STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Dec. 18, 2014

Conference Call – 10 a.m.

Minutes

Attending:

Debbie (CNY)  Debbie (LIC)
Erin (NSG)  Pat (OCSS)
Rebecca (Metro)  Andy (OCSS)
Lindsey (GVC)  Danielle (OCSS)
Kameylah (NFC)  Anita (OCSS)
Jamal (NFC)  Kim (Grad)
Rebecca B. (CNY)  Sandra (Grad)
Robin (GVC)  Renata (HVC)

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting
   Kim made a motion to approve the minutes, Debbie seconded.

2. Reports
   A) Subcommittees
      1) Student Engagement and Inquiry
         Subcommittee met several times before STAC and put together a very successful World Café at STAC. A World Café is a method of having large group conversations feel like small group intimate conversations. It was very successful and had great reviews from the STAC evaluations! 25 people made commitments to do something concrete following the exercise. Many ideas came from the World Café such as trips, happy hours, healthy meals, family events and the like. The group will be following up on the suggestions in their January meeting.
2) Student Leadership
   The subcommittee has been looking at different leadership models. They have come to the decision that there are not going to be “activities” this year but the building of a framework and budget for a Leadership Institute. They would like to put together a survey out to students and faculty on what are the most needed skills.

   It was suggested that the subcommittee write an article about this for the student newsletter.

B) Newsletter News
   The newsletter has a brand new look (and it looks awesome!). We have two regular student writers. Please look at the newsletter and also click on the facebook page to “like” the student life page.

C) Senate
   1) SAC report to Senate (attached)
   2) Co-chairs report from Senate
      Our bylaws proposal was passed by Senate and will now move on to the Assembly. There was one small change in that SAC would be the one to recommend a person to the ITC committee from the entire student body.

      Committee on undergraduate policy (CUSP) is starting a subcommittee to look at the definition of “credit hour” and see if that is still a useful term.

      Paul Tucci mentioned that the efforts around ESC 2.0 are not that we are downsizing but that we are looking for ways to better service our students.

      Alfred Ntoko, the new President talked about the development of new programs to attract new students to the college.
Kameylah stated that she would like to submit a resolution regarding the retention and the importance of engagement activities in retention to the Senate. Pat and Jamal agreed to work on this with her.

There will be a search for a new VP for Enrollment Management and Student Services. Folks are encouraged to submit their names for consideration for the search committee.

D) Office of Collegewide Student Services
   1) Student Academic Conference
      a. Highlights
         Record number of students attended
         Extremely Positive reviews of the conference planning and workshops
         Students had issues with the hotel – but they are totally remodeling.
         Dates for next year are October 24/25 in Albany – same hotel.

   b. Comments/Suggestions
      Have photo booth not compete with music

   2) Art/Poster Competition Split
      Working on this – may be two separate competitions at two separate times
      All suggestions are welcome
      We do not want to offend anyone

   3) Health and Wellness
      a. Wellness Retreat and Residency
         April 16-18, 2015, Albany Hilton (change of venue)
         NOTE – this is our next face to face meeting April 16th
         Shawn Johnson is the keynote speaker, she is an Olympic gold
medal winner, has been on dancing with the stars and is appearing on the apprentice this coming season

b. Events across college
   We are hoping to offer CPR certification for students this Spring

4) Career Services
   a. Internship Project
      Working on developing a framework that will include registration, database, communication letters, and opportunities
   b. Website
      One of the major projects we will be working on
   c. Counseling
      Some students have found out Anita is here and she has done some counseling and resume review
   d. Soft roll out of announcement of position
      We need to build the office before we open our doors wide!

3. New Business
   A. Re-forming Honors Program Subcommittee
      Samantha, Kameylah and Pat offered to serve on subcommittee – anyone else?
   B. Uvize
      A new ESC “somewhat closed” social media site being explored. This is OIT’s answer to our request for a virtual student union. It has the capability to have discussion board, events, community groups, skills courses and “mentor” relationships – we would call it something else – perhaps coaches or advisors.