

STUDENT AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES

November 12, 2009

Present: Dan Burcham, Mike Cairns, Matt Chaney, Jo Gerst, Cindy Horn, Kathy Lake, Kristen Salomonson, Mark Schuelke, Linda Telfer, Alli Witucki, and Leroy Wright.

Guest: Eric Mundt from Student Government

Student Memorial

Dan Burcham explained that during the most recent death of a student many staff felt it was appropriate to have some type of service; however, due to the culture of the student that was not appropriate. Eric Mundt from Student Government discussed with Dr. Burcham the possibility of a memorial statue or sculpture with a flag where flowers could be placed or memorial services held when students pass away. Eric explained that they did not want to place names on a statue but that it could be used as a place to accommodate the grieving process. Discussion followed on location which included the campus quad and the gas station property as well as working with the Welding Program, Plastics Program, Kendall College and/or Robert Barnum. It was suggested that other universities be contacted to see what they have done. The directors all felt that it was a good idea and Dr. Burcham indicated that Student Affairs would assist if needed. Eric indicated that he would take our ideas back to the Student Government for further review.

Enrollment

Kristen Salomonson distributed enrollment statistics and noted that total applications are down for Fall but offers are up. She noted that it looks like enrollment will be flat for Spring 2010.

Kristen also distributed information from the Daily Visit Survey analysis. The major complaint of the visitors is that it is not easy to find a parking space. She indicated that the first two rows of parking spots in Lot 37 will be reserved for visitor parking.

Kristen reminded everyone that it is recruiting season but that this year the recruiters will also be traveling in January, February and March.

Promise Grant

Dan Burcham announced that the Board has agreed to pay the Promise Scholarships and Michigan Competitive Scholarships for Fall Semester that were put on the students' bills due to the fact that the State is not fulfilling their promise. Ferris will not be able to assist with this in the Spring semester however. Financial Aid has two sessions scheduled for students who have questions. Claire Gould, President of Student Government, is organizing a rally concerning this.

TIP Update

Our TIP response is much better this year. Those not wanting to send the names have agreed to work with their students and give them the information that we sent them concerning the TIP program.

Complaint Form

Mike Cairns again distributed the Student Complaint Log Directions as well as a copy of the form that is to be used. He noted that each director is to compile their own list and that Linda will request the information at the end of each semester. He asked the directors to inform Linda if there is nothing to submit also.

Assessment of Student Learning in Student Leadership & Activities

Alli Witucki indicated that the Student Leadership & Activities student staff was asked to answer the following confidentially.

1. Please provide an example of something you have learned as a result of working for SL&A.
2. Please share what is the most frustrating and/or difficult part of your job and why?
3. Please share an idea (or ideas) you have for improving the SL&A office and/or programs/services.

Alli noted that many students mentioned that communication was important and that they learned how important it was. Jo Gerst suggested that this be given to them electronically as they may be more inclined to say more because they are more comfortable with computers.

Announcements

Mike Cairns announced that there are 528 days before HLC is on campus. He reminded all the directors that no vacations will be approved between April 18-20, 2011.

Kathy Lake noted that Paul Langdon and Sara Dew will appear on Ferris Live tonight at 10:30 p.m.

Kathy Lake indicated that Kathy Snead, Director of Servicemembers Opportunity College from Washington, D.C., was on campus for two days and spoke at the Veterans' Breakfast. She indicated that she was very impressed with Ferris.

Jo Gerst announced that registration is going fine.

Kristen Salomonson announced that next week people from Degreeworks will be on campus for implementation.

Cindy Horn announced:

- The United Way fundraiser breakfast is on Saturday, November 14 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Please e-mail either Cindy in the rec center if you would like to attend.
- The United Way Swim-a-thon is November 21 from noon to 4:00 p.m.
- University Recreation is also holding 50/50 raffles for United Way.
- “Welcome Back to Wellness” information will be distributed to staff in the near future.
- Outside intramurals are wrapping up and basketball will be beginning.

Matt Chaney indicated that the Native American events are taking place.

Alli Witucki announced that:

- The first training session for OrgSync is beginning with the pilot group beginning at the end of the semester with implementation taking place next Fall.
- EU attended a conference and booked many events.

Linda Telfer indicated that:

- The Ferris United Way Campaign is coming to a close with Ferris being at \$30,000 currently.
- Good News items are due.

Leroy Wright announced that:

- He will be doing a presentation for the Residential Life staff on professionalism.
- The White Ribbon Campaign is going well.
- Angie Roman is getting ready to be on maternity leave.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Telfer
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Vice President for Student Affairs