

Senate Committee on Student Affairs Minutes  
Tuesday, November 10, 2009

The following committee members were present: Francis Allard, Robert Alman, Tim Barnes, Stephanie Bearjar, Heather Black, David Bivens, Kimberly Desmond, Linda Hall, Jack Julian, Mike Kennedy, Robert Kostelnik, Jason Lee, Rhonda Luckey, Susan Martin, Deanna Meek, Edel Reilly, Sue Rieg, Terry Rittenberger, Rachel Smigielski, Ruth Walker.

The following committee members were excused: Terry Appolonia, Dennis Hulings, Heather Powers.

The following committee members were absent: Heather Black, Angel Dawson, Jill Johnson Hillty, Ayinnah Jones, Andrew Longacre, Paige Rishell.

Chairperson Sue Rieg called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

1. Old Business

a. Senator Luckey made corrections to minutes. Approved as amended.

b. H1N1 and Finals week

- Clinic on 11/11/2009

- Finals Week

Committee members discussed the pros and cons related to any message sent to students about balancing academic and health obligations during finals week. The general consensus was to share with the Provost the Committee's recommendation to not e-mail students. Rather, if problems arise, faculty should work with their dean.

2. Chair's Report

It was agreed that in the spring semester, the Committee would be updated on outcomes of the Deferred Greek Recruitment Policy.

3. Student Government Association President's Report

In the Spring Semester, the SGA will be exploring ways to improve student awareness of campus issues. Examples include: hours of the Fitness Center, electronic newsletter for students; Borough relations, etc.

4. Graduate Student Assembly Report

No Report

5. Vice President for Student Affairs' Report

The Committee was informed about the following campus events:

Common Freshman Reader, 11/17 event, Flu Clinics, Campus Master planning, Status of housing for Fall 2010.

6. New Business

Two topics were referred to the Committee for review – use of software labeled "Thunderbird" and the Mascot's name. The Committee recommended that Dr. Luckey explore the first issue with IT Services and that the second concern regarding the name of the Mascot does not appear to have caused gender bias.

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Edel Reilly