

Student Engagement Senate Sub-Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, 27 April 2011

9:00 – 10:00

CN Boardroom – 3rd Floor – Clock Tower

Attendance:

Tracy Christianson (Absent)
Adrian Conradi (Regrets)
Dorys Crespin-Mueller
Kristen Hamilton
Marion Hannaford
Gerard Hayes
Peter Hilton
Gary Hunt (Absent)
Brian MacKay (Regrets)
Sukh Matonovich
Dennis Mayberry (Regrets)
Keith Meldrum (Regrets)

Ken Olynyk (Regrets)
Valerie Peachey (Regrets)
Justin Powers (Regrets)
Rebecca Purdy (Absent)
Susan Purdy
Elizabeth Rennie
Harold Richins
Duane Seibel (Regrets)
Graeme Wallis (Regrets)
Annie Zhong (Regrets)

Chris Adam (Chair)
Linda Butt (Recorder)

Guest Presenters - Nursing Students:
Robyn Drew, Lanaray Porter and Brienna Young

Self-introductions were made around the table.

1. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

2. Approval of March 30, 2011 Minutes

As quorum was not attained, the March 30, 2011 Minutes will be brought forward to next meeting.

3. Presentation by Nursing Students re: Concerns of Student-Parents

- Chris introduced 3rd year Nursing Students: Robyn, Lanaray and Brienna who gave a PowerPoint presentation about the challenges of being student-parents.
- This student project was created, in collaboration with Florianne Fehr, Nursing Instructor, to create awareness of challenges and needs of student-parents.
- Currently TRU does not have statistics on the number of student-parents at TRU.
- In preparation for the presentation, students researched what other universities such as UBC, McGill and University of Toronto offer to student parents.
- It was noted that TRU's website does not have much information for student parents and it was suggested that we can create more up-to-date on-line resource than currently available.
- Need a welcoming space for childcare (breast feeding area/change table) for student-parents.
- TRU is currently implementing an on-line orientation process and will include a link to connect with student-parents.
- University of Toronto has links for international students on how to register children in daycare, schools, etc.
- It was suggested that the Wellness Centre could be an appropriate place for student-parents to go for support.
- Other suggested avenues of support may be through TRUSU, and the student health and dental plan

Statistical Data

- For the project, the Nursing students conducted an anonymous, small 23 person survey, in Student Street, Old Main. The survey results are described in Slide 3 of the attached presentation.
- Students have been asked to share the data from their survey with our IPA department
- From an institutional perspective one of the first steps is to identify needs of population at TRU. Do we want to survey on a larger scale? Should we provide students opportunity to self-declare that they are parents.
- Accurate data/statistics are required to carry weight for decision making and utilization of resources.
- Daycare waitlist is 2 – 3 years with approximately 300 on the waitlist. 70% of on-campus daycare enrolment must be from student population.

4. Discussion on how to Pro-actively Report NSSE Results to Local Media

- Tabled to September/October meeting.

5. IPA Report on NSSE & CUR Awareness Activities

- See attached handout.
- We need to better communicate to students what we are doing. Omega (student newspaper) may be a medium to use to demonstrate to students the activities and events TRU has undertaken in response to student suggestions and discussion.

6. Annual Report of this Committee to Senate

- This Committee will be submitting the annual report to Senate in May.
- For review and endorsement of this report, and to ensure timely submission to Senate, this Committee is scheduled to meet on May 18th (instead of May 25th).

7. Future Agenda Items

- Student-Parents.
- NSSE Results.
- Chris will follow-up regarding: wellness space (nursing stations for breastfeeding); and family washroom accommodation.
- TRU bridging with Community partners (Sukh).

8. Next Meeting

May 18th, 2011.