

**University Faculty Senate
Student Life Committee
Report to the Senate
Spring Plenary, University at Buffalo, April 30-May 2, 2009**

Since the Winter Plenary the Student Life Committee met in Albany on March 27, 2009, and by conference call on April 22, 2009. With the completion of Service Learning: A Tool Kit (printed copies introduced during the Winter Plenary), the number of subcommittees has been reduced from four to three. Descriptions of their activities follow:

1. **Student Health Services.** Having made the decision at mid-year to narrow the scope of the original project in student health service issues, and to focus instead on returning veterans, the subcommittee has been investigating the health needs of this particular student cohort. A critical starting point was to determine by survey what campuses have special or supportive programming for veterans. This is the primary focus of research at this time. The second area of interest that is currently being investigated is a parallel survey to ascertain what campuses around the country are doing to support veterans health needs. Due to the change in project's focus, and insufficient membership in the subcommittee, the project is still in the incipient state, and will need attention during the forthcoming academic year.
2. **SUNY Campus Traditions II.** The Subcommittee on SUNY Traditions continues to make significant progress. A letter to solicit submittals of traditions has been written, approved by the committee, and is in process of being distributed to a list of potential contributors from staff in academics and student affairs. Also, a submittal form for campus tradition descriptions has been created and is available on a website. The contributors have the option of submitting their responses on the form electronically or by mail/fax. The deadline to submit the forms with campus tradition descriptions is May 15, 2009. The review of the submittals will be conducted by the whole committee (those still active) and will extend through May and June. The posting date for the reviewed and chosen traditions for inclusion in Traditions II is July 10, 2009.
3. **Student Leadership Development.** Although the subcommittee intends to complete a compendium of the best campus based structured leadership programs, it has also sought as a part of the project to collect information on the structure and utilization of co-curricular records for students. A dual purpose survey was developed and sent out to college union and activities professionals requesting responses on whether or not they have a co-curricular document process, as well as information on their leadership programs (if one exists), how it functions, and whether or not these would be considered model programs. The survey has been sent out and the first responses are trickling in. The subcommittee expects the first draft of a final report to be completed by July 1, 2009.

Remaining Meetings for the Year:

The Student Life Committee will continue working on the listed projects through mid-July. If necessary, a conference call will be scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,

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Student Life Committee