

Meeting 9/23/2008
Minutes

The Student Interests Committee met at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, in the Crafton Center

In Attendance

Sandi Andrews
Catherine Hendrickson
Bob O'Toole
Laura Winningham

Absent

Tony Brainard
Robert McAtee

Guests

Ericka Paddock

Excused Absences

Troy Dial
Jim Urbanovich
Mike Davenport
Steve Hellerman

The following items were discussed:

- Reviewed and accepted minutes of meeting from 9/9/2008
- Ericka Paddock presented a framework of Student Life activities (see attached)
- A general question was raised relative to “athletics” – why must inter-collegiate activities be limited to traditional athletic programs? Could competition extend to other activities such as speech or chess or other?
- The Support Services focus group had a brief, very preliminary discussion
- The Athletics focus group has compiled a list of issues, selected focus group members to work on each issues, and is working through the list of issues

Post-meeting actions:

- Mike Davenport has agreed to lead the Support Services focus group
- Robert McAtee and Laura Winningham have agreed to co-chair the Commencement Speaker focus group

Action items:

- Next meeting – establish line of succession for the committee
- The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 in the Crafton Center

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM

Student Life Sub-Committee Meeting
(Student Interest Committee)

Minutes 09/17/09

Attendees: Jordan Mack (Student), Ericka Paddock

Location: Department of Student Life

The goal of the student Life Sub-Committee is to create student activities centered on various types of diversity that can be directly tied to an academic discipline. The committee suggested the following ideas to meet those requirements:

- Hosting a noon time dance performance of a local Native American Tribe and providing information about that particular tribe's history, cultural practices, and beliefs.

- Showing a documentary film that addresses current societal topics such as gender roles, religion, etc., facilitating a discussion afterwards, and asking faculty members who teach these topics in their curriculum to provide extra credit for attending the event. Possible movies include:
 - “ Hip Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes”- Explores underlying themes of masculinity, homophobia, culture ,and commerce in rap music.

 - “Tough Guise: Violence, Media, and the Crisis in Masculinity”-Analyses the media's effect on the social construction of the masculine identity.

- Providing materials for a class (Eng 101?) to create a timeline of the history of feminism to be displayed in the Library Quad .

- Working with the current ASL classes to see if we could collaborate on activity (field trip? performance?) to highlight the importance of what they do.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 25, 1pm, Student Senate Office