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Board of Trustees: Student Affairs Subcommittee Meeting
307 Thompson Center – Conference Room
Thursday, December 8, 2016
10 am

MINUTES

Members Present: Mrs. Debra Miller-Chair, Mrs. Coretta Bigelow, Mr. Osyris Uquezwa, Mr. Charles Wright, Miss Mona Zahir and Dr. Trae T. Cotton

University Staff: Mr. Jamar Banks, Ms. Cynthia Strine and Ms. Angela Blue, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am and roll was called.

Approval of the Minutes-September 15, 2016

A motion was made to approve the minutes. This motion was initiated by Mr. Wright and seconded by Mrs. Bigelow.

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

Dr. Cotton welcomed the Board and staff then provided the following updates:

Organizational Changes: Dr. Cotton informed the Board of recent organizational changes within the Division following the resignation of our former Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Dean of Students-Dr. Gloria Laureano:

Jamar Banks Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
& Dean of Students

LaMonica Sloan Interim Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Campus Life

Natasha Jeter Director of First Year Experience (within UCaLL)

Tiffany Seawright Director of Student Leadership

University Recreation-Cynthia Strine:

Ms. Cynthia Strine shared with the Board how URec promotes the goals and objectives of the WSSU strategic plan in its daily operations by strengthening liberal education through its promotion of holistic wellness. URec collaborates closely with the Wellness Center in order to assure that our students receive the full benefits of both facilities. URec employs some 90 student workers on campus-instilling the value of leadership, sportsmanship and stewardship of resources while promoting social justice and equity through collaborative and inclusive recreation.

URec increased its usage rate from 29,600 visits in 2015 to 32,500 visits in 2016. Staff members continue to capitalize on opportunities to collaborate with faculty, and outside organizations to enhance and offer more robust recreation programs for our students.

Report of the SGA President-Mona Zahir

Miss Mona Zahir discussed current initiatives under her administration that include the voter registration push called “Ram Votes Matter”. She shared that she and her staff have worked to increase SGA’s social media presence as well as advocacy around student centeredness in such areas as safety, tuition and fees costs; internet connectivity, SGA governance, and dining services to name a few.

Among SGA’s highlighted areas of concern were the following:

- Rising tuition and fee costs
- Lack of student centeredness
- Stalled construction with Covington Hall
- Gender equity with scholarship distribution
- Student representation on all committees
- Transparency during leadership changes

Upcoming spring projects for SGA include an SGA training camp, a future trip to Portugal; increased legislation; SGA strategic planning, a Winston-Salem benefit concert and co-curricular programming.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned with a motion at 11:54 am.

Angela Blue
Recording Secretary

Signature of Chair

Date