Wayne State University
Proceedings of the Student Affairs Committee
October 13, 2010

Present: Amanda Carnagie, Judith Fouladbakhsh, Barbara Jones, James Martin, Michele Ronnick, Brad Roth, David Strauss, Bill Slater, Thomas Smith, Mary Width, Nancy Wilmes, James Woodyard, Naida Simon

Absent With Notice: Cheryl Dove, Avril Genene Holt, Liza Lagman Sperl, Aaron Retish

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM. As there were new members at this meeting, each member present introduced him/herself.

The Minutes of September 15 were approved unanimously.

The committee had two speakers scheduled for today: Steven Schoeberlein, interim director of CAPS, and Mary White, nurse manager of the Campus Health Center.

Steve Schoeberlein: Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) is located on the fifth floor of the Student Center Building. It has five full time employees, psychologists, clinical social workers and professional counselors. It offers assessment and referrals to other mental health facilities. CAPS offers what is called a Brief Model with students having a maximum of eight sessions. Services offered include couples counseling; group therapy; sports psychology; anger management; stress management; anxiety; coping with the following: illness, depression, homesickness, loneliness, sexual issues, relationships, etc. The office is willing to offer workshops to various offices and departments at the University. If Steve had a wish list, he would like to double his staff of counselors to ten. Ideally there would be 15 – 20 counselors. CAPS reports to the provost. Residential students are over-represented in the usage of services offered by CAPS. Residential students represent about 9% of WSU students but use 24.5% of CAPS’ resources. The breakdown of students who used CAPS last year is as follows: WSU residence halls 24.5%, Greek housing 0.5%, Off-campus house/apartment 67.7%, No response and other 8.2%.

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Mary White: The Health Center is located on the first floor of the DeRoy Apartment Building. The health center is not part of the university, but has a contract with the university. It is a 501-C corporation of College of Nursing faculty who are nurse practitioners. Nurse White is a certified sexual assault examiner. The center currently employs 3 fulltime nurse practitioners and 1 mental health nurse practitioner who has prescriptive authority. The center began with a pilot program in Fall 2005 for students living in the dorms. In the 2006 – 2010 academic years, the number of students served doubled and it appears that this year the number will double again. The service is open to all students enrolled at the main campus. All WSU students receive one free illness visit per semester. Additional visits are chargeable. All mental health visits are free. If the student has insurance, it is billed for the subsequent visits, but the insurance does not always pay. About 45% of WSU students and 20% of residential students do not have health insurance. Nurse White
would like to use a soft waiver insurance program which would lower the costs to about $125 per student per year. To date the usage is heavily favored to the residential student (about 60%). The center treats acute and chronic illness, provides preventative care, and guidance and counseling. The center is funded from the omnibus fee; the FY 2011 omnibus fee allocation is $2,313,000. (See page 152 of FY 2011 Budget Book) Roughly 48% of insurance billing gets paid. Revenues obtained from insurance billings are about $20,000.

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There was a discussion of the Fitness Center Maintenance Fee which is a flat $25 per student registered. The chair requested information from the Athletic Department as to usage of the Fitness Center. It was suggested that the chair ask Chris Nolan for several of his Annual Reports for the Fitness Center. Hopefully, these data will be here for the next meeting.

The Housing Market Analysis document was discussed briefly. David Strauss explained the rationale for the request. Jim Woodyard explained that beginning FY 2010 housing is subsidized at $500,000/year from the general fund for the first year and an additional $500,000 each year until it reaches $2,000,000 in FY 2013. Once the subsidy reaches that amount, it will remain at that amount thereafter to provide debt service relief. (See page 235 of FY 2011 Budget Book) The Policy Committee asked the Student Affairs Committee to appoint someone to join Jim Woodyard on the Housing Market Analysis Committee that has been formed. Nancy Wilmes thought that Naida Simon would be a good choice and the committee agreed.

The next meeting is Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at 1:30 in 1270 FAB.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.