

University Faculty Senate
Student Life Committee
Report to the Senate
Winter Plenary, SUNY Morrisville, February 5-7, 2009

Since the Fall 2008 Plenary the Student Life Committee met in Albany on November 14, 2008 and by conference call on October 10, 2008 and January 23, 2009. As a result of these meetings one project – Service Learning: A Tool Kit was completed, Student Health Services was significantly modified and SUNY Campus Traditions II and Student Leadership Development have evolved to the point of having a coherent research framework.

1. **Service Learning: A Tool Kit.** At the end of last academic year, this project still needed a final review by experts in the field, and an introduction by Carl Wiezalis, President, Faculty Senate. With the completion of these two steps, the document will be ready for distribution at this winter's plenary.
2. **Student Health Services.** Initially, the subcommittee of Student Health Services intended to take a broad sweep in investigating what health services were covered or not covered in order to identify differences in health care at the campuses. The broad-sweep approach proved to be too ambitious for the time and resources available. Consequently, a decision was made to modify this project by focusing research on returning veterans/students and answering the following questions: What health services are campus health centers prepared to provide in order to meet the physical/mental health needs of this rapidly growing student group? What significant gaps exist in addressing these health needs?
3. **SUNY Campus Traditions II.** Having made a decision to convert SUNY Campus Traditions from a hard copy document to an internet document, the subcommittee has prepared a draft letter to be sent out in early March to the campuses to resume gathering additional samples of campus traditions. The subcommittee has also secured permission to post the document on the University Life Web Page, and expects the web page to be completed before the end of the spring semester.
4. **Student Leadership Development.** The subcommittee is investigating a variety of existing leadership programs with the intent of identifying programs that may be considered "best practices." The subcommittee is also examining existing standards for leadership programs, and is considering the possibility of becoming involved in the New York Leadership Education Consortium (NYLEC).

Remaining Meetings for the Year:

Meeting in Albany – Friday, March 27, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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