

Student Life Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, 2/15/2024

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Boyd Conference Room

Members Present: Cathy Deeb, Chair; Jack Sheffler; Gabe Nesmith

Members Absent: Randy Price

Guests: Ron Shidemantle, VP Student Affairs; Darrin Martin, Interim President; Brent Benjamin, EVP; Ronnie Hypes, CFO; Carolyn Kirby, Director of Academic Success

Call to Order:

Chair Deeb called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM in the Boyd Conference Room and turned the meeting over to Mr. Shidemantle.

Academic Success Center: Carolyn Kirby - Director

1. Mission – review of their mission and culture
2. What We Do:
 - a. Comprehensive Tutoring Services
 - b. Online Academic Skills Workshops
 - c. Writing Services
 - d. Counseling
 - i. Academic
 - ii. Financial
 - iii. Graduate School
 - e. Computer Lab Access (Basic Science 101)
 - i. Assistance with online course work
 - ii. Lab located in Basic Science
 - iii. Lab Monitors available

Housing Occupancy – 2/9.2024

- MEC Residence Hall Occupancy – 163
- Cottages Occupancy – 16
- Total Students – 179 (77% occupancy)
- Total Vacant beds – 53
- Current Bed Spaces - 234
 - Two beds out of commission
 - Mold/Flood issue
- General discussion on upper classmen housing, lack of available housing both on and off campus, and pricing on housing for students.

Spring 2024 Events & Program

- Hamilton Hatter Scholarship Dinner – Wednesday, February 21, 2024 @ Fincastle
- Grad Fair – Tuesday, March 19, 2024
- Spring Open House – Saturday, March 23, 2024
- Annual Student Health Fair – Tuesday, March 26, 2024
- Annual Career Fair – Wednesday, March 27, 2024
- University Gala – Saturday, April 13, 2024
- Annual Awards Banquet – Thursday, April 18, 2024
- Spring Almost Midnight Breakfast – Friday, April 19, 2024
- Spring Commencement Ceremony – Saturday, April 27, 2024
- New Student Orientation Program #2 – Friday, May 17, 2024

Staffing Updates

- Admissions Counselor hired. Steven Jarvis
- Retention Specialist in the process of being interviews
- IT Specialist for CRM – process starting

Adjournment: Chair Deeb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 3:57 PM

Minutes submitted by: Jeanne Moricle, Board Liaison