

# Student Activities Advisory Committee

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Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services  
University Student Commons & Activities

*September 28, 2007*  
Meeting Minutes

**In Attendance:** Dr. Timothy Reed, Ms. Rhea Miller, Dr. Carolyn Whittier, Ms. Pamela Burch, Mr. Joshua Ford, Ms. Catrina Gunter, Mr. Andrew Harris, Ms. Giza High, Ms. Emily Reijmers, Ms. Limah Taeb

## **Welcome & Introductions of New Members**

### **Review of Purpose/Introduction to SAAC**

- Created to advise the student center; has expanded to three student centers and entire student activities programs and educational arm of all of University Student Commons and Activities
- Advise the University on policies and procedures that directly impact students and student organizations through student activities
- Hear appeals: adjudication process for student organizations; have policies and procedures for organizations on Monroe Park Campus but not specifically for MCV campus; working on for this year
- Given funding from Monroe park campus student activities fee to fund two major events every year: Ram Madness in the fall and Leadership and Service Awards in the spring
- Makeup of committee is predominately students; student positions left to fill; nominations or recommendations from your area, please forward names to Dr. Reed; faculty and staff representatives
- Meeting process is informal for the most part; prefer to reach a consensus on issues that need to be official; if a vote is needed, there are voting seats; budget process is voted on; meetings will rotate between campuses this year as this body represents both campuses. If you are unable to attend a meeting, please inform Rhea (clerk); agendas will come out on the Wednesday before the meeting with a reminder.

### **Budget Review/SAAC Budgets**

- Approved last spring and final amounts as of June 30 (end of year);
  - Ram Madness was funded for \$34,000; have to split allocations up; Ram Madness occurs in the fall and \$11,000 of this is for NCAA t-shirts in the spring
  - Leadership conference in the fall; leadership and service awards in the spring
  - Rollover amount in each (money left in account as of June 30); SAAC contingency-money held back each year to provide a cushion
  - \$13,000 was retracted from excess amount from last year; money was given back to the centralized Student Activity fee pool

### **Policy Review**

#### **Membership in NPHC Organizations by Non-VCU Students**

- NPHC-National Pan-Hellenic Council; historically African-American fraternities and sororities;
- Allowing membership to non-VCU students from other local colleges/universities that do not have a large enough population to support a chapter on their home campus;
- This is not a new process but not official policy
- Designed to be in line with our student organization policy
- Restrictive to NPHC organizations because other organizations have national guidelines that do not allow non matriculating students to become members

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## Advising and Approving New Member Shows

- This is current practice but not "official" policy
- NPHC and some organizations of Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) do new member shows as part of their tradition
- Discusses content, approval of content, etc.
- Language in Section 2.3 needs to be "cleaned up" for description of prohibited areas
- Will review again at October meeting

## Facilities Review

- Commons & Activities has new web page system in conjunction with Student Affairs & Enrollment Services
- Page for each specific student center with the same information and similar structure for each
- Online maintenance system
- Asked committee to review pages and make suggestions; what would you like to see
- Links to calendars
- Breakpoint is closed for renovations; will reopen first day of classes in January 2008; ticket sales will be done here; discussed internet gaming room
- Larrick Student Center closing in December; demolition begins in January 2008; hope to have final designs for October meeting

## Items from Members

- Limah Taeb: Arabic Film Festival-Does the licensing fee have to be paid for every film shown or is this different because it is shown at the Grace Street Theater; every film should have been licensed; is there a way to know if they did that; Grace Street Theater is a University facility and should have the agreement; to get the movies, they should have gone through a licensing company.
- Andrew Harris: Like the idea of a LAN center; may be worthwhile to contact Apex Digital and see about assistance or cooperative effort; (Per Dr. Reed: committee will be formed in the future to discuss this)

## Adjournment

**Next Meeting: October 26, 2007 (Hunton Student Center)**