Present: Judy Curtis, Diane Jones, Jamie Litty, Melanie Hoy, Nathan Phillippi, Arjay Quizon, Kevin McLean, Baxter Williams, Lee Stocks, Tasha Oxendine

Absent: Yanissa Perez de Leon, Sarah Lineberger, Patricia Fields (Tasha Oxendine of GPAC in her place)

I. Call to Order
   Dr. Litty called the meeting to order at 3:34 PM

II. Approval of October 18, 2010 Minutes
    Minutes approved

III. Approval of Agenda for this meeting. Dr. Litty passed out changes to the agenda. Agenda adopted.

IV. Report from the Chair
    Dr. Litty presented a resolution pertaining to the student activity period and background on it. As recently as 2009 SACL studied the activity period, but because the Chancellor has recently mentioned doing away with it, the subject has reared its head again. We surveyed academic departments and students in 2009 and SGA passed a resolution on February 11, 2009, unanimously to keep the activity period.

    Dr. Litty pulled excerpts of relevant minutes where the Faculty Senate had endorsed the activity period. She also passed out a timeline of attention to the activity period since it was implemented in the fall of 1986.
    1987 – The senate votes to continue the activity period.
    1989-90 Period reviewed by Faculty and Institutional Affairs committee.
    1994 – Dr. Mary Boyles prepared a history for faculty development and Welfare committee.
    1995 – 2009 – Activity period was repeatedly reviewed and resolutions passed to support it.
    2009 – The SACL Committee passed a resolution in March to keep the activity period after the study. Then the Faculty Senate voted unanimously to keep the period in April.
    2010 November: The Student Publications Board voted unanimously to recommend retaining the period.

    Dr. Curtis said the SPB discussed studies that show if students get involved in activities, it helps with the retention rate.

    Dr. Litty mentioned a Senate motion in January 1996 to move the period to Tuesday, but that motion was defeated.

    Arjay Quizon described Chancellor Carter’s rationale that he presented at a recent SGA meeting. The discussion was about how to increase the passing times on M-W-F classes to 15 minutes with the activity period being in the way.
Dr. Litty showed some scheduling scenarios as options: the existing schedule, a schedule with no activity period but an increase in the number of class periods, and a schedule with 15 minutes between each class period. The third scenario illustrates Chancellor Carter’s idea. A discussion followed about the distances between classes now that the campus is expanding, the additional class period(s) before 5 p.m. that would be gained in two of the scenarios, and the potential to keep an activity period but at a different time.

Dr. Williams made a motion to amend the resolution based on wording that was suggested during the discussion. The amended resolution passed unanimously:

WHEREAS, the value of the Student Activity Period (SAP) has been studied at various intervals since its implementation in 1986; and,

WHEREAS, the conclusion of each governance unit that has studied the value of the SAP at those times was to continue the SAP; and,

WHEREAS, the most recent study was conducted by the Student Affairs and Campus Life Committee (SACL) after surveying student organizations, students, and university departments and after examining classroom usage statistics; and,

WHEREAS, the conclusion of the SACL report that endorsed continuation of the SAP was endorsed by the Faculty Senate at the April 1, 2009, senate meeting; and,

WHEREAS, the Student Publications Board endorsed the SAP most recently on November 12, 2010; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Affairs and Campus Life Committee advises the Faculty Senate to endorse a SAP again by approving a motion to recommend to the Chancellor that the university retain the Wednesday a Student Activity Period 10—11:15 a.m. as a time when classes may not be scheduled, and that the optimal day/time be researched.

Arjay Quizon said that SGA would take responsibility for researching the optimal day and time period.

V. Report from Dr. Diane Jones, Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs
   a. New upper-classmen residence hall, “Cypress Hall,” is on schedule. It is 40% complete and might have an open visitation policy. The university will have a freshman residency requirement starting next Fall with some exceptions. North and Belk are currently female. One of those should switch to male.
b. Student Affairs has been promoting the new event management system, which lets users make their own reservations and see what’s available. Personnel are being trained.

c. We are working on a student fee related to the student health service and proposing a capital project. If passed that will be $50 per student, per year that will allow us to expand building. The nearby nursing department building was built in 1967. Right now confidentiality is compromised, patient flow is not sufficient for services. Adding a counseling center will be part of the addition.

d. Dr. Jones recommended extending the deadline for Who’s Who applications because only 18 have been submitted and three of those didn’t meet the criteria. There was no objection.

e. The student fee committee's recommendations have gone to the Chancellor. There will be some changes at his level. Then it goes to the Board of Trustees on February 2. Athletics and Student Health Services didn’t ask for an increase, but the Chancellor is asking for the increase of Student Health. Education and Technology asked for the largest increase at $60 and that was approved at the Chancellor’s level.

VI. New Business – No New business
VII. Old Business – No old business

VIII. Announcements: Dr. Curtis promoted membership in the Friends of the Library, open to students, faculty, and the public.

Tasha Oxendine mentioned upcoming program information for the Givens Performing Arts Center.

IX. Adjournment
The committee adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

The next meeting is February 21, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Tasha Oxendine, Temporary Secretary