

# STUDENT AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

## MINUTES

November 1, 2012

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

**Guest:** Chris Richmond

**Absent:** Nick Campau, Deanna Goldthwait and Leroy Wright.

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes from September 20, 2012 and October 18, 2012 meetings were approved.

### CCTF

Dan Burcham indicated that it was time to call the CCTF together. He would like Angie Roman to join the Task Force and speak on OrgSync and the professional conference. Also mentioned was Social Norming. Dan explained that this is an action committee.

### Mecosta Township Board of Trustees Letter

Dan Burcham noted that he had received a letter from the Board of Trustees in Mecosta Township regarding a planning session on land for recreational use. He asked if anyone was interested as our Ropes Course is in this township. Letter was given to Cindy Horn.

### Snow Sculptures

Dan Burcham indicated that he had been approached regarding the Snow Sculpture Contest and that it would be a part of the Festival of the Arts this year. Dan indicated that he would assume that Student Government would like to be a part of this but encouraged other groups to collaborate with them.

### Solution Focused Treatment and Adaptations

Chris Richmond, from the Personal Counseling Center, explained that the majority of the time there is more discussion about the problem rather than about the solution. Human nature doesn't examine the successes but rather the failures.

- If it's not broken, don't fix it.
- If it's working, do more of it.
- If it's not working, look at the solution to fix it.

Much discussion followed. Chris mentioned that there are solution focused consulting books and will send the list to Linda.

### **University Center**

Dan Burcham indicated that he spoke with Jerry Scoby regarding the University Center.

1. Food – There was always discussion of a food court since he has been here but there is discussion of another Rock or a hybrid food center where 2/3 would be a food court and 1/3 would be for a meal plan.
2. New facility or renovate – Renovate is less expensive and the way to go. Jerry will be seeking Board approval for a \$30-\$35 million dollar renovation project. (It would cost \$48-\$50 million for a new facility).
3. President has always wanted to connect the University Center with the Science building. There is a 415' gap and if the new University Center was built to the north of the current facility, that gap could be reduced.
4. There will be no theater space in the new facility but would have a 200 person presentation room.
5. Suggestion time of demolition is late April and that may be moved up.
6. Is August 2014 the drop dead date? The directors indicated that they were flexible with that date as they realize there may be issues that arise.

### **Hurricane Sandy**

Dan Burcham questioned if we should try to collect funds for Hurricane Sandy victims. Kathy Lake indicated that she just received a message that a student is organizing a fundraiser. The group thought that it was best that the students organize this.

### **Announcements**

#### **Linda Telfer**

- Good News items are due today.

#### **Renee VanderMyde**

- When the Birkam Health Center and Personal Counseling Center meet as a team once a month, solution focused work is being done and strengths are being determined.
- Reviewing the Birkam Health Center survey and the most prominent issue is the perceived lack of professionalism at the Health Center.
- November 19 – medical records will go completely electronic.
- Both the health center and counseling center are seeing lots of mental health issues with a huge raise in students coming from the Honors Program.
- Renee discussed the effects of bath salts and spice use and the immediate addiction.

**Angie Roman**

- Leaving today to go to conference for student activities.
- Career Services will be organizing another certificate program at the end of November on organizational finances.
- No one has registered for the Flash Mob as of today.

**Matt Chaney**

- Participated in National Mix-It-Up Day with 2300 schools participating.
- Met at The Rock over lunch and discussed diversity with pre-set questions being used.
- TOWERS students facilitated the event.
- Extended study hours on Tuesday and Thursday with work study student staffing the desk from 5:00-11:00 p.m.
- On Monday, people from the University of Michigan (contracted by the State of Michigan) were on campus reviewing the Gear Up Program. They were impressed with Kia Hunter's recordkeeping and how she tracked the students.
- The KCP state meeting will be held at Ferris in February.

**Dan Burcham**

- The Chief Student Affairs Officers will meet at Ferris in February, 2013.

**Mark Schuelke**

- Distributed the latest "bucket list" for the new University Center which was approved at President's Council on October 17.
- The University Center is on the Board agenda for Friday.
- They are talking no additional fee and no increase in tuition for the new University Center.

**Kristen Salomonson**

- Will be attending a conference in Petoskey on Wednesday and Thursday for Institutional Research. Kristen, Mitzi Day and Deedee will be presenting on reverse transfers.
- Salesforce will be here next Wednesday and Thursday for the kick-off meeting.

**Kathy Lake**

- Admission Recruiters are coming back from their road trips. They have been gone the month of October and they should all be back by the second week in November.
- The recruiters have had good attendance on their visits.
- The remainder of the embedded recruiters (in the colleges) will be moving back to Timme.

**Elise Gramza**

- Registration started on Monday
- Today is the last day to withdraw.

**Sara Dew**

- Business Office will be academically withdrawing students if they haven't paid their bill.
- Financial Aid nights are beginning in the high schools.

**Cindy Horn**

- Purchased two new pieces of equipment. One can be used by a person in a wheelchair or cart. These were purchased with a diversity grant.
- Will be purchasing a treadmill.
- The academic program in the building has moved out as of October 31. The only person from the program left is Matt Wagenheim and he will eventually move to the College of Business.

**Mike Cairns**

- There is an article in the latest Torch on Student Conduct.

Respectfully submitted,

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