



Student Life Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 13, 2025
Time: 3:00PM
Location: Boyd Conference Room, Conley Hall

Members Present: Catherine Deeb, Chair; Randall Price; Anthony Tolley; Shannon Remines; Jack Sheffler; Luke Roberts.

Guests: Dr. Darrin Martin, President; Brent Benjamin, EVP & General Counsel; Joshua Grubb, Chief of Staff; Ron Shidemantle, Vice President, Student Affairs; Rebekah Hatch, Director, Career Center; Christina Sammarco, Director, Office of Admissions.

1. Call to Order:

Ms. Deeb called the meeting to order at 3:00PM in the Boyd Conference Room.

2. Career Services Update – Rebekah Hatch

Ms. Hatch reviewed her Office and provided a review of upcoming career events. These included the 36th Annual Career Fair and employers coming to campus to recruit BSU students. These include Hampton Roads, Warrior Met Coal, and Peabody Energy. Baker Tilley is coming on February 17.

Ms. Hatch discussed the role of Career Services for students, an update on Student Interns, and platforms for hiring which employers use to find student interns and employees. A general discussion ensued regarding developing “soft skills” for students, the use of “success coaches” at other schools and intensive counseling.

3. Admissions Update – Ron Shidemantle and Christina Sammarco

Mr. Shidemantle and Ms. Sammarco summarized the current Admissions numbers provided and reviewed in the Admissions Committee. Dr. Martin also summarized the recruiting opportunities available at the CIAA Tournament, scheduled later in the month. There will be a March 29 Open House for Admissions.

4. Housing & Residence Life – Cathy Deeb and Ron Shidemantle

Ms. Deeb advised that an effort was being made to streamline the application process. Mr. Shidemantle reviewed Room and Board proposed numbers for 2025-26. Mr. Shidemantle also reviewed various additional topics as reflected in the attached “Discussion Topics.”

5. Fall & Spring Events & Programs – Mr. Shidemantle

Mr. Shidemantle reviewed the various events and programs reflected in the Committee Agenda.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Brent Benjamin, General Counsel.