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Student Life Committee for the Arts and Science

Minutes for November 6, 2007

Bush Science Center # 105

12:30 – 1:45 PM

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

Guest: Cara Meixner, Director of OSIL

Minutes from previous meeting unanimously approved.

Announcements –

- Upcoming tour of residential halls will focus on two topics: design and intent of areas in residential halls and programs and theories behind those spaces. Potential buildings to visit are Ward, Holt, Pugsley and Fox. Meet in front of Ward at 12:30 PM on Tuesday, November 13, 2007.
- November 27, 2007 at 12:30 PM is the time scheduled for the admissions tour.
- Executive Committee meets again this week. Faculty salaries are an issue that will be a focus. No report at this time.

Old Business –

Faculty & Staff Involvement in Co-Curriculum –

- Cara Meixner stated that there are approximately 100 student organizations which is an increase from previous years. Many of these organizations are still seeking advisors. A trend for the new organizations is that they are sport related.
- There is a need to establish a research agenda in the identified critical issue areas (faculty/staff advisors, faculty/staff interest/involvement in student events, and, linkages between curriculum and co-curriculum).
- There are four groups to consider: (1) faculty who are currently involved in advising organizations, (2) faculty who are not currently involved in advising, (3) students who are involved in organizations and (4) students who are not involved in organizations.
- Paul Harris discussed the possibility of designing an anonymous survey. Julian Chambliss recommended that in addition to a 'written' survey, the SLC consider obtaining face-to-face data (focus groups, one-on-one discussions).
 - Determine if the categories (faculty/staff advisors, faculty/staff interest/involvement in student events, and, linkages between curriculum and co-curriculum) are appropriate. Jennifer Queen recommended that the survey focus on one area to limit the broadness and increase the likelihood of success.

- Send Paul Harris broad questions that should be considered for the survey. He will bring these to the next meeting for discussion and refinement.
- Paul Harris reminded SLC members that response rates are much higher when the surveys are shorter.
- Kim Dennis indicated that there might be conflicting priorities in the tenure process in regards to the service component. Serving as an advisor for a student organization does not appear to be considered in the process (versus acting as a member on a standing committee which is considered).
- A decision was reached to focus (at this time) solely on faculty/staff advisors.
- SLC members should consider faculty and staff advisors as the focus. In this area consider interest in volunteering, retention, level/quality of involvement, expectations/accountability, and apathy when developing questions to send to Paul Harris.
- Cara Meixner indicated that there is limited data on faculty and staff who are not advising and why they are not involved. Ken Miller requested data regarding the breakdown of student organizations and who lacked advisors. Cara Meixner indicated that she would obtain this data and e-mail it to SLC members.
- Ken Miller indicated that a significant role of faculty members serving as an advisor is to serve as a positive role model for students. Madeline Kovarik indicated that there are faculty advisors who have no contact with their student organization and that this should be considered. It is not enough simply to have their name as a faculty advisor without serving in a leadership or as an advisor. Cara Meixner indicated that many of the student organizations have very young leadership and that the average life cycle is approximately 2 – 3 years. She indicated that many of the student leaders are students who tend to study abroad; they sometimes have a difficult time reengaging into leadership positions on campus. Drew Horsburgh stated that over half of the students involved in student government are freshman; unfortunately many do not stay involved in leadership after their freshman year. Kim Dennis stated that the Cornell and Dean scholars appear to be making a significant impact in this area and that value of student co-curricular work needs to be emphasized.
- Cara Meixner indicated that in her personal experience many times faculty perceptions are based on the faculty's personal experience as a student versus the reality of what is actually occurring on the Rollins campus today. Ken Miller stated that the campus needs to do a better job of stressing and advertising the positive events that students and student groups are involved in. Kim Dennis recommended that more work be done in public relations (on the Rollins website, etc.) to focus on the positive aspects of students

and student groups. Walker Hamby agreed and expressed that faculty do need to develop a closer contact with students and student leaders. Cara Meixner proposed that student groups be allowed to present a five minute overview of their organization at faculty meetings. Paul Harris indicated that the intent of faculty meetings is to limit the amount of time spent on announcements and that this will probably not be possible.

- E-mail Paul Harris questions by Thanksgiving.

Meeting closed at 1:45 PM.