

Student Life Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, 6/6/2024

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Boyd Conference Room

Members Present: Cathy Deeb, Chair; Randy Price; Luke Roberts, Student Representative

Members Absent: Jack Sheffler; Darrin Martin

Guests: Ron Shidemantle, VP Student Affairs; Anthony Tolley; Charlie Cole

Call to Order:

Chair Deeb called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM in the Boyd Conference Room and then recognized Mr. Shidemantle for the agenda items.

Admissions:

1. Total admissions applications are up at 20.85% from last year
 - a. 11.33% accepted students up from last year
 - b. 8.24% new accepted students
2. Transfer Accepted and Readmit Accepted students are down from this time last year
3. Total overall enrollment 14.39% up
 - a. 96 Provisional Students are currently registered for the fall semester
4. The Admissions Office staff are in the final stages of CRM Recruit implementation

CARE Team: (Crisis, Assessment, Response, Education)

1. Faculty, Staff, & Students can complete a Student of Concern website form to be supported by the University CARE Team. These students can include:
 - a. Students who fall under Title 9;
 - b. Have suicidal thoughts or attempts;
 - c. Loses a parent or family member/spouse;
 - d. Been assaulted;
2. Counseling is offered to these students
3. 90+% of students accept the help offered to them

New Student Orientation:

1. May 17th – 18 students attended
2. May 31st (Beckley) – 20 students attended
3. June 21st already has over 50 students registered to attend
4. Normally the biggest Orientations are at the end of the summer and on Move-In/Matriculation Day.

Housing:

- Applicants – 128
- Cottages – will no longer be used for Honors Students this year because of construction projects
- 40 double rooms are being made into triple rooms (bunk beds)
- Total New Bed Count with the Triple Rooms – 255

- No room assignments have been made yet for the upcoming 2024 / 2025 year

Student Government:

1. Luke Roberts, SGA President, attended the WV Student Leadership Conference in May and had a very positive experience.
 - a. BSU needs to address the campus facilities and landscaping problems. Faculty, Staff, and students need to come together with more effort in keeping our campus nice/clean. Charlie Cole asked Luke to provide him a list of items that the students would like to improve campus facilities.
2. Students would like to have typical Residence Hall amenities and that includes putting a game room at the MEC Residence Hall.

Athletics:

1. Baseball Coach has left BSU and so far, several players have not enrolled for the fall because of his exit from campus.
- General discussion on upperclass housing - there are many beds still available for students - housing was guaranteed as long as the applications and deposits were in by the established deadline – any student who submits after the deadline will be reviewed for any open bed spaces. It was suggested to avoid using words like maybe, possibly, and might in the future so more students will consider applying for housing without thinking they won't have a bed space.

Upcoming Events & Program

- New Student Orientation Program #3 – Friday, June 21, 2024
- New Student Orientation Program #4 – Saturday, July 13, 2024
- New Student Orientation Program #5 – Friday, August 9, 2024
- New Student Orientation Program #6 – Friday, August 16, 2024

Staffing Updates

- Admissions Counselor Jonathan Childress has submitted a resignation letter for a better career opportunity
- The Retention Specialist has been hired - Hannah Barnett will start July 1, 2024
- The Director of Housing & Residence Life has been hired – Cody Davis will start July 1, 2024
- The Admissions Application Software Specialist position is open and we are hoping to fill this position this summer

Adjournment: Chair Deeb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 4:19 PM

Minutes submitted by: Cassandra Smith, Administrative Assistant – in seat for Jeanne Moricle