

12/7/15 Student Affairs Standing Committee

Attending: Dr. Avery, Sherri Helms, Vicki Sherrod, Allison Crowe, Keionne Williams, Ami Boatright, Breanna Stidem, Nick Kelch, Janet Stracher

Not in attendance: John Egan, Missie Crawford, Chassity Cruz, Shawna Williams

3:02pm Dr. Avery opened meeting with, "What does a new 212 students coming to campus mean to us?"

Sherrie said that Missie was training the RA's and staff about Student Conduct. The bi-weekly meeting with Housing, Police and Student Conduct will continue so the group can stay ahead and discuss what is going on. Sherrie is still looking for ways to get Student Conduct information out and to the other campuses. The video she would like to make is very costly. Janet suggested getting Student Success to help with getting Student Conduct information out to the students. It was also mentioned that maybe IT could help in making a video and having SGA, Ambassadors, Housing staff and students play the parts. The video must have script. Dr. Avery brought up the point with more students that would need to attend the typical fall kick off; we might want to consider two meetings, and would you want the meetings on the same day?

Janet asked can we do something to help Missie facilitate students for housing. There is one event already but does Missie need help getting student re-registered. Maybe give them an incentive like the Enrollment Management having give-away prizes. One of the SGA representatives said Missie does send out emails to the students in housing.

Dr. Avery said in our last meeting we discussed inviting Michelle Golf to a meeting to explain the master plan but now that we know there is not a true master plan that it would not be of value to have her attend at this time.

Vicki said she showed a picture of swings to students and they all seemed to really like them. She showed and asked Michelle and she said we would need to hold off doing anything right now. Vicki said SGA has a survey going out to students when they get back to see what they would like to see in Swainsboro. The SGA will meet with the Swainsboro city in February to give results.

Allison said after the last meeting she spoke with counselors and they suggested having a counselor sit at a desk in housing once every other week or use the computer lab to help students get FASFA's filled out. Allison said we need to get representation to other campuses sooner than what we do now. Dr. Avery asked for them to continue to think about orientation and other things that will need to be addressed for the extra students we will have.

John said he would like to get students more involved with Georgia Sothern's clubs, organizations, RAC and student groups since they are already paying for it. He feels if they are aware of these resources they will more likely hang around. John does not have a contact but Vicki said she did and she would get

them in touch with each other. There is just not enough space to do student activities in our location in Statesboro. John said the students seem to be enjoying the renovations with food with the food service and Ace. During exam week Kenneth Englund brought Emotional Support dogs trying to help relieve the stress from exam week.

Nick said housing is becoming an issue in Augusta. Fall '13 '14 GRU has some space but Fall '15 they were full. He has reached out to the community and is still looking for more housing options. They do give students a sheet with apartments around the area. He is seeing the students spread out more across the campus. Will have orientation on Dec. 17th and expects 130 to register in spring and has 47 signed up for orientation he would like to have 75-100 new students for fall. We recently received 38 applications to GRU for spring. Can you tell a difference with the new president? Nick said the staff likes him and things seem to be positive. They are excited he is there.

Stacey said at the PE Complex the cameras are installed but still need emergency phones hooked up that call directly to 911. You will need to use your card to access the complex between 5-8am and 8pm-12am. To enter the complex you will need to enter by the art room or by Stacey's office. Then you will swipe again to get into the fitness center.

3:48 Dr. Avery closed meeting asking everyone to continue think about what we need to do to prepare for the 200 plus students coming in fall 2016.

- Code of Conduct on website
- What will the check in for housing be like with 412 students 1, 2, 3 days?
- Orientation for housing onetime event or two?
- Student Success finding forms on-line
- Get students more involved with Georgia Sothern's clubs, organizations, RAC and student groups
- Waiting on emergency phones to be hooked up in PE Complex