristen also noted that we are up 40 FTIACs on campus from last Spring semester. She is hopeful that next year we will start seeing students transfer from community colleges.

125th Anniversary Celebration

Dan Burcham reminded the directors that the former Presidents would be back on campus for the 125th Anniversary celebration and that Student Affairs will be hosting a lunch for them on Friday, April 23. He asked that the directors be thinking about what we could show the former Presidents in regards to what has changed since they have been here, i.e., e-recruiting.

Friends of Ferris

Dan Burcham announced that the directors can purchase their Friends of Ferris tickets from him for a price of \$50 per ticket. This event will be held on February 26. He noted that the PAC is one of the largest in Michigan and encouraged the directors to attend.

Student Affairs Complaint Policy/Procedures

Mike Cairns distributed a copy of the Counseling Center's Student Complaint Policy and Procedures. He reminded the directors that each area is to develop their own policy and procedures with a log developed and sent to Linda Telfer at the end of each Fall and Spring Semester.

HLC Update

Mike Cairns distributed an HLC Self-Study Report Update dated January 12, 2010. He noted that the report needs to go to the printer at the end of this year and that everyone will be asked to review.

Mike also indicated that Mike Cooper is no longer the co-chair of HLC and that Chris Vonderhaar has stepped in with Cheryl Cluchey replacing Chris on Criterion 3.

General Education

Doug Haneline explained that a General Education Task Force has been developed with Student Government representatives to be added next year. The goal this year was the development of the philosophy statement and to conduct town hall meetings. Doug noted that the General Education Task Force has a website. The directors were reminded that student engagement and learning outside of the classroom is very important. It was suggested that “citizen/citizenship,” “global/globalization,” and “sustainability” be incorporated into the philosophy statement as well.

Doug explained the history of the university and noted that it has only been accredited for approximately 50 years. The accreditation will be very different than what has been done previously in that the accreditation team will want to know what our students are learning, how we know what they are learning, what are we doing with the information, and what are we doing to improve student learning.

The directors were encouraged to send any other comments or thoughts to Doug Haneline.

Announcements

Dan Burcham

- Rob Wirt in Financial Aid is meeting with Academic Affairs on financial aid consortiums which is requiring Rob to do extra work.
- The large issue in President’s Council was the budget and what is occurring. The President will announce the second phase of budget cuts which have already identified for our division. Another phase of budget cuts are likely to occur.
- Distributed paper on “Why Stupid People Get Hired.” The directors were asked to read this paper.

Kristen Salomonson

- Official fourth day count is today.
- Locked and loaded IPEDs data with the exception of HR. The HR system and Kendall are two separate data sources instead of one; however, the student system is one.

Kathy Lake

- Getting ready to post CT position in Financial Aid and administrative position in Registrar’s Office.

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Troy Tissue

- January 23rd Dawg Day has over 300 people registered to attend.
- Recruiters will be deploying in February which is about two months sooner than previous years.
- Recently purchased SAT/ACT names in the states of California, New York and Florida which are part of the Great lakes Scholarship initiative.
- New Student Receptions: two in Dearborn, one in Grand Rapids, one in Traverse City and one in Big Rapids.
- Developing a white paper to educate people about Enrollment Services activities and who we are partnering with.

Jo Gerst

- Jo Gerst announced her retirement effective May 1, 2010.

Rob Wirt

- Wrapping up financial aid awarding and handling oral complaints.
- Michigan Competitive Scholarship will amount to \$510 per year which is a decrease from \$1300 in previous years.
- Met with various individuals to discuss expanding our consortium agreement with community colleges which presents some real challenges.

Paul Sullivan

- Everything going well with nothing major to report.

Cindy Horn

- On December 23 the Rec center was flooded; however, pleased to report that everything has been taken care of with the exception of some ceiling tiles. Physical Plant personnel did an amazing job.
- Building hours will be cut two hours on Friday and Sunday evenings based on usage reports.
- Shannon Leonard got married over break and her new name is Shannon Day.

Alli Witucki

- One student has reached 129 volunteer hours already with two more students over the 100 hour mark.
- OrgSync training was conducted with a focus group.
- Distributed “Things to Do” poster.

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Kristin Norton

- The four young men who were posing as Omega Psi Phi members have all suspended from the University for other issues.
- Issued her first interim suspension since Leroy has been out. Reported that Leroy Wright has some health issues. Kristen will distribute Leroy's address to the directors per their request.

Linda Telfer

- The Mecosta/Osceola Area United Way has reached \$500,000 which is \$30,000 more than their goal.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Telfer
Executive Secretary to the
Vice President for Student Affairs