

Campus Life Taskforce Minutes

11/20/09 9:34 a.m.

Student Center, Room 12

Members Present: Barbara Campbell, Lori Clovis, Ashley Day, Ruth Doster-Hils, Lynn Goode, Noelle Hoyle, Sarah Kilgo, Cindy Martin, Kimberly Snyder, James Spratt, Engle Troxler, Bret Watson, Robin Wiggins

Members Absent: Kimberly Amos, Ruth Colnot, Lee Hoyle

Continued Business:

- Fall Semester Projects
 - Walking path
 - Discussion about the future of the walking path and unknown variables; it was decided that Bret and Lynne would present the information to Dr. Johnson, who should decide if we should move forth with our previously made plans, or put them on hold
 - Summary of options:
 - Stay with the plan of maintaining the route through the trees near the administration bldg, around the lake, and up the sidewalk past the library; removing yellow markers, but adding wooden markers at measured intervals; rough estimate for costs would be about \$400 for two carved wooden plaques [\$85 each] w/frames/roofs
 - Go back to a previous idea to have CAD students create a map of the same designated walking trail [the trail would no longer include the upper campus area]; these maps could be printed and laminated in order to last long enough for the next possible revision of the trail
 - Just maintain a clean, clear walking path with no additional signage or markers, although distance markers could be placed and repositioned later, if necessary; we would not want to have the wooden signs made if the trail will be rerouted in the near future
 - Whichever option is chosen, the trail map on the college website will be updated to accurately reflect any revisions to the route
- Spring Semester Projects
 - Cultural awareness project (to be named at a later date):
 - Tentative plan is to host a cultural arts & crafts show, giving our staff and faculty an informal venue to display their talents and creations – this will not be a “talent show”
 - Acceptable types of work will be decided at a later date
 - Tentatively scheduled for April 1, 2010 from 11 – 1 in the gym and possibly some of the nearby classrooms
 - A possible option to include student participation was to have employees sign up for display space first, then offer any remaining space to students (as a class or individually has not been decided yet)
 - Another option mentioned was to invite classes/clubs with a focus on a specific cultural heritage to create displays or presentations
 - ✂ Think of groups we can ask to participate – e-mail Robin any ideas you have
 - Cindy will ask if the Cultural Events Committee is interested in joining us and helping promote the event; Robin will check with administration to see if April 1 fits their schedules

- Environmental Awareness Day:
 - Discussion about options:
 - We could coordinate another campus-wide Awareness Day; Noelle's BIO 140 class will have projects to display; Lori's ENG 112 classes could setup a debate on having a 5-cent bottle deposit in North Carolina; any others are welcome to participate
 - Projects/events could be scheduled for Sports Day or another day
 - Any campus cleanup/beautification would also be considered an environmental project
- Other activities that the taskforce can support:
 - SGA/Arts & Sciences Career Fair – possibly having a mobile science lab tour [Destiny, a bus equipped with a science lab, promotes science related careers]
 - SGA Sports Day activities – includes the possibility of a recycled-materials sculpture contest
 - And other activities where we are able to help
- Health/wellness activities were discussed; there is need for promoting wellness (particularly weight loss and tobacco cessation) in light of recently announced State Health Plan (SHP) coverage changes, but the taskforce decided that we could not commit to any additional projects for the spring semester; it is possible that members may have an opportunity to help with initiatives set forth by other areas of the college
 - Suggested activities included a “biggest loser” type contest, one or two healthy lunches for employees, a brochure created to point out wellness opportunities that are currently offered on campus, specifying a point of contact or reference location where employees can funnel wellness information to share with the campus, and using any of the resources located on the SHP's NC HealthSmart Worksite Wellness Program website

Announcements:

- Recycling Subcommittee Update
 - At our last taskforce meeting on 10/2/09, the subcommittee reported making plans to start small with the aim of growing over time, and identified the need for administration approval
 - Since then we have found out:
 - The college's plan to purchase recycling bins was announced at College Council
 - Administration will still need us to continue to plan to have our members volunteer to pick up the recyclables, in order to keep the burden off maintenance
 - We will be allowed to take the cans to a scrap metal salvage station; the money will be saved to fund future recycling needs/projects
 - There is the possibility that the college may be able to purchase a Protainer to make storage easier and trips to the recycling center less frequent [if this happens, we should be able to recycle paper, too]
 - At this time we are not sure when and where the bins will be placed
- Next taskforce meeting to be scheduled in mid-January

Meeting adjourned 10:32 a.m.

✂ Denotes task all of us on the committee need to work on until the next meeting