

Student Life Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 15, 2024

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Boyd Conference Room

Members Present: Cathy Deeb, Chair; Randy Price; Darrin Martin; Luke Roberts

Absent: Jack Sheffler; Ed Toman

Guests: Ron Shidemantle, VP Student Affairs; Darrin Martin, Interim President; Brent Benjamin, EVP; Christina Sammaro, Director of Admissions; Mike Craighead, Director of Housing; Hannah Barnett, Retention Specialist; Shannon Remines, BOG member; Anthony Tolley, BOG member; Darrel Malamisura, Faculty

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.

1. Division of Student Affairs – Staff Updates
 - a. Hannah Barnett – Retention Specialist
 - i. July 1st
 - ii. New South County, SW Virginia Community College
 - iii. TRIO Program background
 - iv. Oversees Peer Mentors
 - b. Mike Craighead – Director of Housing and Residence Life
 - i. August 6th
 - ii. McDowell County, Mom first generation at BSU
 - iii. Oversees RA's
 - c. Jake Laney – Assistant Director of Student Activities
 - i. Resignation received effective August 8th
 - d. TRIO Program:
 - i. TRIO stands for the original three programs that Lyndon B. Johnson put together for higher education for low-income first-generation students. And he created those programs based off of his visit to Appalachia and greater Appalachia. Right here in West Virginia, northwest Virginia, was the first place to ever receive food stamps. And, you know, that mentioned that family's name, that poverty had followed them all the way through. I was, Upward Bound is where Hannah got introduced to TRIO program. So it was Upward Bound, Talent Search, and Student Support Services.
 - ii. Student Support just submitted for a new grant which will assist in implementing this program once again at BSU -Grant was lost 5 years ago
Cristina Sammarco
2. Admissions Update
 - a. New CRM application has been launched
 - i. 50-60 new application now available
 - ii. Step forward application – Touch points – text messaging capabilities
 - b. 297 – down 84 from last year

3. Student Government Update Luke Roberts
- a. Build a student life culture
 - i. Pre-season bon fire – cookout at MEC – 8/29
 - ii. Introduce all SGA members to all
 - b. 8/14 – first day of class
 - c. SGA Clubs
 - i. 30 clubs
 - ii. Meeting to set budgets

Adjournment: Chair Deeb made a motion to adjourn the housing committee meeting.
Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM

Minutes submitted by: Jeanne Moricle, Board Liaison