

The Path to Possibilities

Standing Committee on Student Affairs 2007-2008 Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 28, 2007 3:30 pm

Simon Brown	Administrative Appointment	
Suzanne Felix	Administrative Appointment	
Jan Harris	Administrative Appointment	
David Watters	Administrative Appointment, Chair	X
Chris Lewis	Administrative Appointment/Alt	
Huizhen Ren	Administrative Appointment/Alt	X
Nikki Sarpolis	Administrative Appointment/Alt	
Jenavia Thompson-Weaver	Administrative Appointment/Alt	X
Eleanor Cunningham	Federation Delegate	X
Fred Dukes III	Federation Delegate	
Nicole Duncan-Kinard	Federation Delegate	X
Melissa St. Pierre	Federation Head Delegate	
Linda Hibbs	Federation Delegate/Alt	
Larry MacKenzie	Federation Delegate/Alt	X
Mary Ann Yannuzzi	Federation Delegate/Alt	
Julde Barry	Student Delegate	X
Faisal Madhi	Student Delegate	X
Alfredia Williams	Student Delegate	
Letitia McBride	Student Delegate	
Valerie Brown	Student Delegate/Alt	
Ezekiel Mathur	Student Delegate/Alt	
Wendy Destin	Student Delegate/Alt	
Michael Akoto-Bamfo	Student Delegate/Alt	
Karolane Rodriguez	Guest, Leadership 104	X
Katherine Bodden	Guest, Leadership 104	X
Steve Calvarese	Guest, Leadership 104	X

A quorum is considered to be a majority (7) of the committee's voting membership. Eight members were present; a quorum was established.

Minutes of October 24, 2007 meeting approved.

New Business

3 student guests were welcomed from Larry Mackenzie's Leadership 104 class. An explanation of Standing committees and their make up was given as well as a brief description as to the focus of this meeting - looking at PP 156.

Old Business

Minor children on Campus Policy

Reporting on phases in college's policies such as "discourage" and last paragraph wording in PP156. Jill Weitz, College's Legal Counsel had no issue of wording ... "if minor child is brought on campus, the College assumes no liability." It is clearly stated in PP156 that children are not allowed in the gym, computer labs, etc.

David stated that there were a number of "high profile" incidents that supported the policy.

- Minor child getting locked in a locker while parent was attending class.
- Minor children being left in television lounge.

Larry suggested we look at the minutes of previous year's meetings which may not be available. At this time, it is up to the individual faculty member to allow children in a classroom.

Documentation was submitted by Melissa St. Pierre on six other colleges' policies about children on campus. The committee discussed these policies and wording that could be useful.

Some discussion points:

- We are trying to keep students in school.
- Child Development Center provides on-site childcare, \$32 per day for drop-in service; Advertisements should be "beefed up".
- Information should be in the College catalog.
- It was agreed to pursue better wording and policy should be clearer.
- It is agreed that the wording of the policy will be reviewed for possible changes.

David Watters, Chair had to excuse himself to attend another meeting.

Action Items for Next Meeting

- Larry and Jenavia will spearhead the crafting of the language and pass on via email to committee members.
- Students on committee are charged to look up PP 156 and get student opinion and bring back to group.
- Melissa St. Pierre submitted a listing of other colleges' policies about children on campus. Committee can obtain a copy from David Watters.

Committee adjourned the meeting at 5:10 pm by J. Thompson-Weaver

Next meeting, Wednesday, January 23, 3:30 pm, S1-09

Minutes submitted by Jenavia Thompson-Weaver December 17, 2007