

Student Life Committee (SLC) Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2011
Warden Dining Room
Cornell Campus Center

Members present: Jenny Queen, Dan Chong, Alice Davidson, Susan Montgomery, Julia Maskivker, Joni Eden, Daniel Crozier, Lito Valdivia, Drew Doty, Diana Nay, Judith Wolbert, Raquel Ells, Billy Kennedy, Randall Alberry, David Gevorgyan

Guests present: Karen Hater, Brent Turner, Angela Belcamino, Trish Moser, Diane Willingham, Katelyn Ruppert, Dan Berlinger, Peter Ruiz, Mahjabeen Rafiuddin, Leon Hayner, Nan Castino, Sara Christovich, Sanaan Khattak

Jenny Queen called the meeting to order.

1. Introduction of attendees
2. Minutes of 9/27/11 meeting approved
3. Announcements
 - a. Posthumous degree policy
 - i. JQueen believes there are no changes in policy from when it was drafted last year
 - ii. She shared the slides she will be using to discuss the policy at the A&S faculty meeting on October 27, 2011 for input from the committee.
 - b. Campus Center Renovation Progress – Brent Turner
 - i. BTurner passed around documents from architects about what is needed in a new campus center based on input from focus groups.
 - ii. He indicated that a rough timeline has been drafted but it is not set in stone.
 1. He also stated there is not a budget but the planning has been centered on anticipated construction start in Spring/Summer 2012
 2. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled
 - iii. BT reminded the committee about the steps taken to include input from a variety of constituents – SGA and SLC included, as well as Holt, Crummer, CPS, A&S representatives.
 - iv. ADavidson – mentioned that kitchen space in the future relying on college population growth at an estimated 200 more students.
 - v. NCastino expressed common concern among students is cellphone and wifi access in the building
 - c. Food Committee Report – Julia Maskivker mentioned three issues: hours of operation esp. athletes, healthy food options, money transfer
 - i. Hours of operation – extending grill hours to 8:30 pm
 1. JWolbert expressed that the “all you can eat” option would be better for athletes rather than the grill

2. JWolbert suggested extending the “all you can eat” until 9:00 pm and delay the grill opening until 9:30 pm
 3. Student members expressed that they do not believe there would be a problem delaying the grill opening until 9:30 pm
 4. LHayner thought an more analysis of when students are eating at the grill should be done
 5. Discussion surrounded on how other schools deal with this issue
 6. RAlberry suggested that maybe the sandwich counter in C-store could stay open later
 7. JQueen said that changing hours of operations involves staffing and food preparation which needs to be recognized as well.
- ii. Healthy options –
 1. JMaskiver said that coaches should submit suggestions for meals that could be provided to the athletes.
 2. JWolbert will survey athletes about what is a preferred time for them to eat
 - iii. Student Money transfer –
 1. currently implemented on a trial basis for only the Spring and if successful they will extend the option
 2. Some students are aware of the program but not sure how widespread it is.
 - iv. Future discussion topics may be offering size options,
 1. JQueen suggested a “weigh” your food option such as with the salad bar.
 - v. JQueen mentioned that there were many students on the Food service committee
 1. One item discussed was the absence of daily use groceries in the C-store such as butter, milk, etc. Those may be made available in the future.
 - vi. The committee meets every other Thursday.
- d. DWillingham announced that Committee for Social Responsibility will have panel hearing training for faculty, next Thursday, October 27 in the Biblab.
4. Old Business –
 - a. Attendance Policy
 - i. JQueen reviewed the powerpoint that highlights features of the attendance policy.
 - ii. She will untangle the policy at the A&S faculty meeting on Oct. 27 and present it “as is”
 - iii. DBerlinger stated that he has heard faculty say they don’t think we don’t need this policy
 1. an enhancement to the presentation he suggested is offering students the opportunities to express what they have experienced
 2. first hand accounts may be more powerful

- iv. JWolbert states that if some athletes don't feel comfortable confronting a faculty member when having to miss a class, they won't want to speak up at the meeting.
- v. ADavidson restated that the policy's positive aspects is encouraging dialogue between the student and faculty
- vi. JWolbert suggested for athletes review their schedule in agreement with the syllabus and bring any possible conflicts to their professor's attention
- vii. KHater supports the idea of students talking with the directly; She does not want the office of the Dean of Students to become involved and act as the "middle man"
- viii. SKhattak expressed that the policy promotes the student's responsibility rather than involving another department
- ix. KRuppert recommends adding to the powerpoint that this policy brings Rollins up to par with peer and aspirant institutions
 - 1. MRafiuddin provided research conducted when creating the policy and how our policies do not agree with how we promote religious tolerance
- x. DChong vagueness of the term "college business" in the policy makes it flexible enough giving faculty the ability to decide if the student did not fulfill the academic requirements of course
- xi. PRuiz indicated that those students who have to travel to observe their religious holidays off campus should be given the same opportunity to practice their faith as those who can observe their religion celebrations at the chapel which is located on campus.
- xii. JQueen will include in powerpoint the need for students to travel for religious observations, and peer and aspirant institution research. She will also ask for one student to present a first-hand account of an academic experience and missing class for religious observation and one for missing due to athletic event.

5. New Business

- a. Posting policy – BTurner stated that OSIL is looking for faculty, staff, student input on the current policy updated in April 2011
 - i. He stated that OSIL further edited the policy to exclude "E" under section D, "General Guidelines and Limitations"
 - ii. OSIL currently handles the Non-solicitation or posting policy
 - iii. Discussion on policy followed with some members stating the language in the policy needs to be redirected correctly.
 - 1. MRaffiuddin stated that the policy does not expand on other ways to promote activities on campus
 - 2. Suggestions included expanding the number of areas of where postings can be placed
 - 3. BTurner state that students struggle with the lack of posting space and the inability of enforcing the policy

4. DChong suggested supporting the idea of allowing student leaders send out all campus emails which they cannot currently do
 5. DDoty stated that posting allows for expression of student life outside academic life
 - iv. BTurner indicated that there is discussion of creating 2 “classy” kiosks: one near Crummer and Bush and one near Olin Library
 - v. He also said that the “Get involved” website needs to be better used on campus
 - vi. BTurner suggested that HR be responsible for non-Rollins posting while OSIL will direct the campus activities postings
 - b. JQueen stated that there will be future membership changes in the SLC due to the changes in the school administrative structure and the creation of the College of Professional Studies
 - c. Adhoc committee to create Policy of Student Travel Funds
 - i. DChong notified the committee that currently the High Impact Practices (HIP) Advisory Board has decided to discuss student travel funds and will be addressing this issue. He believed that there is no need to create an ad-hoc committee of SLC at this time. Perhaps in the future if an overarching policy is not created by HIP committee.
6. Next meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 8, Warden Dining Room, Cornell Campus Center
 - a. Map works – will be discussed and peer mentors will be involved in the discussion
 - b. Residence Life will provide training on evaluation committees for residential communities

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.