STUDENT AFFAIRS & CAMPUS LIFE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
Monday, Oct. 15, 2012, at 3:30 p.m.
Chavis University Center Room 233

Present: Jamie Litty, chair, Keara Robinson, Lisa Schaeffer, Robert Nunnery, Nicholas Freeman, Caroline Register, David Young, Sara Oswald, Lydia Gan, and Adam Walls serving as secretary

Guests: Tasha Oxendine (for Patricia Fields),

I. Call to Order 3:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes of September 17th, 2012

III. Approval of Agenda—approved.

IV. Report from the Chair

Dr. Litty mentioned she was invited to attend the monthly meeting of the Health, Safety & Environment Committee because she had previously served on the university’s Tobacco Task Force that helped get the 100-ft. non-smoking perimeter. Re-visiting the smoking policy had been raised by that committee’s chair, Otis Murray, during the previous Faculty Senate meeting. At the HSE meeting, the committee determined that the campus map of smoking locations needs to be updated and that publicity about the policy and its locations needs to be revived for new people on campus, but ticketing was not feasible and probably not lawful for smoking violations, although SGA had asked about ticketing. Dr. Litty also mentioned that a faculty senator praised her recent experience with the CARE Alert system.

V. Report from Student Publications Board

Sara Oswald noted that the board is seeking solutions for the significant drop in numbers for persons having their photos taken for the yearbook. It was noted that the post card notifications to seniors were being returned by mail, which suggests that many of the student’s listed addresses are not their current address.

It was also noted that the tables at the Pembroke Day event were poorly arranged in terms of appropriate people traffic of interest to student organizations, and difficult to locate. Two questions were raised on this topic. 1). could students have a choice in table placement? 2). could a map be made available?

It was also noted that a Pine Needle reporter was recently kept from attending an advertised political presentation in a public space in Pine Hall. Dr. Schaeffer said she would look into whether the event was truly public. Ms. Oswald said she would seek clarification about which event the reporter was asked to leave, as Dr. Litty said there was also an event in the U.C. where a guest speaker said he could not be videotaped by
the broadcast journalism student in attendance but she was allowed to stay without taping.

VI. Report from Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Dr. Schaeffer reported that there were two new hires in Student Affairs. Dr. Mary-Jeanne Raleigh has accepted the Director of Counseling and Testing position. She is replacing Dr. Monica Osburn who accepted the Director of Counseling position at NC State. Dr. Raleigh will begin January 2, 2013. Parker Rae Watson has been hired as the new Assistant Director of Student Involvement and Leadership. She will begin her duties on October 17.

The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership coordinated one of four Stay at Pembroke Weekends, October 12-14. Anchored by pre-scheduled events a variety of student affairs offices and other campus partners have been adding events and activities to encourage students to remain on campus and engage in the community. Some events have included photo booths, free bowling, GPAC shows, University Theatre productions, movie nights, Town of Pembroke events, athletic events, game and other stage shows.

Homecoming events are posted on the main UNCP web page. Co-chaired by the directors of Student Involvement and Leadership and Alumni Affairs and supported by a committee of staff, students, alumni and community members the 2012 homecoming week will take place October 22-27. Co-opting the 125th anniversary theme, Honoring our Heritage, Soaring Toward our Future, homecoming included a variety of student, campus employee, alumni, and community centered events. The week will feature a parade with over 70 parade entries and a Pep Rally at the football stadium. In addition to the parade other highlights will include Lunch Fare, Chamber After Hours, a sold out GPAC show, Masquerade Ball, and various sporting events.

Nominations are now being accepted for the Last Lecture Series:
The Last Lecture will feature a UNCP faculty member nominated by students and recommended by a student panel to answer one question in the form of a highly engaging lecture: “If this were your last time to address a group of students, what would you say to them?”

Any full time faculty member is eligible to be nominated with the exception of previous Last Lecture Award winners. Nominations will be collected from the student body until December 15, 2012. The nomination form is available at http://bit.ly/uncplastlec. A student committee will review the nominations in January and identify finalists for the award from among the names submitted. The winner will be announced by March 1, 2013. This is a great opportunity for students to share the talents of their favorite faculty member. The Student Government Association and the Offices of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs are pleased to sponsor The Last Lecture Series. This annual event is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. in the Givens Performing Arts Center.

The 2013-14 Tuition and Student Fee committee have completed their review process and have forwarded their recommendations for tuition and fee increases to the Chancellor. The committee was made up of six students, 4 faculty members and three staff members. Two student forums were hosted by the Student Government Association in order to get input from the student body concerning tuition and student fee increase proposals.
UNCP Police will host a traffic/pedestrian safety campaign on Wednesday, October 24, 2012. The department will hand flyers to motorists and pedestrians on Prospect Road to educate them on the importance of traffic and pedestrian safety.

VII. Report from Executive Director of GPAC, Patricia Fields

Tasha Oxendine noted that the latest production was successful, but did not sell out, however they are expecting a good turn out for the upcoming performance and Percy Sledge tickets have sold out.

VIII. Report from SGA President Robert Nunnery

Discussed the posting of signage for voting at the Chancellor’s house. A campaign to promote fitness will occur in November. There has been discussion with Susan Cannata about the possibility of SGA advocating for ways to retain faculty, such as free or reduced priced parking for faculty.

IX. Old Business—None
X. New Business—None

XI. Adjournment—4:41 p.m.