

**Board of Trustees  
Student Affairs Committee  
Wednesday, March 12, 2014**

**Trustees Present:**

Errol Schwartz, Student Affairs  
Jerome Shelton, Student Affairs  
Kenneth Isaacs, Student Affairs \*  
Christopher Bell, Student Affairs  
James Lyons, ex officio  
Elaine Crider, Chair, Board of Trustees

**Trustees Absent:**

\*via teleconference

**Staff Present:**

Valerie Epps, Vice President, Student Affairs  
Kim Pennamon, Associate VP, Student Affairs  
James Contreras, Director, Office of Financial Aid  
Scott Barash, General Counsel  
Stacie Mills, Office of the General Counsel  
Beverly Franklin, Executive Secretary, Board of Trustees

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the January 7, 2014 committee meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

**Health Services**

Dr. Epps provided information regarding the Health Services Center and reported the new Health Services Director is Dr. Ayana Elliot.

Student health insurance is expected to increase an estimated three to six percent for the academic year 2014-2015. Chair Schwartz asked about the impact of last year's significant health insurance increase. Dr. Epps reported the number of students participating in the insurance plan decreased.

**Enrollment Update**

Dr. Epps presented the enrollment data from the Office of Institutional Research, Assessment and Planning.

**Records Management**

Dr. Epps discussed the Scope of Work for the Records Management project. The estimated cost is \$900,000. The next step is to identify funds for the project.

**Student Life**

Dr. Epps presented the student life calendar which is published on a regular basis. In lieu of Homecoming, the USGA has decided to have a Spring Fest starting March 24. Ms. Pennamon provided information regarding the activities during Spring Fest Week. She noted the first day will be a Middle

States Awareness Day with a Town Hall Meeting. Other activities during the week include a Fashion Show, DJ Party and a stroll-off .

The Student Ambassador program was launched on February 19.

*Student Elections.* Ms. Pennamon reported the GSGA (Graduate Student Government Association) election process has started. The USGA (Undergraduate Student Government Association) and Miss UDC election process began March 12. Approximately 10 to 15 students have expressed an interest in Miss UDC.

The election for the Student Representative to the Board of Trustees will not start until March 15. Applications will be available on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for submitting the applications is March 28. Dr. Alex Howe is the Faculty Representative for that committee. Voting will take place on April 14 and 15. Ms. Pennamon expects to present the candidate by April 15.

*Student Housing.* There has been a push to include the students residing in the housing in the various university activities. The new Residence Life Director starts March 24.

Students occupy 138 spaces in the housing. Currently, there are two vacancies. Dr. Epps and Ms. Jumper have been reviewing the housing prices due to rent increases. The Washington Internship program has expressed an interest in housing for the third year during the summer (2014) for six weeks. A group of Indiana students also are interested in summer housing.

Dr. Crider spoke about the level of student engagement in student housing. She asked about the management of the student center and whether the availability of the student center would enhance student engagement and student life. Dr. Lyons plans to meet with Dr. Epps and Ms. Jumper regarding the Student Center and indicated a student affairs staff person would run the center.

Dr. Epps recently met with Archstone's new management. She reported the students will be able to use the community room without cost and storage space will be provided.

### **Counseling Center**

The Counseling Center was involved in the spring orientation.

Students sponsored a Women and Girls Awards Tea for HIV Awareness Day. Several women leaders from the community were honored.

### **Veterans Affairs**

There are approximately two hundred veterans at the university with ninety at the community college.

### **Financial Aid**

Mr. Contreras presented a report regarding financial aid which included the amount of funds disbursed to students.

The three-year default rate for the university is 18.6% covering the period 2010, 2009, and 2008. The two-year rate was 7.1%. There is an aggressive default ion program at the university and Mr. Contreras's office is working with the students who are in default of their student loans.

**A-133 Update**

The A-133 audits have started. They will sample test with cash management and admissions standards which are new testing items.

Mr. Contreras spoke about the FAFSA College Expo which is being held in conjunction with DC OSSE and the USDE. Forty colleges are expected to participate. Assistance with filing taxes will be available at the Expo.

Mr. Contreras briefly discussed the President's College Affordability Plan.

**Closing Remarks**

Dr. Crider noted a couple of errors in the enrollment update that needed to be corrected. She asked about the reduction in the law school's enrollment numbers. It was noted that enrollments at law schools are down nationwide.

Dr. Epps presented Mr. David Gaston's publication which included highlights of the University's activities during the past month.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

*Beverly Franklin*