

Senate Committee on Student Affairs

Minutes

September 16, 2008

The following committee members were present:, Terry Appolonia, Ray Beisel, Kimberly Desmond, Linda Hall, Jack Julian, Rhonda Luckey, Germaine McArdle (graduate student), Heather Powers, Sue Rieg, Terry Rittenberger

The following committee members were excused: Azad Ismail Ali, Tracey Cekada, Reena Dube

The following committee members were absent: Dennis Hulings, Frank Condino

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Beisel at 3:35 p.m.

Old Business

- The minutes of the April 8, 2008 meeting were approved.
- Senator Rieg was elected to the Chair position. Senator Powers was elected to the Secretary position.

Chair's Report

(Senator Beisel gave an outgoing Chair's report).

- The Punxsutawney Campus is seeking grants to fund three projects: 1) the enclosure of their sand volleyball courts; 2) Taping of a radio show at Punxy, to be played on WIUP; and, 3) An Artist-in-Residence program (through the PA Council of the Arts).
- About 67/±200 students at Punxy receive Act 101 support. Senator Beisel asked for suggestions for providing peer tutoring for these and other students
 - Senator Rieg suggested sending out an email request. Senator Hall recommended starting a tutoring club. Senator Luckey suggested using Supplemental Instruction resources – perhaps bussing IUP peer tutors to Punxy Campus once a week.

Vice President's Report

From Senator Luckey:

- 85% of students are now enrolled in the Reverse 911 program. There will be a test of the system later this year.
- Landscaping for Phase II of the Residential Revival is underway. Look for the new memorial wall and “play space” in the Quad. The “touch and smell” garden at the Northern Suites is in progress.
- The Center for Health and Well-Being and the Office of Housing and Residence Life had an open house on September 17. There will be another one on Friday, Sept. 25 from 12 noon – 1:30 p.m..
- The Chancellor of the PASSHE will be coming to IUP on October 8-9. He will meet with students on Oct. 9 from 1-2 p.m. at a location to be announced later.
- The President of the SGA, Jessica Carson, is now a student member of the Board of Governors.

From Senator Appolonia:

- The Student Affairs Division has re-organized to create three Associate Dean of Students and two Assistant Dean of Students' positions (one dedicated to the Punxy campus). These are not new hires, simply a re-organization to better serve IUP students.
- The Crisis Assessment and Response Team will be meeting bi-weekly and as needed this year to review student cases. The Team refers students to needed services (health, psychological, judicial, academic, etc.)
- Homecoming is October 4. The parade will follow the same route as last year, terminating in the Oak Grove. The Kids' Carnival will be located in the Oak Grove this year. The football game is at 2:35 p.m. and will be televised. That evening the President's Homecoming Ball will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Atrium.

New Business

- Senator Heide Witthoeft was not elected to the SA Committee this year, but is eager to serve. The committee requests that Senator Rieg ask the new Chairperson of the Rules Committee to appoint Senator Witthoeft to our committee.
- Senator Hall drew the committee's attention to the displeasure of the faculty-at-large with the current administration's lack of openness about continuing budget shortfalls at IUP. She pointed out that with a lack of information about why we have a budget shortfall, bitterness and rumors are spreading. Student Affairs is feeling scape-goated, as many faculty seem to blame the problem on the Residential Revival (and the KCAC project).
 - Senator Luckey suggested asking Senator Domaracki, as Chair of the Development and Finance Committee, for more information about the budget.
 - Senator Powers suggested that the faculty be reminded of the goals of the Residential Revival.
 - Senator Julian argued that in his understanding of "shared governance," each faculty member was like a "shareholder" of IUP, and in that case we deserved to have full financial information about IUP.
 - Senator Hall asked that the Senate be informed of the impact of the Residential Revival on the budget, and of the Residential Revival's relationship to the Foundation and other funding sources.
 - Senator Rieg plans to ask Senator Domaracki to make such a report.
- We will discuss the impact and desirability of a Deferred Rush in our October meeting.
- We will invite Bill Montgomery to talk to us about parking and pedestrian safety on campus in our November meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Senator Heather Powers, Committee Secretary