

Commission on Student Affairs
Thursday, October 31, 2013
3:30-5:00 p.m.
Squires Student Center – Brush Mountain Room

Present:

Shaimaa Abdallah, Maria Andrade, Brent Ashley, Chris Atkins, Cathye Betzel, Matthew Chan, Claire Childress, Noha ElSherbiny, De'Ashley Spain- designee for Morgan Esters, Jean-Luc Ford, Lauren Surface- designee for Monika Gibson, Kylie Gilbert, Jacob Grohs, Mary Ann Lewis, Margaret McQuain, Jason Conder for Peter Nettekoven, Guy Sims for Patty Perillo, Greg Purdy, Robert Sebek, Lester Schonberger, Emma Smith, Erica Wood

Absent:

Andy Hsu, Caroline Sapyta, Jay Tucker, Nick Warrington

Guests:

Mr. Jason Soileau, Dr. Rick Ferraro, Dr. Kanitta Charoensiri

I. Call to Order

Ms. Kylie Gilbert, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. welcoming the group to today's meeting and reviewing the agenda items for discussion.

II. Guest Speakers

a. Campus Master Plan

Jason Soileau, Assistant Vice President for the Office of University Planning at Virginia Tech

Mr. Soileau highlighted the university campus master plan, noting the near completion of several current projects like the Moss Arts Center/Center for the Arts and the Signature Engineering Building (expected completion spring 2014). As well, he highlighted key future construction projects as well as growth opportunities by way of districts including the upper quad, the north campus precinct (currently the B lot), the Drillfield itself (grading, pedestrian paths, trail heads/entry points, increased/reconfigured parking from interior to exterior) as well as traffic enhancements on Drillfield Drive, the Life Sciences district (HABBi-completion March 2014 as well as HABB 2, 3, and 4) including the cage (including another parking deck, the chiller plant, and a pedestrian-safe "research wall"), the CRC/Research expansion (including airport expansion and a divergent diamond interchange off of 460 for new entry sequence into campus replacing the current Southgate Drive entrance), as well as a future science district. Mr. Soileau noted they are looking toward the 2016 master plan and he encouraged participation and engagement. He then agreed to field questions. Questions surrounded primarily parking, both student (including residential) and faculty/staff. In addition, he spoke to the needs for a future student center posed by Mr. Lester Schonberger. Mr. Soileau acknowledged that discussions about a new student center are beginning so as to seriously address that need.

b. Schiffert Confidentiality Update

Dr. Rick Ferraro, Assistant Vice President- Health and Wellness

Dr. Kanitta Charoensiri, Director of Schiffert Health Center

After self-introductions, Dr. Ferraro briefly discussed the differences between privacy and confidentiality and expressed concern for maintaining a sense of privacy in the health center. A handout was distributed with mock scenarios that could happen in Schiffert Health Center and then reviewed the protocols in place associated with each. First name or last name, but not full name, are typically used. They would not verbalize the ailment being treated or the treatment/medication. Dr. Ferraro also noted future space expansion and additional privacy measures either currently underway or being considered. Dr. Charoensiri noted accreditation standards, including privacy and HIPPA regulations, stating that Schiffert Health Center is expected, and does, follow such to maintain their accreditation. She acknowledged that often parents will call requesting information; however, without the express written consent per case/situation by the student the information is not provided. The floor was opened for questions. Mr. Lester Schonberger inquired of specific training as he, personally, overheard the medication prescribed to another patient. Ms. Kylie Gilbert also indicated that the pharmacy inquiry of what medications a patient is already taking occurs in a less than private area. Dr. Charoensiri acknowledged that the logistical setup can allow for overhearing, even without the intent of listening. Dr. Ferraro acknowledged that training does occur and situations are addressed as presented; however, he will share the feedback and execute due diligence to help ensure it is less likely to happen in the future.

III. Commissions/Committees Updates

a. **Non-Traditional Student Support Working Committee**—Mr. Lester Schonberger

Mr. Lester Schonberger provided a quick recap that this working committee was focused on two specific topics: dietary and holidays. Related to non-traditional diets, the committee has met with Dining Services and will continue/follow-up on these initial discussions. Related to university-recognized religious and ethnic holidays, Mr. Schonberger noted that they've met with Dean Brown. Dean Brown noted that he is already in discussions with the Registrar's Office. There is a website www.interfaithcalendar.org that exists, is inclusive, and is considered the most comprehensive list available. It also offers a multi-year outlook. This website will be a URL link in the Hokie Handbook, Faculty Handbook, and the Registrar's website related to the observance of holidays, rather than an arbitrary list of holidays that is not considered inclusive.

b. **Principles of Community Working Committee**—Mr. Chris Atkins

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, November 5 at 5 p.m. in New Hall West conference Room 101 that will serve as a planning meeting for a possible future speaker. In addition, the group hopes to create a starting list of specific recommendations for changes related to Policy 1025.

c. **Series 8000 Policies Working Committee and Budget Board Working Committee**

These committees have been combined as they consist of the same individuals. There will be a meeting next week on Thursday, November 7 at 3:30 p.m. in Squires 217.

d. **Connecting Cultural Groups Working Committee**

Multicultural Programs and Services (MPS) and Student Centers and Activities (SCA) are already doing some great work. Discussion occurred as to whether this needs to also rest with CSA. Noha ElSherbiny expressed concern for how information will be distributed and shared. Mr. Lester Schonberger will follow-up as CISO is unique in that they are a UCSO advised by Cranwell International Center. As Cranwell International Center, MPS, and SCA are all part of the Division of Student Affairs, this should be an easy collaboration to foster.

e. **Policy 91 Working Committee**

Ms. De'Ashley Spain participated in a meeting where it was determined that policy changes are desired based on policy review and discussions at this meeting. Ms. Gilbert indicated that CSA is willing to support as needed. Each college has their own version/variation of Policy 91, but rules primarily surround a student and the 72 credit hour classification/status. University policy states that less than a 2.0 cumulative GPA results in a semester of probation. The student is to increase the GPA to 2.0 or better (cumulative) within following/next semester or that student will be dismissed. Only one transitional advisor exists, and need is greater. Additionally, awareness of available assistance by students in this situation is minimal. Ms. Spain did not there is also a satellite office located in Pritchard Hall and that it is the advisors responsibility to share information with students. There are increasing numbers of students being dismissed from their programs of study. There is some work being done to create a central website regarding Policy 91, as well as the specifics of each individual college. Of particular interest in terms of policy change are the timing of dismissal and the probationary period prior to dismissal.

IV. Old Business

In the interests of time, there was no call for old business.

V. New Business

In the interests of time, there was no call for new business.

VI. Announcements

- a. Brent Ashley noted that Extreme Campus Makeover survey responses were received from approximately 3400 people or 15% of student body. The importance of the campus master plan, in particular the site of a future Student Center, is a question on the second part of the survey; therefore, he encouraged students to continue with part 2 of the survey.
- b. Erica Wood noted that the next meeting of the Curriculum for Liberal Education (CLE) will take place November 12 in Squires Room 341.

VII. Adjournment

- a. With no further announcements or business, Ms. Kylie Gilbert, chair, entertained a motion to adjourn; Lester Schonberger motioned and Chris Atkins seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.