

Minutes of the Student Affairs Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

I. Attendance

Gabriele Stellmacher (Co-Chair)
Kelly Gamble
Selenseia Holmes
Keith Warburg
David Nelson
Sherolyn Hopkins
Shannon Lowe
Serina McEntire
Chief C. Alan Rowe
Gary Hackbarth
Seth Sterlin
Eugene Asola
Dr. Michael Black

II. Report by Chief C. Alan Rowe on campus security:

The new app that will allow students to call police directly is about to come out. Users can send anonymous text/picture messages.

By April there should be a shuttle (golf cart) service (11 pm to 3:00 am). The service will be provided by fraternities.

The camera system works well, will be upgraded, i.e. at the P.E. Complex.

A committee member asked what faculty and staff can do to help. Chief Rowe pointed out that only about 70 % of students have signed up for the Alert system. Faculty can encourage the students. UGA sends face book notification to parents. Faculty is very welcome to invite VPD speaker to the classroom.

Chief Rowe used the opportunity to emphasize again that VPD is against “campus carry”. The trade-off is to allow tasers.

III. Suggestions by Dr. Michael Black on obtaining data on student perceptions:

Invite Barrie Fitzgerald from Institutional Research. They administer the NSSE (National Survey of Student Engagement / <http://nsse.indiana.edu>). It is administered every three years, again in March and April 2017. The online survey that students complete is found at: <http://nsse.indiana.edu/pdf/surveyinstruments/2017/NSSE17>. The response rate is 11 %.

Academic Affairs has Faculty Resources, News and Events, and Advising Report. Invite Dr. Brown

There is a move to have advising centers in all colleges (more professional advisors)
Invite Alicia Robinson

More career advising and more faculty mentoring necessary.

Dr. Black brought Reference Data from the Association of Institutional Research (AIR) and the VSU Office of Institutional Effectiveness.

Data found for VSU: Exist survey 2011 (last updated); Student Satisfaction Inventory; Faculty Satisfaction Survey; EBI (Educational Benchmarking Inc.: provides assessment tools for college union and student activities professionals

It is difficult for large departments to get alumni to fill out their exit survey. Some programs, though, are seeing good participation.

A lot of programs have Facebook groups. Campus Connect can be useful (Swipe on here/Check-up here). Students who are engaged are retained. It is possible to connect to alumni with Linked-In. Linked-in sorts by field. Data from users who have VSU in their profile can be collected.

Dr. Black stressed the importance of making clear that the VSU mission is different from the mission of Technical Schools. VSU's focus right now is to serve the region. He also urged us to concentrate on actionable data and to focus our efforts. We shouldn't go with advising. The 70/80 commission is already doing it.