

Council on Student Affairs
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 20 January 2004
4-6pm
33 W. 11th Avenue, Room 101

Members in Attendance: Don Bowers, Patty Cunningham, Theresa Early, Ann Farrelly, Kimberly Ferguson, Nidhi Gupta, Bill Hall, Kerry Hodak, Rich Hollingsworth, Janet Laster, Melanie Senitko (Alternate for Lori Martensen), John Payne, Rebecca Price, Frank Sasso, Tracy Stuck, Joe Tebben

Members Absent: Jamie Depelteau, Mike Dingeldein, Mark Ellis, Elizabeth Marschall, Melissa Rocco

Guests in Attendance: Jen Bossard, Matt Couch, Deb Dunham, Ruth Gerstner, Amy Johnson, Kai Landis, Xen Riggs, Kay Robinson, Amber E. Zeiber

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm.

II. Speakers: Matt Couch, Assistant Director of the Ohio Union

Couch brought along members of the Student Activities Office to discuss several programs. Couch stated that the mission of the Student Activities Office is to find the uninvolved student and get them involved in at least one thing other than class.

Stephanie Peeler—Greek Life

Greek Life advises the 58 Greek organizations on campus. The membership numbers for Greek orgs has increased, from 2098 to 2200. There are now 6 chapters that are affiliated with culturally based chapters. Undergrads in the Greek system maintain a GPA of 3.0 (which is above the average for the whole undergrad population).

New initiatives the Greek Life staff are working on include the Greek Life Task Force and the Standards of Excellence initiative. These initiatives are focusing on issues of diversity and women's issues. In addition, there are leadership classes and retreats (such as the Diversity retreat and the Emerging Leaders retreat).

The Office of Greek Life is currently working on property management initiatives, as well as programs that can combat hazing.

Jen Bossard—Project Community

Project Community is a clearinghouse of community service opportunities—a resource to match students and groups with service opportunities. Some of the projects they work on include Community Commitment, the MLK day of service, and Make a Difference Day.

With the implementation of the student activity fee, Project Community organizes the Alternative Spring Break Program that gives students an opportunity to use their Spring break for service.

Bossard stated that she has seen a lot more interest by students in community service because many students enter the university with prior experience. Those students are very interested in continuing their service in college. Right now, Project Community is looking to better market their services to student groups.

Kay Robinson—Student Involvement and Leadership

As of right now, there are 777 registered student organizations. The increase appears to be due, in part, to the new student activity fee and the opportunity for increased funding. The organizations are a mix of both social and academic.

The office has increased programming. They offer Treasurer Training, an involvement fair, a parliamentary procedure workshop, and a workshop on ice breakers and team building. The SOURCE also sends out a weekly e-mail to keep in contact with the student organizations.

In addition, the money from the activity fee has been used to purchase equipment for student organizations, such as digital cameras and video cameras, two-way radios, and bullhorns. The equipment is housed in the SOURCE office and is available for checkout.

Kai Landis—Campus Activities and Events

Landis explained some of the programming and events on campus. These include Buckeye Blizzard, which is all winter quarter programming, daytime programming, grad and professional programming (professional development, money management, etc.), and A Place for Community, which brought Jesse Jackson to campus to speak.

Landis stated that this is the first year that they have has a committee that is responsible for grad/professional programming, and she has seen a definite increase in the involvement of this targeted group.

Matt Couch ended the presentation by stating that there is increased awareness and involvement all around. He also stated that the Student Activities Office acts as a liaison to other student organizations, such as Makio and Student Radio. He concluded by announcing some upcoming activities: Chris Rock (Feb. 23), Spike Lee, John Leguizamo, Jack Hanna, and the cast from *Saved By the Bell*.

Not all of the speakers from the Student Health Insurance Committee had arrived, so the agenda was moved forward until then.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Motion was heard to approve the minutes of the 6 January 2004 meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

IV. Reports

Chair: occurred later in the meeting.

Student Affairs—Bill Hall

VP Hall reported that the budget guidelines are in and that Student Affairs needs to cut 5% out of continuing funds. Once there is a plan to do this, he will share it with the Chair and Allocations and then he will come forward to full Council with the recommendations.

A proposal was submitted to increase student housing. Some of the proposed changes would be to reclaim the office space in Lincoln Tower and make it all student housing (no word yet on where the offices would move to). There is also the possibility of taking over the Fawcett Center and making the upper floors into student housing. In that case, the Development Office (which is currently there) would move.

In terms of the food service delivery system, the university is reaching the saturation point of what the campus can support fiscally.

Finally, VP Hall announced that the Ohio Union project will be presented to the Coordinating Cabinet and the President's Cabinet. Right now, there is a desire by some to reduce the project's budget by 10-20 million dollars.

Allocations: Frank Sasso reported that the committee has set aside the following money for allocations for Spring Quarter: For grad/professional, \$7,800 has been set aside for initial allocations. For undergrads, \$79,000 will be set aside (with \$60,000 for Spring additional allocations).

VP Hall asked if the allocations committee had thought about the possibility of funding presidential candidates who might come to campus this quarter. The consensus was that some money should be set aside to use in the event this occurs.

The speakers have arrived and reports will finish after the speakers.

II. Speakers, cont.—Eric Busch, Amy Johnson, and Susan Marsico (SHIC)

The speakers gave a presentation that outlined the overall history of student health insurance on the campus, discussed the process of the Student Health Insurance Committee (SHIC), explained the structure of student health insurance, examined the types of coverage, and looked at the recent changes to the insurance.

The report also outlined some possible changes to the plan in the next year, including modification of the pre-existing clause, lowering the lifetime maximum from \$500,000

for domestic students, tiering the prescription pharmacy co-pay, and the use of annual enrollment rather than quarterly purchases.

Discussion and questions included how students are covered while traveling abroad (Assist America) and the process for returning international students to their home if they pass away while at school. (Now that all international students have insurance, this is not longer an issue).

Is it possible to get regional students covered by next year? Yes, the committee is working on it with MMO. The committee has recently added a regional representative.

Does SHI cover students who participate in distance learning? Distance learning does not count toward eligibility.

For students who go off their parent's insurance on Dec. 31, what do they do if their OSU insurance does not kick in until Jan. 5? File with Koster and the student will be prorated and pay Koster directly. This will help avoid the pre-existing exclusion. How widely publicized is this process because this problem would effect a lot of grad/professional students? There is information on the website or students can contact the student health insurance office.

What is the status of covering things like laser eye surgery to entice students into OSU's plan? Most plans don't cover this.

IV. Reports, cont.

Chair: Chair Hodak passed out the committee charges for the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Code of Student Conduct and the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Organization Classification and Resource Eligibility.

The suggestion was made to add the following charge to the Code committee: Investigate what occurs in the professional schools with their honor codes.

Subcommittee A: No longer exists.

Subcommittee B: The committee passed around a report on their recommendations for student affairs marketing. A motion was made to approve of the recommendations. The motion was seconded and carried.

IPC: IPC has started the process for the selection of the grad/professional Board of Trustee member.

USG: USG is currently discussing their budget priorities. What do they do with all that money?

CGS: No report.

V. Old Business

Handled in the report section.

VI. New Business

Chair Hodak introduced the following resolution: Resolution of Best Wishes to Vice President Bill Hall on his Birthday! A motion was made to approve the resolution. It was seconded and passed unanimously and enthusiastically!!

Announcements

There were no announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm.