

Cross Campus Communications Committee
Meeting Notes
4/8/2010

Planning & Institutional Effectiveness

- Between now and 2012 we will be involved in a series of activities for the reaffirmation process
- The quality enhancement plan and the plan for student learning
- The self-study, a compliance audit (assuring quality to those that provide us money and the public).
 - Handout given. Outlining the principles of accreditation and the timeline for the reaffirmation process. Failure to get reaccredited means we are not able to get any federal aid or federal grant monies.
 - We will be developing a quality enhancement plan that will focus on student learning, based on data. This plan will be implemented across the next three – five years.
- Please send volunteers that are interested in assisting with the process.
- There is a 5th year report that focuses on the quality enhancement plan, and then the reaffirmation occurs every 10 years.

College of Sciences

- Tutoring – additional promotion in the next two weeks to promote in time for final exams

Office of Intercultural Relations

- Thank you for your help in having a successful International Festival

ODU Police

- Last year we were successful with the student aid program. This will be brought back in August.
- We will have three full-time crime prevention officers. Educational programs, Adopt-a-Cop. We did 100 additional programs this year. We registered more bikes this year and had fewer bikes thefts. Usually 30 – 40, and this past year only 20 thefts.
- We are now on U-Tube and Twitter in an attempt to further connect with students, faculty and staff.
- We are hiring 4 new police officers and promoting an officer to Sergeant.

AROTC

- AROTC Faculty/Staff PT Day April 15, 2010, 7am on Kaufman Mall. Please join us. Nobody gets pushed too hard.
- Awards Ceremony to honor Cadets on 4/22/2010 on Rollins Hall Lawn.
- Joint Commissioning with Navy and Marine on 5/7/2010 at 4:30 at the Ted.

Athletics

- Friday 4/23 we are attempting to break the attendance record at The Bud.
- 4/24 spring football game and other events, followed by a baseball game at 4pm
- Dr. Jarrett's retirement party - part of the ticket price will go towards an endowed scholarship fund in Dr. Jarrett's name.
- New athletic director begins on May 10.
- Football tickets – in the renewal process right now on May 15. Cannot tell at this point if there will be any tickets for new individuals. Renewals are going well.

Study Abroad

- Held 3 study abroad events in the UK over Spring Break
- We have a blog of a student studying abroad in Australia
- If you are interested or know anyone interested in leading a study abroad program please attend an information session at the end of April. The date will be posted on University Announcements.

Registrar's Office

- Pre-registration starts on Monday.
- Degree Works is going very well, great feedback from students and faculty.
 - Are graduate programs in degree works?
 - Not currently, they are being moved over this summer.
- We have unofficially launched a new online graduation application process. We are finalizing the testing now and will launch it officially for the Dec. graduation.
 - The new online application will help prevent some wishful thinking students from actually applying.

Military Affairs

- Both Navy and Army ROTC programs are in the top rankings for size and academic quality.
- Faculty/Staff have an opportunity to go with The Golden Knights, lead army parachute team, to jump out of an airplane.
- GI Bill – MyCAA – spouses of military eligible for \$6,000 for professional/educational development. We were number 3 in the country for use of MyCAA for courses.

Presidents Office

- Commencement Speakers were announced
- You are encouraged to attend a Monarch Morning with the President

New Student and Parent Programs

- All students take the writing exam on Blackboard
- There is a new module about preparing for orientation.
- Parents asked for information prior to orientation. An e-newsletter will be sent to parents helping prepare them for orientation as well.
- A new program to learn more about campus and their college will be implemented on Friday during WOW.

Student Judicial Affairs

- Name changes was officially approved by the Board: Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity
 - The name is more representative of what we do.
- When is your busiest time of the year?
 - We had a bit of blip in the spring.
 - The most academic dishonesty issues arise at the end of the semesters
 - Usually the fall semester, this may be with the new students transitioning into the freedoms of college.
- How do you educate students about plagiarism, especially when they don't think they are plagiarizing?
 - We do programming, including peer program, we will be looking to expand this area to hit on targeted problem areas.

