Student Affairs Committee Minutes November 19th, 2014

The meeting was held in room NBS 133 at 12:20 p.m.

Attendance

Scott Bailey
Mark Dadonna
Laura Herndon
Jeff Jacobs
Dennis Miller
Chris Pitsikoulis
Chris Stotelmyer
Charlotte Swint

Welcome

Charlotte Swint, Chair, called the session to order.

Old Business

Charlotte Swint distributed the minutes from the previous meeting, which were then read and approved.

New Business

The agenda of discussion items was as follows:

The Edge program
Wellness Committee update
Children on Campus Policy update
Lactation Room update

1. The Edge program

Charlotte invited Jeff Jacobs to speak about the Edge. Jeff had previously sent committee members some materials about the program. He wanted to know if the committee members had otherwise heard about the program and if they had ideas about how to connect the program to faculty and students, with a goal of giving students experiences from freshman to senior year leading to internships for every student. Scott Bailey thought that the Edge initiative will need to be sold more to the faculty rather than the students. Faculty will need to know what the Edge is, what their role will be, and how the Edge can be implemented into their courses. Mark Dadonna mentioned that as faculty transition from advising roles to mentoring roles their participation in the Edge will help define their new roles.

Charlotte observed that some sites may require contracts with the university for participation, which require time to process necessary paperwork. Also, liability can be a concern, as well as

sites that charge fees to allow students to visit. The difference between actual internship and field observation will need to be established.

Scott said that, as in the PACE program, a centralized database of resources and what things must be attended to would be necessary. Having students take part in the creation of such a database would be part of their exploration, discovery and experiences. Charlotte mentioned that the Connecting Clayton (http://www.connectingclayton.org/) website might be a good resource. Attendance of professional association meetings was also put forth as a possibility. It was suggested that Bridget (McDonald?) speak to the committee in spring about what was accomplished this past semester.

2. Children on Campus policy

Jeff reported that an issue was broached at the last Faculty Senate meeting concerning the special needs of the library for research, computer use and quiet study. Laura Herndon said that the library requests a bulletin be added that states that community users and minors accompanied by responsible adults be subject to the library's usage policies while visiting the library. Mark also said that underage students are to be allowed the same privileges as all other students. The policy should now be ready to be finalized.

4. Lactation Room update

Scott has had no response to his inquiries concerning the designation of a lactation room. Mark brought up an office with keypad entrance in Edgewater Hall that is not currently in use and may be a suitable room. Scott will contact Harun Biswas with this information, and Mark will follow up if necessary. More rooms might be available in the Disability Resource Center, though some concern was expressed about the possible stigma associated with the center's name.

General Discussion

The committee was asked for any other discussion points. None were suggested.

There will be no December meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was concluded at 1:05 p.m.

Next Meeting

January 28th, 2015 at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Herndon Secretary