

## Student Affairs Standing Committee

October 8, 2015

Attending: Dr. Avery, John Egan, Allison Crowe, Keionne Williams, Ami Boatright, Breanna Stidem, Karen Jones, Georgia Edmond, Janet Stracher, Vicki Sherrod, Stacey King, Theresa Davis

Not attending: Shawna Williams, Missie Crawford, Sherrie Helms

4:03pm meeting started

Dr. Avery addressed the committee with the job description and responsibilities of the committee. Dr. Avery informed the committee that the minutes for each meeting will be posted on the Presidents webpage under Standing Committees in case someone missed a meeting or needed information about what was discussed. Dr. Avery wants everyone to go back to their departments after these meetings and discuss information taken from meetings to get feedback and discuss at next meeting. He told the SGA students to make sure they discuss information from these meetings with the SGA group and get feedback. Dr. Avery said the next 10 months will be challenging with the 200+ beds that will be here fall 2016. He mentioned we currently have 1100 students on Swainsboro campus and come fall 2016 there will be approximately 1350 students. Dr. Avery asked the group to think about, the impact this will have on our services, paperwork, entertainment, student workers, etc....

Dr. Avery informed the group about the student center renovation project that is going to study the space of the JAM center and allow an additional 25,000 sq. foot. He mentioned there would be a series of meetings in order to get the cost and design. SGA has voted for an increase in the activity fee in order to pay for the activity center renovation. There will be a vote on this project campus wide before it starts. Dr. Avery explained that the kitchen had under gone a renovation over the summer in order to accommodate the anticipated growth. The gym was undergoing some modifications to have the fitness center open 24/7 in the PE Complex.

Dr. Avery talked about the housing briefly and said next meeting Missie would be able to explain more about housing and Corvias. He asked SGA representative how are things in housing with the construction that is going on. It was mentioned that the students were not happy with the early morning construction.

There was discussion about the ropes course. Dr. Avery said it is time to renew the course and facilitators. Is this something we need to continue? At one time the course was used frequently. Over the years there has been limited use of the ropes course. Karen said the course has not had any advertising so therefore many students may not be aware that it is available. Georgia mentioned if the course of military science were to come back, it would be useful. Stacey said there had been no one to facilitate the course, so that is why there had not been any advertisement. Karen said others have used it before that it was not just East Georgia State College that used it. Theresa agreed, she knew of high schools coming to use the facility a few years back. Vicki said the ropes course would be good marketing for the community and surrounding areas. She also mentioned if it was kept there were some repairs that would have to be made. There was discussion about finding a facilitator for the ropes course. SGA representative Breanna said the part time residence coordinator had a military background and maybe he would be interested. Dr. Avery would like this group to think about if the ropes course will be beneficial, if so then they could discuss repairs, facilitator and marketing.

Dr. Avery told the committee that the University System is getting ready to discuss the 2017 fiscal year. We should be to be thinking of items that will be needed for the future growth of the college. Dr. Avery explained that money comes from three pots:

Institution Funds – from state, tax payer dollars

Student Activity Fee – money the student pays (now \$33)

Tuition Fees – this is what student pays to go to college

Institution and tuition fees are used to support the college. Dr. Avery gave the committee an example of how these funds could be used. Wants the committee to be prepared to discuss at the next meeting what will be needed for the expansion. Janet asked if the clubhouse scale would hold additional growth. Dr. Avery said yes. Breanna said the clubhouse is used by students more than in the past. There was discussion about the additional mailboxes that would be needed. There was discussion on outdoor space, pit/grill area and lighting.

Dr. Avery ended meeting asking everyone to discuss with their departments the information from this meeting. Be prepared to give feedback on information discussed today at next meeting. Dr. Avery asked John Egan to report to the group issues, concerns, ideas from the Statesboro student perspective. We will need to get with Nick for the Augusta location.

4:56pm meeting adjourned