

Regents Advisory Council for Student Life (RACSL)
Georgia Southwestern State University
Monday, November 15, 2010

Attendees: See list below.

Minutes: Will be distributed to the listserv.

Meeting called to order at 9:30am.

Welcome: Josh Curtin, Director of Campus Life, Georgia Southwestern State University
Dr. Samuel Miller, VP of Student Affairs, Georgia Southwestern State University

Election of RACSL Secretary – Megan Youngblood, Georgia Highlands College

USG/BOR Report (Heidi Leming) – Updates from SAC @ Georgia College and State University- want suggestions for how to better prepare students for SAC meetings – Sally Watkins @ Armstrong is coordinating SGA/SAC training – sally.watkins@armstrong.edu; Retreat date for SAC: August 4-6 (no opposition); Next SAC meeting – Atlanta Metro College – February 4-5 – Focus is on the legislature and the new governor, BOR, legislative process – Chancellor and several Regents will be in attendance; looking to create a webinar series for students to meet and possibly create groups of like institutions – next year’s SAC schedule will be slightly different with fewer large meetings and more small group meetings/webinars; BOR updates: budget is still at 4% cut – additional cuts may be made next year; SAC bi-annual training in Athens for freshmen senators; looking for feedback on issues related to violence against women for new task force – can be emailed to Heidi.leming@usg.edu; RACSA last week – military outreach coordinator working with Georgia Colleges to make them more “veteran friendly,” North Georgia College is hosting a statewide “Leadershape” type conference – July 17-22; manual – information for student life/activities; info from Tonya: Is there a need or interest for a diversity program for students? What about training for professionals as a resource?

Faculty/Staff ID’s (Josh Curtin) – GSW requires all faculty and staff to wear their ID’s all the time because of safety concerns and prevent fraud; possibly make all students wear their student ID’s all the time. What are the consequences if someone doesn’t wear it? Public universities are open – how would that work? In the case of an incident, would the individual be around long enough to have their ID checked?

HoopAtlanta (Gary Cobbs) – Focus on obesity and childhood obesity in GA; trying to get children active: HoopAtlanta; 3-on-3 Battle of the Colleges – Event for intramural students to come out and have a good time, 300+ teams signed up, opportunity for all colleges in GA to come out and have a good time and network with students from other schools; require a health component for their community outreach; trying to get girls’/women’s teams involved; Colleges can bring up to 24 teams – use it as a 3-on-3 tournament – spread them out throughout the tournament – up to 4 people on the team - \$75/team (uniform is free)

Purchasing Cards (Andrew Smith) – President at Coastal Georgia is not a fan of Purchasing Cards; want to get some information on how many people, departments, institutions, etc. have purchasing cards; everyone operates and determines who has p-cards individually; state laws mandate what p cards can be used for; provide as much documentation as you can and avoid taxes

Student Organization Fundraising Guidelines (Eric Simon) – If we give a club money and they choose to charge students for an event, can they use their funds from the institution for that event? Does their money have to go back to the institution? Trying to create a policy and looking for information. Fundraising gives groups more money than they can get from the institution; groups have to fill out a form ahead of time. Staff helps monitor funds and revenue to avoid fraudulent activity on the part of the group vs. Group is responsible for the entirety and the staff is completely hands off.

Intramural Best Practices (Andrew Smith) – Commuter institutions have a hard time getting students to stay for activities. Smaller institutions or institutions that have newer programs should look to larger, more established programs for guidance. Limit intramural participation based on GPA (only 2.0 or higher)?

Relationships with/for/against Athletics w/Intercollegiate Sports (John Spranza) – What type of relationships do you have with athletics, what types of programs are you expected to hold, etc? Reputation of athletics on campus; who are your fans and why are they going to the events; get to know your Athletics Director well; administrations values; cultivate relationships and partnerships that are mutually beneficial; educate them on what they are able to do and what they aren't able to do; have the athletic teams support each other; here to help, not to save – be wary of last minute enlistment for help.

