

Student Life Committee Meeting  
Warden Dining Room  
February 14, 2012

Members: Jenny Queen, Susan Montgomery, Diana Nay, Dan Chong, Dan Crozier, Raquel Ells, Alice Davidson, Lito Valdivia, David Gevorgyan, Judith Wolbert

Guests: Gabriel Barreneche, Whitney McDonald, Leon Hayner, Karen Hater, Nan Castino, Diane Willingham, Aspen Fox

JQueen called the meeting to order 12: 45 pm

1. Minutes from 01/24/2012 meeting approved.

2. Announcements

a. CCR Results – Ingrid McLennan from Reslife and Cynthia Rose from OSIL will be at the next meeting and present and the Community Commitment Review presentations that were recently conducted.

b. Report on status Student Travel Policy by HIP Advisory Board

DChong distributed draft of proposed policy for committee members. The two goals of the policy are: 1) let campus community know what departments have funding for student travel. The office of the Dean of college agreed to create website with departmental info and application process for funds.

2) The advisory board also requested that a pool of money that members of upper level administration would contribute to that would be available for student travel. Students would have to go through an application process to secure money in the pool. Applications would be subjected to a review. Student recipients would be required to perform some sort of “give back” to the campus community like OSIL leadership grants are funded. Dean of college has already committed money to the “pool.”

JQueen suggested contacting Dean of A&S for money.

Discussion surrounded around who should be on the review committee.

JQueen suggested that SLC may be the group to review applications.

Further discussion involved enrollment status of student applicants and if it should be specified in the policy.

REllis asked when it would go into effect. JQueen thought perhaps maybe in the fall 2012. LHayner suggested getting a commitment from the deans for money to be added to the pool.

JWolbert moved to accept the proposal and it was accepted by the committee. JQueen will take to the EC with the hope it will get on the agenda for the next faculty meeting.

c. Food Committee Report – no report

3. Old Business

none

4. New Business

a. LLC – Gabriel Barreneche, Leon Hayner, Whitney McDonald

WMcDonald distributed an info sheet on the Living Learning committees.

GBarreneche, faculty in the residence, reported that last year a committee met frequently to review the LLC on campus. The program was expanded to more residential committees on campus during the current year.

The committee required that every RCC faculty member coordinate a program for a residence hall community with the option of coordinating the event with another faculty member. GBarreneche also stated that the program became more intentional this year with scheduling and only 7 RCC faculty did not schedule events. Student participation at events was low.

ADavidson asked about how much in advance are the programs are schedules.

WMcDonald said that part of her responsibility is to communicate activities to the residential housing. A week in advance is ideal but often she learned of an event with only two days' notice.

“Exploring excellence” and res life events often overlap. RElls mentioned that it was an overwhelming amount of time commitment with the number of events scheduled for LLC and RCC.

Attendance in spring LLC events have had a lower attendance since there isn't the RCC connection.

JWolbert mentioned the timing of announcements of events for student athletes often conflict with their practice schedule.

WMcDonald expressed that integrating the RCC with the LLC is a positive step for first year students. There is a challenge with space in McKean like Rex Beach and Ward. DNay thought it was a good experience for her as a peer mentor. LValdivia said that having a lot of events are helpful for first year students and helps keep them involved in the community. JQueen thought it was important to integrate events that are already scheduled on campus.

b. Procedure for applying for organizational housing

LHayner discussed the application process for organization housing. Five organizations on were on probation from last year's review. KKG, Chi-O and XClub went through their Community commitments review this year and were moved off probation.

Pinehurst was placed on probation for one more year. ROC lost housing privileges.

Traditionally, when an organization loses housing privileges, ResLife sends an all-call to the campus community for organizations to apply for organizational housing. This process will not be in place for next year due to Strong Hall and Mowbray House construction which will displace students living in those residences for the next year.

Lyman Hall housing will need to be made available to first year students as the Strong Hall LLC is being displaced.

JQueen adjourned the meeting at 1:55 pm.

Next meeting March 13, 2012 at 12:30 in Warden Dining Hall.