



WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY
Board of Trustees: Student Affairs Subcommittee Meeting
307 Thompson Center – Conference Room
Thursday, December 5, 2013
10:00 am

MINUTES

Members Present: Mr. Charles Wallington, Mr. Osyris Uqoezwa; Dr. Trae T. Cotton and Mr. Bryant Bell

Members Absent: Mr. Martin Davis

University Staff: Dr. Gloria Laureano, Mr. Theo Howard, Mr. Timothy Pittman and Ms. Angela Blue, Recording Secretary;

The meeting was called to order at 10:11 am and roll was called.

Approval of the Minutes-September 5, 2013

Dr. Cotton made a motion to approve the September 5, 2013 minutes. This motion was moved and seconded by Mr. Bryant Bell.

Report of the Vice Chancellor – Dr. Trae T. Cotton

Dr. Trae Cotton opened the discussion with a welcome and introductions to the Board. Thereafter he gave a synopsis of how the semester has unfolded with the Grand Opening of the Donald J. Reaves Student Activities Center as well as, the recent opening of the Martin-Schexnider Residence Hall. He also informed the Board that we are sponsoring a Big Brothers Big Sisters Angel Tree for triad children, while Mr. Theo Howard described a successful U-Study initiative that was geared to give students stress relief during final exams with provision of snacks and 24/7 access to the Reaves center.

Update on Ram ASSIST:

Dr. Gloria Laureano discussed the implementation of Ram ASSIST (Assessment of Safety behaviors, and Intervention Support Team). This group has been identified to provide a University infrastructure by which the campus community can notify and address threatening or troubling behaviors among our students and visitors. Ram ASSIST is composed of a team of officials from strategic areas of the University that are being continually trained and developed on how to handle student behaviors of concern. Faculty, Staff and Students now have the ability to report behavioral threats online through a Ram ASSIST referral form which goes to University personnel to be addressed. The overall mission of this initiative is to retain a safe and secure learning environment for the campus community.

Update on AlcoholEDU:

Dr. Laureano further discussed how incoming freshman were charged with the completion of a two part survey tool called AlcoholEDU which is geared to increase a student's alcohol awareness in effort to promote responsible behaviors. This survey tool is offered in conjunction with a sexual assault education module called Haven which has a similar goal of promoting sexual responsibility. These assessment tools allow the University to gauge our students level of awareness so that we may provide appropriate resources where needed. To date, 696 of our freshman completed Part I of the survey which represents approximately 80% of our freshman class.

Report of the SGA President-Bryant Bell:

Mr. Bryant Bell shared with the Board the mantra for the current SGA cabinet which is to "*Empower Students*". He expressed that one of the goals is to bridge the gap between student leaders and students who are not in leadership roles in effort to engender more participation and discourage empathy. This is done through the implementation of Town Hall/Rap Sessions where all students are invited to speak on various topics. Other initiatives for the semester include feeding the homeless, Adopt a Highway pickups and hosting joint Title IX discussions on Sexual Harassment/Violence and Gender Equity. Mr. Bell further discussed how he and a peer in the School of Business and Economics have been lobbying for a more competitive curriculum for Finance majors with a hope to be able to leverage similar results in other majors where needed.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



Angela Blue
Recording Secretary



Signature -Mr. Charles Wallington, Chair

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Date