

**Senate Committee on Student Affairs  
Minutes  
March 4, 2008**

**The following committee members were present:** Azad Ismail Ali, Terry Appolonia, Ray Beisel, Frank (Pete) Brooks, Tracey Cekada, Yong S. Colen, Reena Dube, Beatrice Fennimore, Linda Hall, Rhonda Luckey, Sue Rieg, Terry Rittenberger, Heide Witthoef

**The following committee members were excused:** Kate Cook (student), Dennis Hulings, Heather Powers

**The following committee members were absent:** James Collins (student), Germaine McArdle (graduate student), Vanessa Varacalli (student)

**The following Student Government Association Senators were in attendance:** Mehmet Beyazit Disli, Stephen Fisher, Michele Moulten, Slade Powell

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

**Old Business**

1. The minutes of the February 5, 2008 minutes were approved as corrected.

**New Business**

1. Chairperson Beisel introduced Mr. Scott Gibson from the Pechan Health Center. Mr. Gibson distributed a handout for a proposal to change the mandatory health insurance policy for IUP international students. He is working in cooperation with the Office of International Affairs to replace the existing policy with one that would be less expensive for the students. He asked the committee to read the proposal and invited anyone with questions or comments to contact Dr. Petrucci or him.
2. Dr. Hall mentioned she would like to receive e-mails that are sent to our students. The committee discussed whether faculty should receive all e-mails.
3. The committee discussed transitional housing during spring break.

**Chair's Report**

1. Dr. Beisel updated the committee on activities that are currently taking place at the Punxsutawney campus.

**Vice President's Report**

Dr. Rhonda Lucky reported the following:

1. Between two and three hundred students attended the presentation by Elizabeth Kolbert. Following the presentation, the author met with some faculty during lunch.
2. The men's and women's basketball teams are both in the playoffs. Dr. Luckey encouraged everyone to support the teams.
3. Two of three scholarships for the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education (PBCOHE) were awarded to IUP students.
4. A reporter from the Chronicle of Higher Education will be coming to IUP on March 18th to tour the Living Learning Communities.
5. Consultants from the Intercollegiate Athletic Association will be returning to campus to further discuss the NCAA Division change. The committee is invited to participate in further discussions.

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6. Interviews for the Provost are being conducted.
7. The search is continuing for the Vice President for Administration and Finance.
8. Over 6,000 people have signed up for Reverse 911. Dr. Luckey encouraged everyone to register. A discussion followed about cell phones in the classrooms. Freshmen will receive a message to clearly state if they do not wish to be notified of emergencies. The committee will consider inviting Mr. Bill Montgomery to discuss the Reverse 911 plan.

Mr. Terry Appolonia reported that students were surveyed as to their preference for a fall break or a week-long Thanksgiving break. Students chose the week-long Thanksgiving break.

Dr. Luckey distributed materials – newsletter, IUP Student Affairs Division Values card, and Spring 2008 Events Calendar - from the Student Affairs Division.

Dr. Hall asked about the notice we received regarding VISA credit cards. The committee will invite the Bursar, Ms. Sis Moorehead, to come and speak about the decision to discontinue the use of the VISA card.

### **Student Government Report**

1. Michelle Moulton reported that there is a survey for IUP students to get input for topics for the next Speak-Up IUP.

The meeting adjourned at 4:57p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Sue Rieg, Committee Secretary