

## Senate Committee on Student Affairs

### Minutes

October 14, 2008

, Azad Ismail Ali, Terry Appolonia, Reena Dube, Linda Hall,  
Jill Johnson-Hilty, Jack Julian, Rhonda Luckey, Germaine McArdle (graduate student), Heather Powers, Sue Rieg

Kimberly Desmond, Terry Rittenberger, Dennis Hulings

Ray Beisel, Tracey Cekada, Frank Condino

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rieg at 3:33 p.m.

#### Old Business

- The minutes of the September 12, 2008 meeting were approved.
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- Senator Rieg passed out a draft of an official Mission Statement for the SCOSA. She noted that the Senate webpage currently has no current information about our committee. Senator Hall pointed out that the committee may wish to simply stick to the official bylaw language, instead of creating our own language describing the committee. Senator Rieg agreed to table the suggestion until next time to allow consideration of what language should be used.
  - Senator Rieg pointed out that Senator Domaracki addressed the funding sources for the Living/Learning Residential Revival in the previous Senate meeting, as our committee had requested.
  - Senator Rieg informed us that Bill Montgomery has not returned our calls requesting that he meet with us. Senator Luckey will follow up.

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As we had guest presenters, the committee agreed to move directly to New Business.

#### New Business

- From Senator Appolonia:
  - needs to be revised.
  - The current statement allows any full-time student with a 2.0 GPA to rush.
  - Student Affairs has been exploring the possibility of a deferred rush: 12 credits completed with a 2.25 GPA before being allowed to rush.
  - There are currently around 210 student organizations at IUP, about 30 are social fraternities and sororities affiliated with the National Pan-Hellenic Council.
  - Betsy Sarneso and Chris Kitas presented research on graduation rates for current Greek students.
  - This report will be forwarded to the committee after follow-up questions are researched.
  - Given that the best graduation/GPA rates were from those who rushed as sophomores, Senator Powers
- Senator Appolonia fears that would impact Greek membership too strongly.
- Senator Luckey would like to know the number of other universities who defer rush (especially peer institutions).
- Senator Julian would like to know if there are any unintended consequences of deferred rush at the institutions who have it. He also pointed out that correlation does not equal causation, and there may be other reasons Greek students are leaving IUP. He pointed out there is a big difference between dropping out and transferring.

