STUDENT AFFAIRS & CAMPUS LIFE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 18, 2013, at 3:30 p.m.
Chavis University Center Room 233

Attendance: Jamie Litty, Lisa Schaeffer, Nicholas Freeman, Patricia Fields, Lydia Gan, Sara Oswald, Marisa Scott, Robert Nunnery

Absent: Caroline Register, Adam Walls, David Young, Keara Robinson

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m.

II. The minutes of the November 19 meeting were approved.

III. Today's agenda was approved.

IV. Report from the Chair: Jamie Litty summarized a discussion held earlier this month at the meeting of the Heath, Safety and Environment Committee, regarding skateboarders' behavior at the intersection at the corners of Lumbee Hall and the Jones Center (Braves Drive and University Drive), where the skaters don't stop for the stop sign and the brick-wall landscaping impedes visibility to motorists. That committee voted on a recommendation for modifying the wall by, for example, tapering it at the end.

Litty mentioned that the chair of HSE did not mention this action at the Faculty Senate meeting. She suggested that our committee concur with the recommendation. She shared photos and information that HSE committee members presented at their meeting, about the function of the wall, the average number of skateboarders there in a day, etc. At our meeting, there was some discussion that visibility is a concern for motorists there in general, regardless of the stop signs in both directions. There was discussion that all motorists, cyclists, skateboarders, and pedestrians must obey traffic laws at the intersection. Committee members discussed the need to creep their vehicles up into the crosswalk to see who’s coming, even though there are stop signs.

This committee voted unanimously to recommend that the wall be modified to improve visibility.

V. Report from Student Publications Board: Sara Oswald explained that the SPB in November commended Allyson Betot for serving as editor of The Pine Needle in fall semester. She has graduated. In January the SPB therefore welcomed a new member, the spring editor of the newspaper, Kelly Mayo. The Indianhead and its editor from last year recently won awards from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, as did The Aurochs. Students from all three publications just got back from the
annual conference of the N.C. College Media Association where all three publications received awards, including yearbook “Best in Show” for The Indianhead and some first-place wins for The Aurochs. All three publications are preparing now to post applications for next year’s top editor jobs and will be interviewing in April.

VI. Report from Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs: Lisa Schaeffer summarized some recent programming of the Center for Civic Engagement, Career Center, and Student Involvement & Leadership. She announced that the new director of Counseling started in January. Fall GPAs of Greek life have been posted and exceed the scores of UNCP students overall (2.81 versus 2.65). A new fraternity, Phi Delta Theta, is forming. Housing room selection is currently being promoted. A new boiler is being installed in North Hall and this residence hall will re-open in August and will be co-ed by floor. Belk Hall will therefore close for a refresh. The first grad student to be crowned Miss UNCP was chosen last month.

Assoc. Vice Chancellor for Safety Travis Bryant is visiting departments to discuss the “Survival Mindset” for active shooter situations. Panic buttons have been installed in offices that requested them and have multi-line phones. Thirteen surveillance cameras have been placed around the Health Sciences Building.

VII. Report from Givens Performing Arts Center: Patricia Fields reported on upcoming shows and on the activities of the 15th Anniversary Committee. The blood drive today collected 59 units of blood. She mentioned March events in tribute to Old Main’s 90th Anniversary, Founders Day, and the completion of the walking trail (“Hawk Walk”). Guinness World Record attempt for longest handshake relay is March 20th and needs about 100 volunteers (and 1,887 participants). Family Day will be April 20.

VIII. Report from Student Government Association: Robert Nunnery explained “SGA Week” March 18 – 22 to include Campus Safety Day, Academic Support Services Day, Student Health Day, etc. Election campaigns also begin at that time. SGA is planning a “green” initiative for April, including “Trash UNCP Day.” They have asked the UNC-system Association of Student Governments for funding to buy light-switch covers that encourage conservation of electricity, a water-bottle giveaway, and a bystander intervention program. SGA will ask that the fitness center in Jones schedule some student-only evening hours. They will also discuss gender non-specific housing to gauge any interest/need. Nunnery announced that he will run for ASG president, which will preclude his running for re-election here.

IX. Old Business--None

X. New Business --None

XI. Adjournment—4:40 p.m.