

Student Life Committee Meeting  
Warden Dining Room  
March 13, 2012

Members: Jenny Queen, Susan Montgomery, Dan Chong, Dan Crozier, Raquel Ells, Joni Eden, Lito Valdivia, David Gevorgyan, Judith Wolbert, Billy Kennedy, Randi Alberry

Guests: Leon Hayner, Cynthia Rose, Trish Moser, Brent Turner, Nan Castino

Meeting called to order by JQueen at 12:40 pm

1. Approval of minutes. Amend minutes to correctly spell Judi Wolbert's last name. Minutes were approved with the amendment.

2. Announcements

a. SMontgomery distributed flyers to the committee announcing Olin Library's annual Edible books contest which will be held April 2.

b. CCR results – Cynthia Rose

CRose thanked everyone who participated and reviewed the presentations. She told the committee that it is a calendar year process not academic year. After last year's process there were a total of 5 fraternities and sororities with 1 residential 1 star status.

Two organizations on housing probation: Chi Si & Pinehurst

After this year's review process, ROC removed from housing.

Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Gamma Rho, Chi Si all received 1 star rating. Chi Si is only one with housing on campus. She also said that those groups without housing who do not improve their rating can lose their campus association.

Two star organizations were Tau Kappa Epsilon, NCM, Chi Omega, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Chi Omega

Kappa Delta, X club, Delta Zeta received 3 star ratings.

Alpha Omega Pi received a 4 star.

LHayner indicated that student organizations fluctuate year to year and that may impact the review year to year. He also announced that call for new living communities will be delayed until next year due to the pending construction.

DChong asked about the reasons for 1 star groups and CRose said that it was mainly organizational related.

c. Food committee report – none. JMaskivker not at the meeting.

JWolbert announced that Athletics is working with Gerard to feed teams for which the dining schedule is not working out. It can't be done with all the teams but have been able to feed the lacrosse and baseball teams.

TMoser and the committee expressed congrats to the women's basketball team for reaching the elite eight – the first time in school history. JWolbert said that more people were in the sports center for the championship since it opened. She also said that the Women's lacrosse team is #4 in the nation.

#### d. Housing

LHayner announced that Residential life received over 70 new RA applications, the highest number of RA applications ever received. Housing sign up starts in April and it is based on senior status and GPA. There are 34 RA spots, and every year about 10 or so are return RAs. RAs get 5600 stipend and a discount on their housing.

LValdivia asked about new housing but they will not be available until after the general open process.

LHayner announced that housing for Maymester will be in Ward Hall.

Discussion then surrounded the viewpoint of students regarding RAs versus peer mentors.

LValdivia regard RAs as a "police" but peer mentors are more like "big brother/sister". DGevorgyan said the peer mentors are more about academics and RAs are about other things. RElls thinks of her RAs as friends who she has a good relationship with. BKennedy stated that the perspective may vary depending on the student's experience.

LHayner reminded the group that RA and peer mentor has different roles and serve different purposes. He said that there has been some programming for students to help bridge the two groups together. In his opinion, the house manager is probably the most challenging role in campus housing.

TMoser said that for the remainder of the month, students will be able to complete two different surveys. The NSSE is for first year and senior year students and the SSI is available for all students. Surveys are being administered through Institutional Research.

### 3. Old Business

#### a. Membership list for SLC (esp. Staff positions)

JQueen said that the PSC is amending the all college by-laws given the college's new structure. KHater is an ex-officio non-voting member. Two professional staff members should be on the committee and one should be from Student Affairs. At the last meeting there was discussion of changing the term "professional" to read "exempt." JEden and JWolbert objected to this new language.

JEden understood that one should be a "staff" member on SLC and that there should be another member from student affairs. She expressed concern that she was elected originally as staff, but then the next year was considered the student affairs representative. JQueen said that staff should determine their representation on SLC. SLC's only requirement is that at least one of the staff

members be from the division of Student Affairs given the issues within the committee's purview. She will work with Joni and Judi as to how we can ensure that the mix-up Joni is describing does not happen again.

JQueen asked that the committee move to remove exempt language and include professional in the bylaws as it read originally. The goal is to make a recommendation to the PSC about what should be changed. There was a motion on the floor changing exempt to professional. Motion was seconded and members voted in favor of the by-law change.

JQueen said a CPS member will be adding new member to SLC in the fall and there will be three new faculty members. The A&S faculty slate consists of Jim Norris, History, Larry Eng-Wilmot, Chemistry, and Zeynep Teymuroglu, Math. Other faculty can be nominated from the floor. The election will be held at the next faculty meeting on March 22. She reminded the committee that faculty can only serve 2 consecutive terms.

#### 4. New Business- full discussion will be discussed at the next meeting

a. Procedure for Student Travel Funding Policy – JQueen. The committee needs to look at how to make the policy work.

The policy is currently being worked on. JQueen met with Jenny Cavanaugh and they are very interested in handing this over to the process to SLC. There is currently \$5000 in the budget for student travel. The drafted policy includes a "give back" to the campus in the procedure. JQueen has not spoken yet with Dean of the College about funding. The intention will be that High Administration offices would buy in and continue to provide funding every year. Dean of the college has agreed to host a website for student travel and a goal of the new policy is to increase transparency and fairness for students who need money for travel. JQueen will send out the policy in advance of the next meeting and we will review the policy more in-depth then.

Next meeting April 3

We will have an OSIL update and review the Student Travel Fund Policy.

At the April 24 meeting we will review the Code of Conduct changes.

If Fox Day occurs on April 3, the next meeting will be moved to April 10

JQueen adjourned the meeting at 1:41 pm.