Student Life Advisory Board

Minutes

Initial Meeting, Sept. 28, 2015

Meeting held at NCCCS Office in Raleigh. 10 a.m.

The following were Present:

Natasha Lipscomb, Gilbert Umberger, Gaye McConnell, Robbie McFarland, Kimberly Clark, Kim Lackey, Derek Arnold, Caitlin Persinger, Shane Bryson, Mike Neal, and Karen Yerby

The following called in:

Amanda Capobianchi

Karen Yerby opened the meeting and shared the purpose of the new board and why she saw the need for this Board. This was the culmination of several discussions and surveys that have been conducted and the board represents a cross-section of the Student Life within the NCCCS. She also noted that she would be retiring at the end of Dec. This was stated with a smile!

The board was asked to identify a name. Although the acronym SLAB was met by laughter, it was eventually selected over the other less memorable suggestions. The term Student Life seemed more inclusive of the purpose than to have just student activities or SGA or N4CSGA.

Discussion followed the points distributed by Karen Yerby and some focus evolved.

- Student Activities is more correctly Student Life
- SGA Presidents being part of college committees
- Presidents should have some personal involvement with Student Life
- “There is a place for everyone”

These discussions then led to some distinct areas.

- Leadership Development to include Life Skills (aka. Soft Skills)
- Student Government to create highly informed students and student advocates. This could utilize focus groups in both clubs and athletics.
- Co-curricular programs that could be part of ENG or ACA classes (and more)
- Student Activities

Some discussion was directed to the N4CSGA. Some of the areas discussed:

- The need to be better informed before meetings and conferences.
  - Funding for the system
  - System issues
- How to work on local issues
- Identify Who, What, Why, and When of N4C at the opening session
From this discussion three subcommittees were formed. Members noted.

- Campus Image and Significance of Student Life – Natasha Lipscomb, Kim Lackey, Mike Neal
- Professional Development of Student Life Personnel - Kimberly Clark, Gaye McConnell, Shane Bryson, Caitlin Persinger
- N4CSGA Improvements - Gilbert Umberger, Robbie McFarland, Amanda Capobianchi, Derek Arnold

Each committee met briefly to get started. Within each committee, discussion considered four areas:

- Co-Curricular
- Leadership
- Activities/Athletics
- Student Governance

Each committee briefed the rest of the board on their discussions. Karen asked for volunteers to serve as President and Secretary. Natasha Lipscomb was appointed President and Mike Neal was appointed Secretary. The meeting ended at 2 p.m. Karen Yerby would notify members as to the next meeting.