

Senate Committee on Student Affairs

Minutes

September 22, 2009

The following committee members were present: Francis Allard, Tim Barnes, Stephanie Bearjar, David Bivens, Heather Black, Angel Dawson, Kimberly Desmond, Linda Hall, Dennis Hulings, Jack Julian, Robert Kostelnik, Rhonda Luckey, Jill Johnson-Hilty, Mike Kennedy, Andrew Longacre, Susan Martin, Deanna Meek, Heather Powers, Edel Reilly, Sue Rieg, Terry Rittenberger, Rachel Smigielski, Ruth Walker

The following committee members was excused: Terry Appolonia

Chairperson Sue Rieg called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1. Introductions
2. Special Guest: Malinda Cowles, Interim Director of the Center for Health and Well-Being.
 - a. She will address concerns and policies about H1N1 ("Swine flu")
 - b. IUP is following CDC guidelines
 - i. Educate
 1. Posters, meetings, emails to students
 2. The message is "Protect Yourself"
 3. Wash hands, use hand sanitizer – there are new hand sanitizer stations across campus.
 4. Contain your cough – cough into your sleeve.
 5. Keep your hands away from your face.
 - ii. Get vaccinated
 1. IUP hopes to get H1N1 vaccination shots when they are available.
 - a. Ages 6 months – 24 years are most vulnerable to H1N1
 - b. They will get priority
 2. IUP is holding seasonal flu shot clinics for students.
 - iii. Take care of yourself if you suspect you have flu.
 1. Isolate yourself until 24 hours after fever is gone (without fever-reducing medications).
 2. If you are a high risk patient, seek additional care.
 3. If you are not a high risk patient, stay away from the Health Center. Medical care is useless, just wait it out.
 - iv. The Health Center has seen a 50% increase in patients this Fall term.
 - c. Senator Jack Julian asks if the Health and Well-Being Center can do anything to encourage students to not abuse the relaxed attendance policies that the Provost is requesting from faculty members.
 - i. Ms. Cowles would prefer to hear what individual professors want before making any statements on this issue.
3. Elections were held. Senator Sue Rieg will remain Chairperson, Senator Heather Powers will remain secretary.
4. Old Business
 - a. April 7, 2009 minutes approved.
5. Chair's Report – Senator Sue Rieg
 - a. Chairperson Rieg welcomed the committee back.
 - b. She expressed the committee's pleasure that so many students were in attendance, and reminded the committee that the SGA meeting would commence at 5 p.m.
 - c. She reviewed the role of the committee, and referred members to the Senate bylaws website for more information.
 - d. Senator Powers reminded the committee that we had requested a CART (Crisis Assessment Response Team) presentation. The October meeting was suggested as an appropriate time for such a presentation.
6. SGA Report – Senator David Bivens
 - a. SGA membership is enormous this year.
 - b. Committee heads have been assigned, and a student employee has been hired for 10 hours/week.
 - c. "Top Ten"-type concerns brought up at the recent retreat include:
 - i. Concern that replacing the African-American Cultural Center with a Diversity Center will weaken the center.
 - ii. Handicapped access to buildings is not uniform across campus.

- iii. On-Stage prices have gone up. Also, students can only buy one ticket each at the student price. They would like a better explanation of these policy decisions.
 - iv. Not all professors are handing out syllabi during the first week of classes, as they are contractually obligated to do.
 - v. Students are worried about the upfront and continuing cost of the KCAC. They are also worried that the amount of available seating in the arena there seems to be shrinking.
 - vi. The \$15 charge to be re-admitted to one's room if locked out seems excessive.
 - vii. Students would like to be included in the evaluation of ARAMARK that is occurring this year.
7. GSA Report – Senator Jill Johnson-Hilty
- a. GSA has elected their new officers.
8. Vice-Chair's Report – Senator Rhonda Luckey
- a. Convocation was a rousing success.
 - b. The committee is welcome to a t-shirt from the Center for Student Success.
 - c. IUP Day was wonderful. It was spearheaded by student organizers, who were led by Alyssa Stiles.
 - d. The new version of the IUP Strategic Plan is now available.
 - e. She also has copies of the Beloit College Mindset list for the class of 2013.
 - f. The Phase III Residential Revival ribbon cutting will take place on Sept. 24.
 - g. Phase IV of the Residential Revival (Crimson Suites) is now underway.
 - h. A Campus Master Plan was created this year (will deal with the physical assets of IUP).
 - i. Senator Luckey responded to some of the SGA's concerns:
 - i. Handicapped access: the Disability Support Advising group, led by Senator Cathy Dugan and Dr. Todd Van Wieren – can report on the issue to this committee in October.
 - ii. Lock-out policy: She will invite Housing and Residence Life to talk about housing policies.
 - iii. ARAMARK: Their 5-year contract is ending. This is a good time to get student input.
 - j. Senator Julian notes that we are all proud of how good the Residential Revival has made campus look. They are much better than the old dorms, and should be good for student recruitment.
 - k. Senator Luckey reminds the committee of the Living/Learning aspect of the new housing.
 - l. Student surveys show that students are by and large pleased with the suites, though noise is still a problem.
 - m. The Residence Directors are working to build a sense of community in the suites and in the public areas. Trying to spread that "Oak Grove feeling" around.
 - n. Senator Bivens raises the parking issue, and points out that the suites seem terribly expensive.
 - i. He notes that students would like more information about why the costs are so much higher.
 - ii. Senator Angel Dawson' opinion is that the suites make it "harder to feel community" in the suites.
 - iii. Various Senators recommend ways to find community: open your door, do things in groups, take the initiative to meet new people.
9. New Business
- a. Safety on campus streets
 - i. Senator Linda Hall is concerned about driver/pedestrian safety on campus. Walkers and drivers are too distracted, the rules about crosswalks are unclear, and the road closures are confusing. We need to educate people about safety. Speed bumps? Signs?
 - ii. Senator Andrew Longacre suggests that the committee invite the Director of Public Safety for IUP or the Chief of Campus Police to talk to us about the issue.
 - b. Too many speakers
 - i. Senator Hall feels we invite too many guests. It takes up too much time.
 - ii. Senator Luckey says she was picturing a 10-minute overview, not an hour presentation.
 - c. There needs to be more parking on campus.
 - i. Senator Luckey tells us that there is a plan to increase on-campus parking over time. William Montgomery is the "parking czar" for IUP.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.