

## Senate Committee on Student Affairs

### Minutes

April 7, 2009

The following committee members were present: Azad Ali, Terry Appolonia, Tracey Cekada, Linda Hall, Dennis Hulings, Jill Johnson-Hilty, Jack Julian, Rhonda Luckey, Heather Powers, Sue Rieg, Edel Reilly, Terry Rittenberger, Chris Stith

The following committee members were excused: Ray Beisel, Kim Desmond

Chairperson Rieg called the meeting to order by at 3:35 p.m.

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#### 1. Old Business

- a. Deferred Rush proposal passed the Senate at last week's meeting.
  - i. Jack Julian felt that the motion was rushed through. He wished that someone had tabled the motion instead of voting so quickly.
  - ii. Christopher Stith reported that the SGA and sororities are upset that the proposal passed. The student Vice-President of the Senate felt that he could not comment on the proposal during Senate meetings because he didn't know enough about it.
  - iii. Terry Appolonia referred to the empty seats reserved for students on the SCOSA. He also pointed out that this committee had four separate meetings with Greek leadership, and have been talking about this proposal since October 2008.
  - iv. Linda Hall would like the committee to try to do better in the future.
- b. Rhonda Luckey reported on the Presidential Athletic Advisory Committee's discussion of moving IUP from Division 2 to Division 1.
  - i. We are currently very high in the Div. 2 echelon.
  - ii. It would cost approximately \$9 million to fully fund our current Div. 2 position (as opposed to the \$5.3 million we currently provide).
  - iii. On April 29, 2009, the Strategic Planning committee task force will look at funding changes in this area.
  - iv. There is a NCAA moratorium on moving to Division 1 until 2011.

#### 2. Chair's Report – Senator Sue Rieg

- a. Chairperson Rieg thanked the committee for their work this year.
  - i. We created a deferred rush policy that was passed by the Senate.
  - ii. We amended the sign policy to better reflect current laws.
  - iii. We had lots of guest speakers, and tried to communicate with students.
  - iv. Linda Hall feels that an informal "orientation" lunch for new committee members would be helpful next year.

#### 3. Vice-Chair's Report – Senator Rhonda Luckey.

- a. The President's Commission on Substance Abuse should be presented to the SCOSA.
  - i. Despite the best efforts of the university there are still tragedies caused by drugs and alcohol.
  - ii. We should emphasize the importance of the Commission's work, especially in the first month or two of the school year, when students are tempted to experiment.
  - iii. Terry Appolonia should also report on CART (the Crisis Assessment Response Model).
  - iv. We should ask our colleges to request CART presentations for faculty.
- b. The Undergraduate Scholars forum had over 300 student submissions, and featured a guest speaker.
- c. The window for changing Fall Orientation has closed, but discussion of possible improvements will continue in Fall 2009.

#### 4. GSA: No report

#### 5. SGA

- a. The candidate's debate had poorer attendance than they had hoped.
- b. The SGA will run a workshop for students on April 13: "So you want to start your own organization."
- c. Reiterated that the sororities are upset about deferred rush. They already have high GPA requirements, but are suffering from low numbers. Many Greek leaders will graduate in Spring 2010. They are afraid that deferred rush will "kill" the sororities.

#### 6. Meeting was adjourned at 4:30.