

**Minutes of the Committee on Student Affairs of the University Council**  
Mon. Mar. 6, 2005 4:00 pm in room 217 Holmes/Hunter Academic Building  
(As amended April 10<sup>th</sup>)

**Present:**

Malcolm Adams, Faculty Representative, Franklin College  
Rodney Bennett, VP for Student Affairs  
Tucker Brown, Undergraduate Student Representative  
Daniel Byrd, Graduate Student Representative  
Brittany Calhoon, Undergraduate Student Representative  
Rich Dunham, CHAIR, Faculty Representative, Franklin College  
John Maltese, Faculty Representative, Public & International Affairs  
Katie Sciorntino, Undergraduate Student Representative  
Peter Shedd, Faculty Representative, Terry College  
Paul Welch, Staff Representative

**Guests:**

Erin English, Univ. Health Center  
Claudia Shamp, Greek Life  
Brandon Frye, Greek Life  
Amanda Koerth, Greek Life  
Eric Atkinson, Student Affairs  
Pat Daugherty, Student Affairs  
Jan Davis Barham, Student Affairs  
Karen Boyd, Graduate Student in Student Affairs Admin.  
Del Dunn, VP for Instruction  
Gloria Varley, Univ. Health Center  
Jean Chin, Univ. Health Center

Mr. Dunham called the meeting to order at 4 pm.

Introductions were made and the minutes from previous meeting were approved.

Special guests included Dr. Dunn who was in attendance to hear more on the alcohol education programs and Ms. Boyd, a former student affairs professional at another institution, now studying under Dr. Bennett.

Dr. Bennett quickly updated the committee on the search for a new executive director of housing. Dr. Ann Crowther chairs the committee which has narrowed the pool to five candidates. On-campus interviews will be held after spring break and by the end of the academic year a decision should be made. Mr. John Ayoob is currently acting as interim department head of housing.

The agenda was rearranged to put discussion of new member education and the proposal to recommend limiting NME to 8 weeks at the front of the agenda due to a conflict in Ms. Shamp's schedule. The committee asked questions related to the language of the policy, the current policy, and if the University Council should make decisions related to NME

policies. Ms. Shamp walked the committee through the draft statement. Currently, Greek letter organizations follow the “social events policy” of student affairs. UC approval of a new NME policy would make a stronger institutional statement and the Task Force on Gen. Ed. and Student Learning implied the need for a broad statement to and from the entire campus community.

Dr. Dunn added that the policy should address how organizations conduct themselves and treat new students which in his estimation made it a UC matter.

Mr. Brown stated opposition to the policy. Current policies are working successfully. Greek Life representatives countered that an 8 week limit would provide less time for inappropriate behavior.

The committee voted six to two for the language for an 8 week new member education to go into the Plan of Accountability for Greek Life.

Dr. Shedd requested, since the Task Force Report noted all student organizations, for information on non-Greek organizations which have NME programs. Dr. Bennett agreed.

After the vote on NME, the committee heard a presentation on “mystudentbody.com” alcohol education program from Ms. English. A handout was provided. The Univ. Health Center recommended “mystudentbody.com” for use should UGA adopt a mandatory alcohol education policy. Their view was that, anecdotally, students preferred the program to others; it is updated regularly and the shorter time frame is preferable.

There followed some discussion on verification that students took it, timing of when students should take it, and the drafting of a policy statement to be sent to UC.

The committee voted unanimously to “request a mandatory alcohol education program for all new undergraduate students.” The committee’s intention is that the VP for student affairs will implement this requirement.

The committee decided on a date for a downtown “Night Out.” For clarification...this is a meeting of committee members and Student Life Staff late at night on a traditional party night to observe student behavior in the clubs and downtown area. On April 10<sup>th</sup> a video of a previous “Night Out” will be shown to the committee.

The Board of Regents asked for a new bidding process for Tate II Expansion.

The subject of deferred rush was dropped from the committee’s agenda.

Ms. Davis-Barham presented data on Greek student withdrawals. The committee appreciates her hard work on this project.

Next Meetings:

Mon., April 10 at 4:00 pm in 217 Holmes/Hunter Academic Building

Mr. Dunham adjourned the committee at 6:01 pm.

Submitted by: Paul Welch, Recording Secretary  
Richard Dunham, CHAIR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Welch", written in a cursive style.