

# STUDENT AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

## MINUTES

March 24, 2011

**Present:** Dan Burcham, Mike Cairns, Matt Chaney, Sara Dew, Dawn Schavey, Mark Schuelke, Linda Telfer, Troy Tissue and Leroy Wright.

**Guests:** Sherry Edstrom, Don Flickinger, and Joe Ward (for Paul Sullivan).

### **Statewide/Online/International/DCCL Presentation**

Dawn Schavey, Director of Student Services/Leadership Activities, for CPTS explained the programs that report to them (Digital Animation and Game Design, Digital Media Software Engineering, Industrial Technology and Management, and the Doctorate in Community College Leadership). Dawn stressed the fact that the terminology is changing; below are some changes:

“off-campus” to “state-wide”

“campus” to “location”

“community college partner” to “local college partner”

State-wide is divided into three sections: Northern (Nancy Reddy), the Grand Rapids area (Tracy Powers), and southern area (Deb Thalner). Cheryl Cluchey is at the Big Rapids location and runs the on-line programs. They also have the Doctorate of Community College Leadership program, International Education, and Conference and Professional Services. Kendall campus is another location. CPTS students do go to the bookstore located in Kendall as well as get their FSU ID there. Dawn stressed the fact that state-wide locations do not want to compete with the Big Rapids location. She noted that most students that they assist are non-traditional students and place bound with local colleges (particularly community colleges) being the feeder schools. Their enrollment has seen an increase due to Michigan Works. Dawn also indicated that they have worked with the main campus to streamline processes and insure that they are the same. She noted that their programs are written in conjunction with the local colleges, most students can't apply until they have 48 credit hours, and Ferris can not offer courses that the local colleges offer.

Dawn announced that they make personal phone calls to all new state-wide students and each student is sent a portfolio pad which had checklist and information valuable to the new student. Ferris does have a consortium agreement with various local colleges and that state-wide students do receive financial aid. Dawn noted that one person at each location assists with registration support.

Dawn explained that they are working on initiatives to make the state-wide student feel more apart of Ferris, i.e. provided a bus trip to a football game and the Ferris bulldog has visited other locations. She also indicated that they have a disabilities services but works with the main campus Career Services, Student Conduct, FLITE, and Counseling Center. They do a lot of test proctoring because of their locations also.

The International Education department has worked hard to bring in 37 new students this Spring compared to Spring, 2010. In 2003, Ferris had 274 international students and right now they have 180. We also offer the Study Abroad program for our students to experience.

The state-wide programs have a “Hot Blitz” open house and Park Parties to market FSU. Many GRCC students attend Ferris (second to Grand Valley by seven students). They also partner with the West Michigan Hispanic Center in Grand Rapids.

Dawn spoke of the new Doctorate program being offered and indicated that future opportunities in Wayne County and program development and expansion in Lansing and Delta College. She also mentioned the Latino outreach Americorp position.

### **University Center Visioning Committee**

Dan Burcham announced that the University Center Visioning Committee has meet and will be contacting various visioning consultants to see what they can offer. Dan indicated that the difference between a University Center and Student Union needs to be discussed.

### **Administrative Employee Task Force – Student Workers**

Dan Burcham explained that meetings are being held to discuss how we can use students more efficiently and to enhance their work assignments such as a paraprofessional. He explained that the President may provide resources for this initiative.

### **Campus Community Task Force**

Dan Burcham explained that the Campus Community Task Force would be reconvening after not meeting for quite some time. He noted that it was developed to deal with the alcohol issues both on campus and in the community. After many discussions about this task force, the city officials indicated that it would be helpful to bring this task force back together with a little different membership.

### **Student Affairs Retreat**

Dan Burcham noted that the Strategic Enrollment Team mentioned that a summer retreat would be useful. It was suggested that a speaker be brought in regarding the quality of general education and how Student Affairs relates to that. The directors were asked to e-mail Linda with suggestions for the retreat.

## HLC

Mike Cairns distributed a list of the HLC team that will be visiting campus in April, the list of Significant Changes within Student Affairs, and the HLC Informal Interview: Questions for the Hallway list. He suggested that a special session be held to discuss the Hallway list. Mike also asked that the directors look at their websites to make sure that the student complaint procedures are assessable.

## Announcements

Dan Burcham reported that application numbers are excellent in all areas.

Linda Telfer reminded the directors that the “Share Your Success” session will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:30 in Rankin Center 125-127.

Leroy Wright reported that:

- The Career Fair has 120 employers registered.
- Orientation Leader interviews are next week. Contact person is Nick Campau.
- Hall Director interviews have started.

Don Flickinger:

- Asked if the messages between the Big Rapids location and the state-wide locations consistent. (This was as a result of Dawn Schavey’s prezo.)
- Academic Affairs is undertaking a project of reviewing their organization since five Deans’ positions are open.

Matt Chaney indicated that he will be representing Ferris at the Hispanic LEADS conference.

Renee Douglas announced that Angela Rose will be speaking on campus regarding sexual assault on April 13 as a result of a grant received.

Joe Ward reported that the Birkam Health Center is saving lives and stamping out disease and seeing a lot of upper respiratory symptoms and allergies as well as depression and anxiety.

Mark Schuelke

Comedian Josh Sneed, March 24, 8:00 p.m., Dome Room  
Solo Circus, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dome Room  
Turn Up The Good: Featuring The Glitch Mob, Wink, 6:30 p.m.

Sheri Edstrom will be attending the LEAD Conference on Monday.

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Troy Tissue:

Student Ambassador interviews begin next week.

Dawg Day this weekend; last Dawg Day is in April for Juniors.

Mike Cairns thanked everyone for their participation in the assessment review session.

Dan Burcham reported that Sandy Alspach is pursuing a leadership certificate through her program and Academic Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Telfer

Executive Secretary to the

Vice President for Student Affairs