

STUDENT AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES

July 12, 2012

Present: Dan Burcham, Mike Cairns, Matt Chaney, Sara Dew, Renee Vander Myde, Elise Gramza, Cindy Horn, Kathy Lake, Angie Roman, Kristen Salomonson, Mark Schuelke, Linda Telfer, and Leroy Wright.

Guests: Amber Balmer, Deanna Goldthwait, Elvira Rajala-Wilk, and Julie Stellini.

Introductions

Introductions were made for all present and the positions of the four guests were explained.

- Amber Balmer, Coordinator of Student Activities, will be over Greek Life, EU and the “fun” activities.
- Elvira Rajala-Wilk, Coordinator of Student Engagement and Activities, will work with the RSOs, Volunteer Center and assessment.
- Julia Stellini, Coordinator of Career Development, will work in Career Services with the Career Fair, Career Link, etc.
- Deanna Goldthwait, Operations Analyst, will be overseeing the Student Affairs budgets and tie the budgets into assessment and our initiatives.

Retreat

Reminder: Student Affairs Administrative Council Retreat is July 26. Dress is informal.

Enrollment

Kristen Salmonson reported that:

- We are down 83 students as of July 9 (dates do vary from year to year).
- SCH's are down 2609.
- Down in transfer students.
- Overall the University will probably be up 1% (40-50 students).
- Currently down 1% in continuing students.
- On-line is up 48 students overall.
- Up 30-40 re-admits.

Community college predictions:

- Every community college is down 8-10% with the exception of Henry Ford.

Dan indicated that he was disappointed that Timme staff would complain about the orientation parents/students “parking in their spaces.” He asked that the directors remind their staff of why we are here.

Career Initiative/Student Loan Debt

Dan indicated that we need to work on the concept that students can develop a career without developing debt. He announced that Rachel Ramsey Cruz will be speaking on campus Fall semester. He also noted that Student Affairs needs to get out in front of this and be proactive before Fall semester. Student Government will assist with this initiative. It was suggested that recent graduates be brought in that are out of debt to talk to the current students as to how they managed their debt.

Birkam Health Center

Dan announced that the Birkam Health Center will reduce one nurse's position due to low patient visits. He stressed the need to reduce their budget to establish sustainability as he will not be able to assist them anymore.

Non-Traditional/Family Activities

Dan indicated that at the secretaries retreat, Andrea Beck-Jones noted that in order to retain students with families, we need to offer more activities that are family oriented or for children of FSU students. Leroy Wright indicated that he asked Andrea to speak with Karen Greenbay as she is doing something similar. It was noted that there is a liability issue in working with minor children. Andrea was asked to also speak with her director concerning this.

Announcements

Renee Vander Myde

- 9/8 Birkam Health Center Open House for non-traditional students.

Linda Telfer

- July 18 - Operational Efficiencies are due.

Leroy Wright

- 15 candidates have applied for the Life Coach position for the Foster Youth Initiative.
- Orientation is going well.

Deanna Goldthwait

- Beginning to have meetings with the directors and be introduced to their initiatives and their budgets.

Kristin Norton

- Nick Campau will be the Interim Director of Student Conduct due to Kristin Norton's resignation.

Matt Chaney

- Working on State reporting.

Sara Dew

- Will bring updates on the WNF scholarships for 2013-14.
- Working on Residential Life Scholarships both Honors and Non-Honors.

Mark Schuelke

- Will be interviewing architectural and engineering firms on July 27 for the new University Center.
- Reviewing construction management teams and will be selecting one the first week of Fall semester.

Renee Vander Myde

- Working on marketing and public relations for the Birkam Health and Counseling Center.
- Reviewing the price for services.
- Counseling Center will be using the new health center software.
- Nancy Sage is retiring this month.

Angie Roman

- Reviewing and justifying what the Student Leadership & Activities office does.
- If the SLA office is suppose to be serving on committees, please let Angie know.

Elise Gramza

- State university Registrar's will be meeting July 27 in Traverse City.

Kristen Salomonson

- Met with Montcalm Community College last Friday regarding Reverse Transfer Agreement.

Kathy Lake

- July 27 - Summer Dawg Day with check-in around noon.
- August 12 – Bring your dog to the Dog Park (White Caps Game).

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Cindy Horn

- July 27 – Wish a Mile participants will be on-campus.
- Busy with summer camps. Kia Hunter's camps were by far the most organized and supervised.
- Discussed the Wellness Program with 544 participating.

Mike Cairns

- July 11 Pioneer had stories on Orientation.
- Currently looking for a temporary Student Life Coordinator. If you know someone who would be interested, please let Mike or Leroy know.
- Mike Hughes indicated that if your office is currently in Rankin Center, it will be back in the University Center.
- Will be searching for the Director of the Birkam Health Center/Counseling Center.

Dan Burcham

- July 17 – Orientation party at his house – 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Telfer

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Vice President for Student Affairs