

STUDENT AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES

March 22, 2012

Present: Dan Burcham, Mike Cairns, Matt Chaney, Sara Dew, Elise Gramza, Cindy Horn, Kathy lake, Kristin Norton, Angie Roman, Kristen Salomonson, Linda Telfer, and Alli Witucki.

Absent: Renee Douglas, Mark Schuelke, and Leroy Wright

Invited Guest(s) to Administrative Council

Dr. Burcham asked the directors who they would like invited to an Administrative Council meeting. Below are the suggestions:

- Officer Saunders has asked to be invited as he has taken over for Tricia Walding-Smith as the Emergency Coordinator.
- Jerry Scoby would like to talk to our division about the upcoming moves.
- Kia Hunter on the Gear Up Program
- Administrative Assistants
- Student Government Executive Board
- Fritz Erickson on the changes in Academic Affairs
- Jon Shaffer or Lisa Ortiz regarding the Residence Hall Survey
- Fred Heck for the General Education Task Force.
- Bill Potter on the Retention Work Group.
- Chamber of Commerce

If anyone has more ideas, please let Linda know.

Student Academic Progress

Sara Dew reminded everyone that the end of this semester the new SAP policy will hit. She would like to visit the Deans' Council to see if they are all set with the students reporting to their office and how they are going to handle it. There is a very small timeframe between Spring semester and summer sessions to get everything done. Financial Aid has been proactive by sending out e-mails informing the students what needs to be done. Approximately 1600 students will be effected by this.

Title IX Update

Mike Cairns reported that a work group has been working on a list of recommendations to avoid an event like at Penn State (sexual assault). We are trying to protect our students by doing this. Kristin Norton noted that Ferris really needs a Title IX Coordinator who can conduct training yearly and identify the first responders. These recommendations will go to President's Council.

Enrollment

Kristen Salomonson distributed an enrollment update for Summer and noted that the picture for summer is one of decline with 98 less students overall from last year at the same time which equates to 1513 less student credit hours on the main campus. Sara reminded everyone that there is no Pell Grant funding for this summer. The directors indicated that many of their students will not be here this summer, and if they are, they just want to work and not take classes.

Sara Dew indicated that awards for this summer will be going out yet this week or the first of next.

Kristen reported that enrollment for Fall looks solid particularly for new business on the Big Rapids campus as well as admitted students and transfers.

Pell Grants

Sara Dew reported that Fall Pell Grant awards went out last week for new students. Financial Aid is up-to-date on new students. She noted that they have received more FAFSAs earlier; however, more students are applying for financial aid and they are needier.

Summer Work Study

Sara Dew announced that they have received some money for Summer Work Study. Students will need to be enrolled in at least six credit hours. The directors were asked to let John Randle know the students who you would like to employ for summer. If the students are eligible, John will award.

The directors all agreed that many of their students will not be here this summer for classes as they all indicated that they need to work. Some other students indicated their desire to stay here and work and will not be taking classes.

Project Earth

Dan Burcham distributed a memo on Project Earth for student groups who are working on environmental projects. Alli Witucki was asked to distribute this to all RSOs that might would have environmental initiatives.

Wellness Initiative

The FSU Wellness Initiative meeting was discussed. The group felt that the meetings were more about insurance costs than a wellness program especially since there is no accountability and its on the "honor" system. There was concern expressed regarding no MESSA representation or any consideration given to the availability of the Rec Center due to student usage. Effective date for this initiative is June 1 and committee members did not know. Cindy Horn expressed her concern over her plans for the rec center and the poor timing of this initiative and lack of communication.

Apparently, the same lack of communication occurred with the changes of residency in the halls. The Communication Center started receiving calls and the information was on the website with nothing being said to Admissions or the Communication Center.

Announcements

Dan Burcham

- Attended a Generation Y presentation. He encouraged everyone to attend if another one was offered.

Angie Roman

- Career Week is next week.
- 151 employers and the Business and Technology Career Fair is sold out.
- Twelve companies will use a resume drop with 7-8 companies coming to campus in April for interviews.
- Many local companies will be attending including Wal-Mart, Meijer, and Haworth.
- March 22 – presentation by Paul Harris on tips and tricks of being employed by the FBI.

Kristin Norton

- There was a lively St. Patrick's Day.
- Dealing with a sexual assault case.
- The Student Conduct faculty survey went out and will close this Friday.

Alli Witucki

- Concert this weekend and next weekend. The "Turn Up the Good" count is at 233 with many out-of-towners expected. The Kappa Showkase is next weekend with only a few tickets sold.
- MTV Made will be coming to campus and conducting interviews on April 10. Please send any students who have an unusual talent to the Student Activities office.
- April 22 - Ferris Fest
- April 25 – Torchbearers Award Ceremony (If you know of someone who has not judged before and would be interested, please let Alli know. They can not be an advisor to a student organization.)
- Distributed a copy of "View the world Outside of the Classroom."

Matt Chaney

- Attended an “Equity in the Classroom” conference with Kia Hunter at Saginaw Valley.
- Saginaw Valley is encouraging a wellness initiative where employees work with a partner and log their exercise. The “biggest loser” for Saginaw Valley will be given \$500 each (\$1000 total).
- Suggested that Ferris visit Saginaw Valley’s Curtis Hall which is a student center connected to a conference facility.

Kathy Lake

- Dawg Day on Saturday for the College of Education and Human Services with only 20 students registered (60 with guests).
- Two new recruiters will begin on Monday: Jeff Stewart and Chase Watts.
- Eric Simone will replace Jason Daday as the Coordinator of Admissions Events and Programming.
- The Hispanic Recruiter position has been posted with only one applicant being able to speak Spanish.

Elisa Gramza

- Day 4 of Fall registration with another week to go. Everything is going well so far.

Cindy Horn

- April 2 - Easter Egg Hunt on Top Taggart Field for the K-4 population is at 6:00 p.m. and at 8:00 p.m. for the students. There will be a \$3 admission fee.
- April 8-14 - Student Appreciation Week.
- Cindi VanderSloot is collaborating with Educational Counselors and Disabilities office on a grant to purchase exercise equipment.
- Mike Cairns thanked Leroy Wright for his team-building and problem-solving initiative with Student Government.

Respectfully submitted,

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