Senate Committee on Student Affairs Minutes April 8, 2008

The following committee members were present: Azad Ismail Ali, Terry Appolonia, Ray Beisel, Frank (Pete) Brooks, Tracey Cekada, Kate Cook (student), Reena Dube, Beatrice Fennimore, Linda Hall, Rhonda Luckey, Heather Powers, Sue Rieg, Terry Rittenberger), Heide Witthoeft

The following committee members were excused: Dennis Hulings

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

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

Old Business

- 1. The minutes of the March 4, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.
- 2. Senator Ali thanked Dr. Luckey and Dean of Students Appolonia for support with the service learning project to design web sites. Web sites were designed for eight organizations so far.

New Business

- 1. Senator Powers asked about fire alarms in residence halls. She mentioned that students had reported this was happening frequently.
- 2. Phase III of the Residential Revival (Esch and Wallace) should be finished by Fall 2009. The groundbreaking ceremony is May 8, 2008. Phase IV will be the Governor's Quad.
- 3. Senator Fennimore asked about landscaping. Dr. Luckey said there is an "exquisite plan" for landscaping for all of the new sites.
- 4. Senator Cekada asked about parking and the committee was informed that parking will be the same and options are being explored to expand parking on campus.

Chair's Report

1. Dr. Beisel thanked everyone for their participation on the Senate Committee on Student Affairs.

Vice President's Update:

- Vice President Luckey reported on the publication of the article in the Chronicle of Higher Education addressing Residential Revival, current positive trends seen in fall 2008 admissions efforts and students' interest in living on campus, and the status of the study by InterCollegiate Athletic Consultants.
- Dean of Students, Terry Appolonia shared information about the April 15, 2008 Peace Pole ceremony and the current study underway to review the academic impacts of recruitment of first-year students to Greek fraternities and sororities.
- At the request of the Committee, next year all-student e-mails that are sent addressing health and safety issues would also be sent to all faculty for their information.
- Dr. Luckey announced the upcoming on-campus interviews of candidates for the Vice President for Administration and Finance position.
- Dr. Luckey reported that to-date approximately 60% of the student body had registered for the reverse 911 system.

Topics for Fall SCOSA Update and Further Discussion:

- Study of deferred new-member recruitment for fraternities and sororities
- Bursar's discussion of the new electronic billing system
- Parking, pedestrian safety, street and crosswalk markings
- Rental of motorized wheelchairs for students who need this assistance getting around campus due to a short-term injury.

GSA Report

Kate Cook announced that the new executive board will be elected soon.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by, Sue Rieg, Committee Secretary