

Wayne State University
Proceedings of the Student Affairs Committee
March 9, 2011

Present: Cheryl Dove, Liza Lagman Sperl, James Martin, Aaron Retish, Thomas Smith, David Strauss, Jim Woodyard, Naida Simon

Absent With Notice: Judi Fouladbakhsh, Avril Genene Holt, Barbara Jones, Michele Ronnick, Brad Roth, Bill Slater, Nancy Wilmes

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 PM. The Agenda was adopted and the Minutes of February 9, 2011 were approved with corrections.

We had three speakers scheduled for today; Chris Nolan and Tamara Tranter from the Fitness Center (FC) and Athletics respectively and Tim Michael, Director of Housing and the Student Center.

Chris and Tammy: New to the Fitness Center are the following: (1) Audio capabilities were added to the cardio equipment. Patrons can now view the television station or hear radio station of their choice. (2) The climbing wall was enhanced. It is used for leisure activities and academic courses. (3) A putting green was added. (4) On order is a replacement of locker doors and fronts. (5) Hours have been expanded. Monday through Friday the FC is open from 5:30 am to 11:00 pm and weekends the hours are 10 am to 7 pm. The hours are consistent. (6) Membership allows one to use the Matthaei pool and open lap times have been expanded. (7) The fifth annual Warrior Games will be April 18 – 25, 2011. There are thirty events; a team must compete in half of the events and there is one mandatory event for all teams, the Essay. High points: 2,000 participate in intramural sports which are held outdoors in the fall, 250 students are involved in club sports which are self funded, there have been 70,000 swipes which equates to 10,000 unique student users, the third year of the FC Learning Community, Freshmen Quests, the FC employs 100+ students and have internships for students, and have arranged over 1,000 student trips off-campus. This summer it will offer a summer fee of \$35 for students who are not taking summer classes. They are planning on reaching out to WSU employees so that joining the FC for the first year will be cheaper.

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Tim: He passed out a handout based on his presentation to the Board of Governors (BOG) earlier today. This year when students left the dorms and/or apartments, we were able to fill the bed. This fall we had a 94.5% occupancy rate in the residence halls and a 93.3% occupancy rate in the apartments. This year WSU is beginning to reinvest in the facilities. Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 project totals equal \$995,000 and for FY 2012 it will equal \$1,250,000. The most common reason given for leaving the dorm is money. The residence halls are adding student development issues to its programming. Graduate student housing is down, international student enrollment is down, but undergraduate housing is up. The Housing Marketing Survey was discussed. The Committee would like access to these data done by the Brailsford & Dunlavey Company. The BOG approved the rates for next year and again we will be near the bottom in comparison to our sister state institutions. Rates for a typical freshman room and board package will increase \$286 or 3.81% to \$7,786. Rents were reduced an average of \$50 per month for three apartment types all unfurnished. Students expressed a desire to have single rooms and such rooms will be available for next year; the rate will have a single supplement rate. He also shared with the Committee the Residence Hall Assessment comparing WSU with other institutions. The report was done by Educational Benchmarking, Inc.

The Student Center: This is a learning year for Tim. Funding for the Student Center is from the Omnibus Fee. In FY 2009 it became a flat fee of \$2.1M. Rents add an additional \$750K. Renovations have begun, carpeting is being replaced, wall are being painting and bathrooms will be renovated next year. Hours have been extended until midnight. The Warrior Grille hours have been extended until 2 am to meet the needs of students since the UGL is open longer.

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The next meeting is **Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 1:30 in 1270 FAB.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.