

Student Life Committee Annual Report 2003- 2004

The Student Life Committee scheduled eight meetings during this academic year.

The committee consists of 16 members. Only half the administrative members vote each year. The student members changed throughout the semester because of their class/work schedules and the meeting times. Therefore those names are not listed:

Position	Name	Voting Status
Dean of Student Affairs	Dr. Walter Bernstein	No Vote
Director of Athletics and Recreation	Joe Mingachos	Vote
Director of Student Center/Student Life	Dr. Paul M. Simon	No Vote
Assoc. VP for Public Safety, or designee	Neil McLaughlin	Vote
Director of Minority Affairs	Daryle Dennis	No Vote
Resident Director	Marcia Butland	Vote
Professional Studies Faculty	Dr. Colleen Delaney	Vote
Arts and Sciences Faculty	Dr. Averell Manes	Vote
Ancell Faculty	Dr. Harry Schramm	Vote
SGA Representative	Tim Doran	Vote
SGA Representative	William Druschell	Vote
SGA Representative	{varies}	Vote
Greek Council Representative	Betty Wolkin	Vote
Inter-Residence Hall Representative	{varies}	Vote
Varsity Sports Representative	Sandy Ramos	Vote
Club Sports Representative	Tom Mott	Vote

September 22, 2003

Dr. Paul M. Simon convened the first meeting of the year. Because of the number of students on this committee, the chair is not elected until the first meeting of the new academic year. Dr. Simon discussed the role and responsibilities of the committee and was subsequently elected chair. The committee discussed its priorities for the year.

October 13, 2003

The committee developed its priority list for the year. The committee discussed its concern that there is NO substance abuse counselor at the university, the missed class policy, the Classroom Disruptive Behavior Policy, Alcohol Awareness Week and the Guidelines for Public Forums and Demonstrations Policy.

October 27, 2003

No quorum

November 10, 2003

The Disruptive Behavior Policy was discussed at length as was the Missed Class policy. The Committee agreed that the current Guidelines for Public Forums & Demonstration Policy remain in effect, without proposed revisions.

The Committee discussed the lack of a current Tailgating Policy, and the multiple existing alcohol use policies, (Residence Life, Student Organizations, WCSU, and President's versions). Currently, there is no policy printed in the Student Handbook. It was agreed that the Alcohol and Drug Task Force will draft a comprehensive policy to be reviewed by the committee.

The Committee strongly urges the University to create at least one Common Hour two different days per week during the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., totaling a minimum of two Common Hours per week.

A subcommittee composed of Dr. Colleen Delaney and Tim Doran proposed a Commuter/Resident Student Connection Program to facilitate a smooth transition and sense of belonging for commuter students.

November 24, 2003

The main topic of discussion was the revised Disruptive Behavior Policy.

December 8, 2003

The Disruptive Classroom Behavior Guidelines distributed. The Policy on Classes Missed Because of University-Sponsored Events was approved. The program for Commuter/Resident students was discussed.

February 2, 2004

Sharon Guck the new Drug and Alcohol Coordinator spoke to the committee. She explained her role was is threefold: (a) development of drug and alcohol intervention programs that are evidenced based to reduce drug use and drinking, (b) looking at campus as a whole to identify culture and social norms with intention of changing a culture that promotes drug and alcohol abuse, and (c) looking at campus within a community context to build a community coalition. Sharon's goal is to develop a state of

the art program for WCSU. She is working with the Drug and Alcohol Task Force at WCSU.

WCSU was awarded a 3 year 240,000 grant to address alcohol and drug issues; part of this funding may be used for a full time position which will be advertised this spring.

March 17, 2004

Based on comments received from the academic deans the Missed Class Policy was changed to Missed Class Guidelines.

Helen Masterson, Coordinator of University events, was present to discuss committee's questions and concerns about commencement. Ms. Masterson reported that commencement would remain on the practice field and not move to the Westside Athletic Complex of turf concerns. The December Recognition ceremony was brought up by the committee. While it was cancelled because of low attendance, the student leadership will refer the issue back to their prospective organizations, and report back to the student life committee with their findings.

Registrar Irene Duffy clarified the Official Walk Policy for commencement. She informed the committee any student with 8 or less credits needed to graduate, and have applied for graduation, is allowed to walk. She also stated that there is room to negotiate based on a students specific situation.

April 12, 2004

The Commuter-Resident Connection Program will be held on May 05, 2004. \$4,000 was allocated for the event. Flyers and Registration Form were provided to the members of the committee.

Mr. Wallace presented the final draft of the University Alcohol Policy. The major issues discussed were tailgating (Athletics Department is opposed), transporting alcohol on university shuttle bus (ok as long as the person was of the legal age and it was a closed container), alcohol events advertisement, students responsibility for their guests and use of student activities fees for purchase of alcohol.

April 26, 2004

The committee briefly discussed the University Senate comments concerning the Missed Class Policy. The committee questions the use of the word "survivor" within the Sexual Assault Policy and discussed possible synonyms that could replace "survivor", such as "victim".

May 10, 2004

The committee recapped the Commuter/Resident Connection program and discussed the Sexual Assault Policy.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul M. Simon, Ed.D.
Chair