

University Faculty Senate
Student Life Committee
Report to the Senate
Fall Plenary, SUNY Potsdam, October 16-18, 2008

The Student Life Committee met at the Faculty Senate Planning Meeting in Syracuse, September 18-19, 2008. The following members were present: Ray Krisciunas (Canton) (Chair); Charles Boyd (Genesee CC, FCCC Liaison); Kathleen Jacquette (Farmingdale); William Harclerod (Oneonta); Michael Holland (Cortland); Karel Kurst-Swanger (Oswego); Ricky O'Donnell (Oneonta); Edward Stewart (Purchase). Also attending was Carl Wiezalis (President of the Faculty Senate)

The Committee reviewed last year's projects and having taken into account the recommendations from the Executive Committee, agreed to concentrate its work during the forthcoming academic year on Campus Traditions II, Service Learning, Student Health Services, and Student Leadership Development.

1. **SUNY Campus Traditions II.** The Committee completed this project with the first printing (April, 2008) of Traditions *An esprit de corps* among faculty, staff, and students. Although all sectors of SUNY were represented in this compilation, there were a number of campuses that were not included. The Committee intends to correct this shortcoming in Traditions II by securing descriptions of traditions from the missing campuses. Also, a decision was made to maintain continuity with Traditions I and to use the same framework, but not the same format. The Committee decided to abandon the print format for an online version. The online version was viewed as being more accessible, and more flexible. Eventually, new categories could be added, the compilation could be periodically updated and would function as a "living document."
2. **Service Learning.** Service-Learning · A Tool Kit is near completion. It still needs an introduction, and time permitting, the Committee will research additional SUNY service learning programs that could be included in this handbook.
3. **Student Health Services.** The Committee would like to investigate what students get for their money by looking comparatively at what is covered or not covered, what gaps exist, and what are the identifiable differences in health care at the campuses. The Committee also expects to complete a survey of campus health services which would produce answers to the above raised questions. The specifics of the survey have not yet been fully addressed, but the possibility of surveying students and/or faculty has been raised.
4. **Student Leadership Development.** The Committee will explore existing student leadership programs and focus on their value in the development of the whole student, and their practical aspect from the perspective of student career readiness. The final objective of this investigation is to prepare a compendium of the best SUNY projects in student leadership development.

Reports:

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- The FCCC Student Life Committee will continue working on their version of campus traditions.
- Investigate how individual campuses are responding to the new textbook law ISBN numbers available on the website so students can buy online.
- The Committee will discuss transfer student success – adjustment issues of location, social life, residences, etc.

Meetings for the Year:

1. Conference Call – Friday, October 10, 2008
2. Meeting in Albany – Friday, November 14, 2008
3. Conference Call – Friday, January 23, 2009
4. Meeting in Albany – Friday, March 27, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Krisciunas, Chair
Student Life Committee