

University Council
Committee on Student Affairs Report
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The Committee on Student Affairs met four times during fall semester, on Sept. 5, Oct. 8, Nov. 3, and Nov. 17. Our first meeting served mainly to become acquainted with new members and to allow outgoing chair Michael Bamber to oversee the election of our new chair.

Some issues that were discussed that will be of interest to members of Council and their home departments:

- Please make people aware that the Tate parking deck is free after hours so that students and faculty who need to attend events or study on central campus may do so safely.
- One of the thornier issues that came up related to student affairs this semester was the 72 hour disclosure policy. At the moment, the administration is revisiting the issue and Dr. Bennett is in conversation with Connor McCarthy and the SGA to gain more feedback and questions from the student.

Council members should also be aware of the Behavioral Assessment and Response Council, BARC

- Dr. Bennett serves as the chair of this council which was created to discuss issues of students in distress and to offer proactive ways for students, faculty and staff to address signs of distress
- Earlier this semester, you should have received a red BARC folder with a “Faculty/Staff 911 Guide.” The folder gives valuable information on addressing student concerns, and the information is also available online.

The final meeting, on Nov. 17, was a “field outing” to various ongoing construction projects on campus, and we thought it would be useful to report to members of Council the status of these projects.

- Health Center Expansion project: There will be 30,000 additional feet added to the current Health Center. Included in the expansion will be a new vision center, expansion of the women’s center services, CAPS and Pharmacy
- The construction of three fraternity Houses that will relocate to River Road. Construction began on October 21 and completion is expected before fall of 2009.
- A new 500 bed, double-corridor residence hall behind the Food Science building. The dorm is scheduled to open in fall 2010.
- The Club Sports complex out past the Botanical Gardens, by the Big Red Barn, which is a large field that can be divided into three smaller fields. This will provide a home for the club sports program and relieve the congestion on the intramural fields.
- The Redcoat Marching Band practice field is well underway at the very back of the intramural complex. In addition to preparing the field, an access road is being prepared as is adequate parking.

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