

Committee on Student Affairs
Report to University Council, April 23, 2009

The Committee on Student Affairs met three times during Spring of 09. During our meetings we learned that all student-related construction projects are still on schedule and are either on or under budget. Of particular interest to the committee was the renovation currently taking place at Graduate Student Housing, which was much needed, is a huge improvement, and is greatly appreciated by the graduate students.

In our February meeting, Dr. Alan Campbell, Senior Associate Dean for Student Support, presented as an information item, an update on the University's new Withdrawal Policy, particularly as it relates to hardship withdrawals. He indicated that a small working group would reconvene over the summer to assess and reevaluate the new policy following one year of implementation. If you have feedback that you'd like to pass on to the committee, please contact Alan Campbell directly.

Following several questions that member of the committee raised regarding campus security in our February meeting, Mr. Steven Harris came to our meeting on March 16, where he gave a presentation highlighting the role and purpose of the Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness (OSEP). The presentation included information regarding UGA Alert myths, the CERT (Campus Emergency Response Team), which offers classes in emergency preparedness to members of the university community, and other services offered through OSEP. We'd encourage members of the campus community to check out the websites for CERT and the Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness for more information.