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# **Student Life Committee for the Arts and Science**

**Minutes for January 29, 2008**

**Cornell Social Science # 257**

**12:30 – 1:45 PM**

**Membership:** Paul Harris (Chair), Julian Chambliss, Kim Dennis, Walker Hamby (SGA Rep), Madeline Kovarik, Ken Miller (Staff Rep.), Cara Meixner, Pennie Parker, Sara Patrick, Jennifer Queen, Katie Sutherland

Minutes from previous meeting unanimously approved.

## **Announcements** –

Dates for up coming faculty meetings were highlighted. There is a conflict with a planned SLC meeting and a newly scheduled faculty meeting (re: merit pay). The SLC meeting has been rescheduled for Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM.

Cara Meixner is rescheduling the advisor's meeting due to the newly scheduled faculty meeting. Paul Harris indicated that the later the advisor's meeting is held the better because it gives more time to receive survey results and develop any follow-up questions that would like to be asked at the advisor's meeting. At the first advisor's meeting in January, a survey that focused on the role of the advisor was distributed; a discussion ensued on how helpful that survey was helpful to club and group advisors.

## **Old Business** –

Survey –

- Paul Harris indicates that the survey should be kept short to increase likelihood of completion.
- A general consensus of the SLC is that the survey should ask people to identify their gender and faculty rank.
- The focus is on generalities (not 'you' but as a faculty member).
- Greek is separated from non-Greek organizations because more non-faculty supervise Greek organizations and it is the intent of the survey to discover why this occurs.
- Kim Dennis highlighted the need to include a question on parties/party busses since that was a major topic at the January advisor's meeting. Paul Harris requested that Kim draft a question and send it to him.
- Katie Sutherland expressed the desire to learn from faculty how many had been approached by a student group with a request to serve as their advisor.
- Jennifer Queen stated that there needs to be a survey question that asks advisors how many hours the advisor regularly spends advising or interacting with their organization. Paul Harris asked Jennifer to formulate a question and send it to him for possible inclusion. Ken Miller indicated that he felt this was important information because it helps new advisors understand their potential level of time commitment to an organization.

- Paul Harris said that in order to get student input a SLC sub-group needs to be formed to develop a survey that obtains student responses. Ken Miller and Kim Dennis, because they currently are Greek advisors, should be members of this subcommittee. The major focus of the student survey (intended for students who are involved in organizations) and assess:
  - What would attract faculty to advise your organization?,
  - How much do you expect faculty to be involved in your organization?,
  - What are the incentives and disincentives for faculty involvement?,
  - How could your organization have closer ties to the academic side of Rollins?
- Walker Hamby stated the best way to distribute the student survey would be to give it to the Greek leaders and have them bring it back to their houses for discussion.
- Cara Meixner indicated that she felt one of the issues is that many faculty subscribe to a myth about the role of a Greek faculty advisor. There is a support structure on campus to assist advisors.
- Walker Hamby stated that there should be a yes/no question added to the faculty survey that asks if the faculty member had ever been approached to serve as an organization's advisor.
- Paul Harris intends to distribute the faculty survey early next week. He is open to additional questions; send an e-mail with additional question by the end of this week.
- A sub-committee of Katie Sutherland, Kim Dennis, Ken Miller, Walker Hamby, Sarah Patrick, and Drew Horsburgh was established to develop a paper-and-pencil student survey. Also it is recommended that Becca Hickam be included in the committee. A deadline to report back to the SLC is February 14, 2008. A meeting on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM has been established. Katie Sutherland will send e-mails to all sub-committee members regarding the meeting.

Meeting closed at 1:40 PM.

Minutes submitted by Madeline Kovarik