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Student Life Committee Meeting

April 7, 2011

Bib Lab, Olin Library

Minutes

Members present: Sarah Bishop, Bill Boles, Dan Chong, Alice Davidson, Drew Doty, Joni Eden, Ashley Kistler, Tricia Lynch

Guests present: Angela Belcamino, Navreet Dhaliwal, Robert Duran, Leon Hayner, Laney Jones, Raghavendra K.C., Cody Lloyd, Susan Montgomery, Gerard Short, Brent Turner, Kathy Welch, Jane Wurzelbacher

Meeting was called to order at 12:38pm.

1. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved unanimously.
2. Announcements
 - Hayner: Online sign-up for housing starts today. Applications arrive this week; roommate selection is next week; and room assignments are the following week. Estimating 90-92% capacity for the fall. Boles: All the ROs on probation have been notified of the changes they need to make.
3. Update on two policies from the Executive Committee
 - Boles accepted two amendments to the proposed attendance policy from EC. One amendment updates the policy for classes that require more consistent attendance, and one changes the date for notifying faculty of absences.
 - Boles: EC accepted the “substantial completion” language in the proposed policy to award diplomas posthumously.

Old Business

4. Dining Services
 - Boles: 25% of students are athletes, and cannot access the campus dining center during open hours. Students are also concerned about the “theft assessment fee” in meal plans.
 - Short: The athletics department has approached us in the past. The dining program is not all-you-can-eat, but provides high-quality food at a good value. Students don’t want to sacrifice quality for cost. A committee is investigating the issue to provide solutions. Welch: One problem with all-you-can-eat is excluding students who don’t want to pay a higher price from a facility. We are looking into refurbishing Dave’s into a late-night dining facility with healthy food options, and we’ll make a decision in the next 12-18 months. Hours would open immediately after the campus center closes.
 - Bishop: Is delaying the opening of the campus center by 30 minutes an option? Short: An extra 30 minutes costs \$50,000 per year. Bishop: A shift in time wouldn’t cost money, even if an extension would. Short: Yes, but if you please one constituency, you may upset another. One option might be to reduce hours in other facilities to compensate for keeping the campus center open longer.

- Bishop: Is there an update on the possibility of a tiered payment structure for meal plans? Short: Currently all on-campus students (except Sutton) pay the full meal fee, which includes 15% overhead for all administrative costs. Roughly \$50,000 is spent on stolen materials. It's hard to reduce that cost without reducing quality of service (dishes, etc). Welch: We are looking into tiered payment systems for Sutton, off-campus students, etc. We have tried a per-meal payment system, which hasn't worked in the past. One size doesn't fit all, but we can't afford to let each student pay for only what they eat. Short: Expanding service to off-campus students may help cover the extra costs that A&S students are paying. The current system does have to cover its own cost, as it's not subsidized by Rollins. For the past six years, the average profit has been zero. We are just covering our costs. Hayner: I've been to other schools that have tiered payment plans, and the quality of food is significantly worse.
- Bishop: Many students have significant funds left over at the end of the year which are simply lost. Short: 98% of the students use their whole balance during the year, and while we don't want students to binge at the end of the year, we do track students' weekly spending.
- Lynch: Do we know how much of their meal plan the athletes use? Welch: Almost all athletes use up their entire plan.
- KC: Does Sodexo take the profits from the meal plan? Welch: No, we pay Sodexo a flat fee for management, and any profits would return to Rollins.
- Bishop: Some of the students who have to buy the full meal plan truly can't afford it. We need some options that reduce those fees. Welch: We are looking into those options.
- Boles: Wake Forest allows students to buy and sell their leftover meal plan money at a discount to other students. This may be an idea that Rollins could explore.
- Hayner: Has dining services considered themed nights, where students pay an extra fee for special meals? [Brainstorming of several ideas ensued.] Short: We're having a special event on April 25, in which dining staff will bring home cooking to campus center. Turner: This will be a Rollins Cares event to honor the families of the staff.

New Business

5. Faculty Bullying of Students

- Boles: In relation to the discussion over the Sandspur immigration article, many students were concerned about faculty bullying, not just in relation to this article. Students are concerned that certain faculty or whole departments do not allow students to express their honest opinions without sanction. Perhaps faculty who engage in this behavior regularly need to be educated. But what kind of process can we initiate toward this end?
- [For purposes of anonymity, we dissolved into a committee of the whole to discuss this issue. Concerns over disrespect among students, staff and faculty were discussed.]

The last meeting of the year will be April 26, with an update from the Athletic Department.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50pm.