

Minutes

Student Affairs Committee

March 25, 2009

Present: James Gale, William Slater, Barbara Jones, Cheryl Dove, David Strauss, Vicki Dallas, Anthony Sacco, James Martin, Naida Simon

Absent with Notice: Brad Roth, Michele Ronnick, Renee Van Stavern, Mary Width

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. The minutes of February 12 were unanimously approved.

II. The Memo by the joint committees on the Center for Academic Excellence was unanimously approved by email prior to this meeting.

III. Calendar Survey

- a. Student Affairs Committee approved the idea of a calendar survey and to go along with the Elections Committee time frame of December 2009. SAC also agreed that the survey could be done as early as November 2009 if that is what was later decided.

IV. Smoking Survey

- a. The Committee agreed that there should be a survey and that survey should be sent to all WSU employees.
- b. The committee discussed what the objectives of this survey were. It was agreed that the objective was to ascertain how the various constituents of the WSU campus viewed smoking and the lack of enforcement of the existing policy.
- c. Certain suggestions were offered:
 - i. Move all ashtrays more than twenty feet from building entrances;
 - ii. Use of better signage as to where smoking is allowed/prohibited;
 - iii. Pilot two buildings where there would be a smoking and a non smoking entrance to see if that might work;
 - iv. Create better signage;

- v. Have the leaders in campus buildings improve their building's signage visibility and enforcement of the policy.
- d. The current policy is not being enforced. Public Safety will not enforce the current smoking policy.
- e. There is a need for a campaign to communicate what the current policy is. This campaign should be in partnership with Student Council and the Academic Senate.

V. Update on Student Council (David Strauss)

- a. Student Council has a \$450,000 budget from the Omnibus fees. Currently, this allocation is divided between Student Council Program Board for campus activities, Student Council operating money, and allocation to recognized student organizations through the Student Council Budget Committee. Beginning with the new Student Council in May, there will be a freestanding Student Activities Budget Committee, 100% run by students, which will allocate funds to student organizations. The Student Council will not be involved in the allocating of funds.
- b. The Dean of Students will have authority to deny an approval if there are university policy errors and can approve a denial based on just cause.
- c. There will be no more Mad Anthony Wayne Concerts. This concert costs between \$75,000 and \$80,000 and the feeling is that the money can be better spent doing more programs that will engage more students and involve more student organizations.

VI. The chair recognized the service of the Student Council Representative, James Gale, for his attendance and service to this committee and the BOG Student Affairs Committee.

VII. The April 1 meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 5, 2009 from 2 – 4 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Approved as submitted at the Student Affairs Committee meeting of May 5, 2009