

## **Minutes of the Student Life Committee**

**October 25, 2012**

**Present:** Katy Appleby, Ian Latimer, Ryan Del Rosario, Lisa Ferrari (ex-officio), Rebecca Kuglitsch, Bruce Mann, Jennifer Neighbors, Amy Odegard, Michael Segawa, John Wesley, and Lisa Fortlouis Wood

**Visitors:** Cameron Ford, Linda Everson, R.N.

**The meeting convened at:** 8:35 a.m.

**Minutes from the October 11, 2012 meeting were approved as written.**

### **Announcements:**

1. Cameron Ford, president of The Mortar Board National Honor Society announced their plans to sponsor a Thanksgiving meal on campus for members of the community who remain on campus during the holiday weekend. He solicited suggestions from the committee regarding best practices for obtaining donations of food or money from faculty as they work to find adequate resources for the event.
2. Dean Segawa provided a brief summary of the presentations he and Dean Bartanen gave to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the University's Board of Trustees concerning the campus climate survey regarding diversity. He also summarized the report he gave on staff to student ratios at our institution as well as comparison schools. This report represents the emphasis on assessment of staffing impacts on student outcomes related to learning.

### **Business:**

Linda Everson, R.N. from Counseling Health and Wellness (CHWS) offered an overview of medical and psychological services provided by CHWS. This report came in response to a recent request of the Faculty senate for more information about student health statistics and our efforts to prevent illness on campus. In her report, Ms Everson indicated that they have not seen evidence of increased flu or upper respiratory illness on campus thus far this year, adding that students may obtain a flu vaccine for \$26.00. When asked by committee members to explain reasons for implementing a \$20.00 co-pay charge for all student health services, she explained the fiscal rationale for the added fee, noting that students are never required to pay for healthcare services up front. Although statistics on student use of the health center indicate a slight drop in numbers this year, there was no evidence that this was a direct result of the additional charge. In fact, Linda noted that this reduction in numbers could indicate a rise in preventive health habits among our students. Finally, Ms Everson explained that rising insurance costs prevented the university from renewing its student insurance policy this year. She explained that students are expected to access health insurance through their parents or another insurance provider.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lisa Fortlouis Wood