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Student Life Committee for the Arts and Sciences

Minutes for January 27, 2009

Bush Science Center #257

Start 12:40 – Finish 1:53 pm

Present: Paul Harris (Chair), Alex Brown, Creston Davis, Nick Horsmon, Micki Meyer, Ken Miller, Derrick Paladino, Jennifer Queen, Katie Sutherland, Ashley Taylor Finkelson

Non-Voting: Karen Hater- Interim Dean of Student Affairs and Diane Willingham- Director of Community Standards and Responsibility

Guests: Marissa Germain- SGA President

I. Announcements

- a. P. Harris welcomed committee and announced new SGA Reps: Brendan Becker and Cat Ward
- b. J. Queen and M. Meyer provided report from Provost's Faculty Forum on Student Life in January

II. Old Business

A. Co-Curriculum Survey Report

- a. Next Steps: P. Harris will be bringing report data to Exec Committee for feedback for distribution. J. Queen and K. Sutherland will work with P. Harris on data and results distribution possibly through ppt.

B. SGA Update on Social Honor Code (Student Social Responsibility Act, Student Bill of Rights)

- a. M. Germain discussed Social Honor Code steps from Sept- Jan and what has taken place and been accomplished. Students have expressed frustration on getting on identifying shared goals, purpose and focus. Committee discussion on moving Social Honor Code forward by using SLC in an advisory role. P. Harris encouraged the need for a student-driven document that can be facilitated with groups including SLC and Core Commitments for support.
- b. P. Harris puts formal request to M. Germain and SGA on behalf of SLC for a written report on strategies and goal attainment. P. Harris requested copy of the following to distribute to the Student Life Committee by the

morning of Monday, February 16, to review for discussion on Tuesday, February 17. Vote unanimous (favor) by SLC voting membership.

Following to be addressed in report on February 17th:

1. What is the purpose of the Social Honor Code (i.e., when successfully completed, what are the specific functions this code will serve)?
2. What are SGA's goals for developing this code (i.e., what milestones does SGA need to achieve to finish the project)?
3. What are SGA's plans to achieve these goals (i.e., what are the specific strategies SGA intends to implement to produce the code)?
4. What are SGA's expected deadlines for the various stages of this project, including its completion?

III. New Business

A. Student Code of Conduct

a. See attachment A and B (Current Addendum Procedure and Best Practice: Reviewing Your Student Discipline Policy Packet)

b. Report by K. Hater and D. Willingham on issues regarding revising Student Code of Conduct. D. Willingham expressed concern that Code has not been revised in close to four years due to the addendum process. Addendum process involves multiple layers of review including SLC and SGA vote and full faculty vote. K. Hater and D. Willingham would live for SLC to discuss amending addendum process for Student Code to bring college up with best practices nationally. Main concerns involve language changes and code issues violations to reflect current policies at college. SLC discussion into current code and amendment procedures including when code should be amended (annually/bi-annually) and who will be responsible (SLC and SGA Reps). P. Harris challenges if Code has not been amended how can it be known if the amendment procedures need to be changed. SLC votes to explore amending the addendum process.

Next Steps: P. Harris will bring issue forward to Exec. Committee and will be discussed at future SLC meetings.

IV. Adjournment