

University Student Affairs and Campus Life Committee

Meeting Minutes

14 September 2011

Members Present: Mike McCarthy (chair), Suzanne Hough, Dan Hubbard (secretary), Kim Kinsley, and Pat Reynolds

The meeting was called to order at 12h05 in the Underground and commenced with a discussion of the draft document provided by Mr. McCarthy concerning a statement of the duties of the committee. The committee members proposed amendments to the document, which Mr. McCarthy agreed to summarize and return for committee review electronically. Consensus was reached on three major points:

- The committee should serve as a liaison between faculty and the Office of Student Affairs
- The committee should serve as a conduit of information between faculty, students and administrators
- The committee should collect faculty views of necessary actions in regard to student issues

Discussion then moved to the necessity for an increased faculty awareness of student volunteer services being provided to the community. Suggestions were bruited for a regular posting of “student service notes” to the university web-site, as well as the possibility for some type of regular updating of alumni currently working in the not-for-profit sector. Mr. McCarthy agreed to contact Marty Morrison with an inquiry as to possible actions in this regard.

Concerns were expressed that the current “flood of information” distracts attention from a “spotlight on service.” We agreed to contemplate how we can “let the faculty know,” without overwhelming their already information rich lives.

Discussion then turned to the need for student representation on the committee. Mr. Hubbard suggested that a representative from COAR should be included. Ms. Hough recommended that a representative of the “non-traditional” student body from our Stafford Campus was also essential. The members unanimously approved both recommendations. Mr. McCarthy agreed to inquire of Vice President Doug Searcy as to the availability of a COAR representative, while Ms. Hough volunteered to approach several Stafford candidates to assess their potential availability. Mr. McCarthy further agreed to inquire of UFC Chair Andrew Dolby as to whether the student members would have voting privileges or not. Student terms will initially be for one semester, with the possibility of renewal at the student’s desire. This would permit participation of students from the College of Education, who might not otherwise be able to serve because of their required teaching practicum schedules.

Mr. Hubbard recommended that the faculty member serving on the UMW CARES Committee should also automatically be a member of this committee. The members present approved this

recommendation unanimously, and Ms. Hough further volunteered to serve on the UMW CARES Committee. Mr. Hubbard will inquire of Vice President Searcy as to the possibility.

Finally, the committee agreed to table, for the time-being, the motion to survey the faculty concerning issues, citing the concern that faculty are currently “oversurveyed.”

The meeting adjourned at 12h52, with general agreement that “our committee has the ‘happeningest’ music.”