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Student Life Committee (SLC) Meeting

September 6, 2011
Warden Dining Room
Cornell Campus Center

Minutes

Members present: Jenny Queen, Dan Chong, Alice Davidson, Susan Montgomery, Julia Maskivker, Joni Eden, Daniel Crozier, Lito Valdiva, Drew Doty, Diana Nay

Guests present: Karen Hater, Brent Turner, Angela Belcamino, Trish Moser, Diane Willingham

Jenny Queen called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the April 26 meeting were approved.

Old Business

None

New Business:

1. Susan Montgomery was chosen to serve as Secretary for the committee.
2. Julia Maskivker will serve as the committee's representative on the Dining Services Committee.
3. Alice Davidson will serve as "back up representative" on the Cornell Campus Center Renovation Committee.
4. Jenny reminded faculty members who serve on SLC will also serve on the Code of Student Responsibility Infraction Panel. They will receive training in preparation to serve on the committee.
5. SLC Faculty members will also serve on the Presentation Committee for residential communities which reviews existing communities and for creating new ones.
6. The committee reviewed the SLC 2010-2011 Report focusing on the "unfinished business" section.
 - a. Brent Turner is the committee's new contact for ACE. We will continue to work with him to determine the success of the programming discussed last year
 - b. We will continue to work on the LLC initiative.
 - c. Dining Services Issues (to be brought up by Julia at next DS meeting)

- i. Healthy food option still needs to be addressed.
 - ii. The “all you can eat” option does not work for student athletes because of a schedule conflict.
 - iii. The committee is not aware of Dining Services offering a variable tier of food plans which was discussed Spring 2011.
 - iv. Hours of operation were extended ½ hour to 8:00.
 - v. A new program offering students the chance to sell their balance to other students will be piloted this year. Students will be able to sell portion of their food balance the last 3 weeks of the Spring semester. Jenny indicated that Dining Services will market the program to students.
 - vi. Discussion surrounded how Dining Services planned to evaluate the programs and determine their success. Alice Davidson shared her experience on a focus group sponsored by Sodexo about creating a new eating option in the new Bush Science building. Participants in the focus group were not representative of the campus community because it included commuter students, first-year students and faculty who do not regularly eat in the dining hall.
7. Jenny will ask the Executive Committee to include the Attendance Policy in the agenda for the Sept. 22 Faculty Meeting so that faculty can discuss and vote on the proposal. If passed, it will be active for the spring semester.
8. Jenny will ask the Executive Committee to include the posthumous degree policy in the agenda for the Sept. 22 Faculty Meeting so that faculty can discuss and vote on the proposal. If passed, it will be active for the spring semester.
9. Trish Moser will follow up with Maria Ruiz about the campus forum introduced last year to discuss prescription drug and alcohol use by our students.
10. Resolution No. 6 “Pub on campus” Last year, this resolution was unanimously supported by the SLC. The Dean of the College has asked that it be brought before the full A&S faculty. Jenny will present the resolution to the Executive Committee in order to bring it before the full faculty at their next meeting (9/22).
11. The status of the council is uncertain because although SLC created the Honor Code it is not responsible for academic activities. This became an issue last year when changes were passed in SLC but not AAC. No further discussion on this issue took place.
12. Campus Center Renovations:

- a. Brent Turner distributed handouts asking participants to rate their preference for the look, feel and use of the Campus Center. Those involved in the renovation of the Campus center include Sodexo and OSIL. The tentative schedule for the project is: Concepts will be reviewed after Oct. 1 deadline. , Renovation: May – August. The schedule may change due to other proposed campus renovations. Jenny also pointed out that the funding for the renovation had not been passed by the Board of Trustees yet.

13. Code of Conduct changes

- a. Jenny explained that because of the administrative changes in the college that occurred over the summer, the language of the Code of Conduct needed to be revised. They were:
 - i. The definition of “Program Dean” was added as the individual responsible for student conduct in their respective programs.
 - ii. The title “Provost” was changed to “Vice President for Planning and Dean of the College”.
 - iii. Summary suspensions were now to be appealed to the “Vice President for Planning and Dean of the College.” The committee felt that there was no conflict of interest in the summary suspensions and the duties of the “Vice President for Planning and Dean of the College.”
 - iv. Diane Willingham discussed that the document also adds specific language regarding misconduct as required by Title IX.
- b. The committee did ask that the date of the document be changed to reflect when the revisions were actually adopted.

Jenny welcomed members to add new items to the agenda through the course of the semester.

Next meeting:

Tuesday, September 27, 12:30, tentatively scheduled for Warden Dining Room