

STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

11/20/08

11am

Members Present:

Peter Balanda, ASC

David Burns, ASC

Meral Topcu, ASC

Roy McLean, BUS

Nancy Lashaway-Bokina, BIS

Gregg Potter, PHR

Stephanie Bakken (student representative)

Maloory Shemanski (student representative)

Minutes

Meral Topcu was elected chair and Stephanie Bakken was elected recorder unanimously.

- I. Printing Materials for Class
 - a. Have a fee for a certain number of pages that can be printed each year by swiping student ID card at various printers around campus
 - i. Example: \$15 fee = 300 pages that students are allowed to print for academic use throughout the school year
 - b. Place one “free” printing spot in each college...perhaps in student lounge areas.
 - c. “Pay as you go” printing. Used with some type of a voucher.

- II. Parking
 - a. Students pay \$95 for parking passes, yet, there is never or hardly ever any places for them to park.
 - b. Buses can be used seasonally for students in parking lots that are far away.
 - c. Combine some faculty/staff lots with a handful of availability for commuters.
 - i. Example: a handful meaning designating 10 spots for commuters in a predominantly faculty/staff lot.

- d. Expand recreation center/business building commuter lots to allow for more availability
- e. Lot study to determine what parking lots are being used, how often, and by whom.

III. Classroom Issues

- a. Get rid of small desks and chairs and invest in the larger desks and chairs to help expand amount of workspace.
- b. “Smart tables and chairs” (ones on wheels)
- c. Keep classrooms open to students for study time (unnecessary to lock them, since valuable equipment is locked?)
- d. Schedules of classroom use posted outside of every door so that students and faculty know when and for how long they are in use.
- e. Legal responsibilities to faculty/staff members in dealing with students who come to class drunk or high.
- f. Dealing with electronic threats (the myspace issue...I missed exactly what this was)
- g. Work with political action groups to have newspapers delivered in each college.
- h. Benches on one side of hallways in every college to minimize students having to sit on the dirty floors.
 - i. They have mentioned that this is a safety hazard, but think about how much more of a safety there is with students sitting on both sides of the hallway with barely enough room for people to walk by.

IV. High Cost Issues

- a. Overhead bridges on main roads to cut down on the number of crosswalks.
- b. Move high cost issues to top priority so that they can be dealt with in a timely manner instead of having to wait 5 years for something to be done.

- V. Student Life Committee and RSO option
 - a. Think about making the SLC an RSO to increase the number of students
 - b. Send a few students to Senate as representatives
 - c. Have someone from DPS come in and discuss certain issues so that we can prioritize better.

- VI. University Issues
 - a. Balance services to students with the increasing tuition costs
 - b. Decrease athletic funding to increase academic funding
 - i. To begin with, we could maybe decrease athletic funding by \$100 to see what positive/negative changes occur.
 - c. Health care services that are not being addressed
 - i. What do students get?
 - ii. Faculty/staff gets free immunizations, but students have a fee.
 - iii. What is covered under the student fee for Birkham Health Center?