

# Student Life Committee

## April 11, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Member in Attendance: Gary Gage, Nancy Lashaway-Bohina, Katherine Palazzolo-Miller, Prabhakar Shetty, Nate Tymes, Michelle Weemaes, Michelle Yax, Sandra Burns

### Announcements:

Libby Schmidt, student member of Student Life Committee was elected President of Ferris State University Student Government. Congratulations Libby!!!

Encourage Faculty and Students to attend Ferris Fest on April 22, 2006.

Sandra Burns reported on the National Public Health Week activities on Ferris State University Campus during the week of April 3-7, 2006.

Dental Hygiene 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Students (S. Burns-Faculty) and 2 students from the American Chemical Society (P.DiRaddo-Faculty) presented Poster Board sessions in the Rankin Center, ASC entrance, and Walkway between Science and ASC. Dental Hygiene students were able to recruit patients for the DH clinic and upcoming Northeast Regional Board Examination.

Health Care Systems Management Students (Marcie Parry-Faculty) had a great project located in the FLITE Open Study area for the entire week dealing with healthy behavior.

Michelle Yak-Counseling Center presented two seminars on Dieting during the week which will be followed up with focus groups in the Fall 06.

Brenda Walton, RD, Dining Service presented tours of dining areas with a focus on eating healthy.

D.Thapa, measured out walking distances around campus to be used to encourage walking paths on campus. Hope to have this out in a handout form for the Fall 06.

Cindi Horn – Student Leadership and Activities Office created posters and supplied free giveaways for students around campus and for Sister Stroll (Student Rec Center).

College of Allied Health sponsored an Alumni Day in the Rankin Center on Friday, April 7, 2006 to conclude the week of activity. Various alumni from Allied Health Programs were guest speaker for students. Radiography and Dental Hygiene graduating students presented table clinics for public display.

Hope to encourage other faculty members to organize students for upcoming year to participate.

New Business:

Goals for Next Year: Improve communication.

The Student Life Committee would like to work with FSU Web site staff to help faculty and students access information more readily. Hope to have Guide to Web Site which will be more user friendly to all. Michelle Weemaes will serve as collection person for Student Life Committee to forward information and ideas. Ideas for more information on issues such as suicide prevention, protocol for alcohol use in classroom (liability issues), depression, financial aid, Intramural sports, etc. Students and faculty complain that they are not able to find information easily on the Web. STC would like to work with Ted Halm and Web staff to help make it easier to find needed information. New faculty and students often do not know how to access Web to find information. Many of these items are on the Web presently but often difficult to find.

Example: Type in suicide on Web page. You will find a detail document by Counseling Center on how to handle the situation written by **Paul Sullivan, Ph.D., LPC Director Birkam Health and Counseling Centers**

### **Ferris State University Counseling Center**

A Note to Faculty and Staff About Depression and **Suicide** ... While most students with depression do not commit **suicide**, sadly, we have had two completed ...

[www.ferris.edu/htmls/studentlife/personalcounseling/note.htm](http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/studentlife/personalcounseling/note.htm) - 6k - **Cached** - **Similar pages**

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Meeting Adjournment 11:55AM

Sandra G. Burns, Chair