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Student Life Committee for the Arts and Science

Minutes for April 24, 2008

Cornell Social Science # 249

12:30 – 1:45 PM

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

Minutes from previous meeting unanimously approved.

Announcements –

Incoming committee members (2008 – 2009) were invited to attend this meeting. All were not available due to previous commitments.

Old Business –

Paul Harris reviewed the history of the ATO sanctions. He also discussed an ad hoc committee, comprised of one tenured faculty (Paul Harris), staff from Student Affairs, and a student, formed to assess the key performance indicators developed by ATO members and determine if ATO had met or made significant progress in achieving the established goals. There were four recommendations developed by the committee: (1) that there should be a judicial process (coordinated by Student Affairs who has established a Greek Appeals Council), (2) all Greek organizations should have a strategic plan in place that includes a facility component, (3) the process used to assign housing, and that (4) residential life continue to maintain a close relationship in future years to facilitate future growth. ATO's advisor is not a member of the faculty; Andy Hughes plays a coordinating role for the organization.

- Ken Miller indicated that an important consideration is the determination if the problem is an individual(s) problem versus a group problem.
- Cara Meixner indicated that SLC may have the option to review the policy that is established for the judicial process. The ultimate decision of the proposed policy will be in the hands of the Executive Committee.
- As of January 2008, chapters must file a report with Andy Hughes. These plans should be approved expeditiously.
- Ken Miller indicated that there needs to be tangible plan to show Greek organizations the process for obtaining a house on campus. Phi Delta has been waiting for campus housing for over three years (originally in Rex Beach). They have applied for Mawbry House. Cara Meixner indicated that in 2008 -2009 that all housing organizations are going to have to sign a lease agreement that states certain criteria that must be met and maintained (i.e. all beds must be filled due to the housing crisis on campus, no more room 'buy outs' – paying for a double room as a single). There have been several rumors on campus about this issue but the focus is on making certain that all available housing space on campus is fully utilized.
- Ken Miller and Madeline Kovarik shared the concern that an issue influencing campus community identity is that every two years the campus reinvents itself as new

freshman enter and seniors move off campus. The college administration should study this trend to determine issues concerning housing availability and requirements.

69 faculty members have responded to the survey regarding advising student groups. This is a significant number and presents good data to reflect upon. Paul Harris will be quantifying the data during the summer. We also have information gathered from the Advisor's Lunch. In fall 2008, it would be beneficial to meet with student focus groups to obtain their feedback.

New Business –

Items to be addressed by SLC in 2008 – 2009:

- Review the ATO report recommendations regarding strategic planning and housing.
- Review the Student Affairs plan established for organizational judicial process.
- Develop a report on faculty involvement and advisement (including co-curricular concerns and issues) based on survey data, Advisor's meetings, and student focus groups.
- Based on data analysis, develop a plan to motivate faculty to advise student organizations. Present the plan to the faculty and elicit support from the college administration so that advising and service is more highly regarded in the tenure and faculty evaluation process.

Meeting closed at 1:40 PM.

Minutes by M. Kovarik