

Student Affairs Standing Committee

April 12, 2017

Meeting started 2:38

Attend: Dr. Donald Avery, Georgia Mathews, Jennifer Fields, Sherrie Helms, Vicki Sherrod, Stacey Grant, Dr. Jaehyuk Lee, Tabithia Ross, MaNazja Davis, Angela Storck, and Dixie Lanier from Corvias

Dr. Avery introduced Angela Storck and Dixie Lanier from Corvias as a guest, to the meeting. Dr. Avery gave information to the committee on Guns on Campus that was provided by Wiley Gammons. If the governor signs the bill pertaining to guns on campus. There was some discussion and it was noted this topic will not be going away anytime soon.

Dr. Avery mentioned he had discussed student activism with other 2 year institutions at the recent RACSA meeting. He said other campuses are having the same level of student response with activism on campus which is not significant.

Dr. Avery informed the group about Chancellor Wright having a campus spotlight that was for students and faculty. He thought it would be a good idea for EGSC to recommend a student for consideration. One per semester or at the start of the year. The committee agreed. Angela told the group that housing was in the process of nominating a favorite faculty member.

Dr. Avery congratulated Warren Goosby on the first edition of the Hoopee Bird for this year and asked the group if they had seen it. Dr. Avery acknowledged the work done by Vicki Sherrod for Bobcat Bash that is coming up on April 22, 2017 at 11am to include a mixture of music from six different acts. Dr. Avery asked the committee to please spread the word and if they were available to come help out and enjoy the entertainment.

Dr. Avery gave the committee an update on the Student Center renovation. SGA had approved monies for the plans to be drawn. If the governor signs off on the USG budget the renovation would be no cost to EGSC and would be complete by Fall'18.

Dr. Avery asked Vicki for an update from SGA concerning city/county officials about bringing businesses to Swainsboro that would interest students. She said SGA was waiting on a date for the meeting.

Tabithia asked the committee if they had any suggestion on EGSC's retention problem. She said EGSC loses a lot of students from Spring to Fall. There are many students who do not register. Tabithia sent out a survey to students asking what could Enrollment Management do to help remind students to register. Students have not responded very well. Jennifer said we only get the students for 2 years; 4 if they are working on a 4 yr. degree. MaNazja told the committee students don't check their email. The committee agreed and that led to discussion on social networks and trying to keep communications up to date.

There was discussion about Grades 1st being utilized. If used properly Grades 1st could identify when a student is having issues with grades and these students are usually the ones that have not registered. The committee said that CATS class seems to inform the student. They are tweaking it some and hope to get more information to the students. Georgia asked if there would there would ever be a retention specialist hired. Dr. Avery replied he could imagine this was something that Dr. Boehmer's could prioritize highly.

Georgia said Jennifer had a good idea. Teach students the difference in a High School teacher and a College professor. Teach the student at college you have to go to the Faculty they are not going to come to you if you are failing the class. Dr. Lee said he has told students multiple times where his office was located and if they were having problems they needed to come see him at his office. Dr. Lee said the students will not come. Angela suggested having a faculty member give the student and parent a 30minute real deal class. This way the parent would (since most students are first generation students) have a better understanding of what goes on in class. One of the members said the parents are reading the students emails and when the parent is aware they are involving the student. Tabithia said they sent post cards out to parents this past term and got a better response at graduation than in years past. This led to more discussion on involving parents more.

Dr. Lee said the students need to be motivated. They needed to have a goal. Students have no idea what they want or how to benefit from a degree for a job. Georgia said she was going through other colleges to see what they offered and planned on putting this information in the EGSC publication. She said this should benefit the student.

Meeting adjourned at 3:38pm