Student Recreation Center

- Hoping to get their name changed at the next board meeting
- We are introducing summer camp programs this summer; these are target at the children of faculty, staff and students.
- Sports Club program - Tennis Club, only two years old, is in the National Competition
- OAP – has received tremendous visibility in the past year. The first International trip in May is going to Costa Rica.
- We are now at about 500 faculty/staff members, which far exceed our expectations.
- We will likely reach 500,000 participations this year.

Office of Housing and Residence Life

- Completed the return housing process at the beginning of the month. We have a waitlist for returners. We are still accepting applications; they will be on the waitlist.
- New students – have until May 1 to be guaranteed housing.
- We are taking over Summer Conference, contact Lori Plants
- Summer student housing will be held in Gresham, and it will be offered as nightly reservations so they can choose how long they will stay in a room.

- Powhatan will have major renovations including bathroom tubs completely refinished, floors completely redone, etc.
- Upgrading the fire safety features in each room in Rogers
- Upcoming events – take back the night 4/19; Event to raise money for Special Olympics on 4/13
- If you are referring the on campus housing please refer to the “dorm” as “residence halls” we are working to create academic environments and the term residence halls helps reinforce this concept.

Parking and Transportation

- Our shuttle busses are running efficiently
- We are gearing up for summer sessions, online permit sales will start Monday for summer.
- We have a new feature coming out, online appeals on June 1, 2010.
- Lot Closures: 39 in front of the Library will close right after Graduation; 52 a commuter lot across from the garage which is a housing project being built on 43rd street, from Bluestone to Powhatan, we will lose this around graduation.
- In keeping with the freshman no car policy please keep in mind that Athletics will need some accommodations.

Admissions

- Freshman applications are up 8% (to just about 11,000), transfers are up 6%
- Freshman out-of-state applicants are up 17%
- Freshman class size – will likely be around what we had in fall 2009
- We will be offering a \$1,500 housing stipend (scholarship) for out-of-state students if they living in on-campus housing.
- We are still accepting applications as we have denied more students this year, and other institutions went to their waitlist last year so we want to make sure if it happens again it does not impact us.
- June 1 deadline for transfer students, Aug. 1 deadline for the distance sites.
- Mary Dixon, our non-degree staff member, retired. Tecarla Moore is taking over those duties.
- Changes to our scholarships – we have increased the number of freshman achievement awards and have changed it so students are now receiving one-time awards versus a four year renewable award. We are using stimulus funds to help cover the increase cost.
- We will be sending out the event schedule, which includes admitted student events out of the area. We are also inviting a select number of admitted students to the football game.
- April 30 at 8:30 we are having a coffee talk. Please share your feedback with us.

Financial Aid

- We are currently working in three semesters. Clearing out the spring semester, summer requests are online and due June 28th, processing for the fall 2010 and June 1 is the deadline

Enrollment Management

- Are we still going towards the 24,000 goal?
 - The freshman and transfer new class numbers won't impact this, because of current retention rates. There is approximately a 3% increase we expect over the next few years.
- April 16th, from 3-5pm, Vice President Fenning will be presenting about The Master Plan, the City of Norfolk Plan, etc. in Constant Hall 1002. This is open to students as well.
- ODU Home page – please visit the blog about the new Web site to see the new design. Please provide your feedback.
- If you have forms you want to put online please contact Enrollment Management so we can help you accomplish this task.

Distance Learning

- Summer enrollment push. Worked with faculty to get additional courses and sections.
- Marketing push that includes the residence halls – the interest is up over previous years.
- Work with Community College and the articulation agreements. We have a plan in place and all agreements will be completed by December.
- We are building more online courses where faculty and students are interested in those courses/programs, including new programs to offer in the distance mode.
- 5/8 from 11-1 in Gornto, graduation reception for DL students
- Very proud of an accomplishment at Quantico – the first marine core base in the country to offer a PH.D. program and we have the first graduate of the program in May.