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Student Life Committee for the Arts and Science

Minutes for February 14, 2008

Cornell Social Science # 257

12:30 – 1:45 PM

Membership: Paul Harris (Chair), Julian Chambliss, Kim Dennis, Walker Hamby (SGA Rep), Madeline Kovarik, Ken Miller (Staff Rep.), Sara Patrick, Jennifer Queen, Katie Sutherland, Sareet Taylor (visitor, Health Promotions Coordinator)

Minutes from previous meeting unanimously approved.

Announcements –

The term status of the faculty membership was reviewed. Paul Harris needed this data for upcoming committee elections.

Old Business –

The survey comments from the committee were incorporated and the survey sent to IRB. Feedback from IRB should be received within the next week.

New Business –

Students are in front of the campus center today distributing ‘safe sex’ bags (this coincides with Valentine’s Day).

Sareet Taylor, Health Promotions Coordinator, requested to address the Student Life Committee for feedback on efforts from Health Promotion. The following items were discussed:

- A CORE survey has been used to gather data to drive prevention efforts and foster protective behaviors. Alcohol related protective behaviors are a prime focus of these efforts. Another area of focus is to educate the faculty and staff regarding student behaviors (particularly to correct any misconceived perceptions). Sareet Taylor is currently working on a faculty perception survey.
- Big nights for students to ‘go out’ are Wednesday (this night is not as popular due to changes in local establishments), Thursday and Saturday. Walker Hamby estimated that students ‘go out’ an average of three to four times per week but this varies based on the time during the semester.
- Sareet Taylor indicated that other campuses have had success when they worked with the hospitality industry. This helped to curb illegal drinking.
- There is a gap between what students are reporting their actions are and what they perceive other students are doing. Making this gap known to students is a program focus.
- Sara Patrick indicated that Greek system has a designated driver program.
- A “New Data from the Office of Health Promotions” handout was distributed. The results are from the fall 2007 Zoomerang Rollins student survey (about 300

- students responded to the survey). Survey responses were encouraged by 'prepaying' some students \$ 1.00 to complete the survey. Visits to classrooms were also made to broaden the survey beyond simply an electronic version
- . Paul Harris recommended that national survey data be added to the information for comparative data.
 - Suggestions from the SLC regarding the report to make it more 'friendly' included:
 - The report is too lengthy.
 - Consider using fractions or visuals rather than percents.
 - Create an executive summary in the beginning.
 - Continue to place mini-paragraphs at R-Town to inform the faculty.
 - Present the information at a faculty meeting.
 - Share 'why' this is important for the faculty to know. Consider "What is the mission for the faculty regarding this data?"
 - Greek data from the Zoomerang has been shared with other departments on campus (an estimate of 90 of the surveys would possibly be involved with Greek organizations). On average, Greek students appear to drink more and have more sex than non-Greek students but they also use more protective behavior including taking care of their friends, using designated drivers and having protected sex. Greeks average 30% of the Rollins population.
 - Sara Patrick indicated that the role of the faculty should be to encourage and support protective behaviors. Walker Hamby indicated that faculty should also hold students responsible for academics when 'partying' or late night behaviors disrupt a student's academic progress. He feels the biggest deterrent for students going out is course work.
 - Paul Harris recommended that the survey information be shared in academic classrooms by Health Promotions team members.

A Faculty-Staff Involvement Survey: Student Version subcommittee update was presented by Walker Hamby. He stated that a survey has been considered and a focus group has been established for Monday, February 18. Questions are still being developed. Paul Harris recommended several focus groups be held so that data can be triangulated. Paul Harris also recommended that a consensus of goals or areas of focus be achieved by committee members so that the focus group remains 'focused' on the intended issues. Focus groups should average six to twelve people. Walker Hamby indicated that the group he was meeting with on Monday should include eight to twelve students. This focus group is comprised of members of student government and will include Greeks and students who have been involved in small and large campus groups. Paul Harris recommended that a faculty member and a student member of the SLC be present to take notes. A discussion occurred regarding the presence of a faculty member at the focus group. It was decided that taping the session without a faculty member present might be the best option. The tape can then be reviewed by a SLC faculty member.

Meeting closed at 1:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Madeline Kovarik