Campus Television (Bryan Bird) – Relationships with MTVU – people are moving away from this. Has anyone heard of Enlighten (from NY) – used by Valdosta State. Looking for an alternative solution to MTVU for information sharing. Enlighten – Feed that's updated every 30 minutes and allows for campus messages/announcements. \$3,000 -\$5,000 for installation and \$3,000-\$4,000/year. Cheaper alternative is REACH Sports (www.reachsportsgroup.com) - \$1,200.

Cap on Gifts to Students (Eddie Howard) – Issue of gifts/prizes to students as rewards – 1. Must have educational value; 2. Doesn't exceed \$100 (value) per prize per student; 3. Director uses good judgment when choosing/purchasing prizes. Coming from BOR/state auditor. How will this work? Who follows up with the amount going to students? How do we determine the worth of a prize? More clarification from Tonya @ BOR.

SGA Posting Minutes/ Rules & Regulations & College Newspaper Relations (Angela Avery-Jones) – Who posts SGA minutes online? – Varies from the SGA students to professional staff. When is a meeting closed? (Closed doors) – Training on the front end with the participants to avoid poor deliberation issues and help teach the students to make good decisions. Issue being created between school newspaper and SGA.

Student Fee Use for Facilities & Equipment & Study Abroad (Dale Hartenburg) – Using any student activities fee to improve student center – Rationalize that it's for student use, student marketing, student purposes, etc.; supplies and materials to continue running the building – allocated from fees by student government.

Gambling (Ron Lunk) - Wanted to give away a prize from money collected for a tournament. Luck vs. Skill? How is this any different from intramurals teams enrolling in a tournament and then winning a prize? GA law has a definition of what gambling (or a "game of chance") is. Keep fundraising and competition separate.

International Trips (Eric O'Cain) – Answered through the ListServ.

Budget Hearing (Angela Avery-Jones) – Looking for processes. Organized meeting? Personal deliberations? Group deliberations? Campus based vs. College wide. Are there limits on reallocation? Are they asking for something that makes sense? Needs to be in the spirit of what the committee approved. The line item is to help the students think through their request, not to police the funds they've taken.

Statewide “Leadershape” Conference - \$300/student – Institutions can bring up to 4 students and put in requests to bring additional students. July 17-21. Selection process is not mandated – determined by groups. srowley@gsc.edu for more information or how to help.

OPEN/Upcoming Conferences & Meetings (May 16, 2011 @ Coastal Georgia College) – GCPA – Athens, GA: February 23-25. APCA – Atlanta, GA: March 23-27. SROW – Baton Rouge, LA: March 17-19.

Staff Members interested in coming in a night early to have a discussion about community service in GA? – Georgia College

Next Meeting for RACSL: May 16, 2011 – Coastal College of Georgia

HoopAtlanta is April 23, 2011. Atlantic Station Takeover is April 2, 2011 (Final Four Weekend)

Meeting adjournment: 2:40 pm.

Attendees:

Kris Liebegott, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Sedrick Swan, Andrew College
William Jones, Andrew College
Desiree Frasier, Andrew College
Iris Shanklin, Atlanta Metropolitan College
Eric Simon, Clayton State University
Andrew Smith, College of Coastal Georgia
Jami Hall, Dalton State College
Eric O'Cain, Darton College
Vicki Sherrod, East Georgia College
Brian Byrd, Fort Valley State University
Cara Ray, Gainesville State College- Gainesville
Stacey Rowley, Gainesville State College- Oconee
Tom Miles, Georgia College
John Spranza, Georgia Highlands College
Megan Youngblood, Georgia Highlands College
Lyric Burnett, Georgia Highlands College
Johnny Tooson, Georgia Perimeter College
Angela Avery-Jones, Georgia Perimeter College – Clarkston
Perry Culverson, Georgia Perimeter College – Clarkston
India Myers, Georgia Perimeter College- Alpharetta
Jack Manning, Georgia Perimeter College- Dunwoody
Karen Farmer, Georgia Perimeter College –Newton
Tjazha Mazhani, Georgia Perimeter College- Decatur
Sharon Llyod, Gordon College
Gary Cobb, Hoop Atlanta
Sherry Hughes, Interactive Attractions
Dale Hartenburg, Medical College of Georgia
Wesley Thomas, North Georgia College & State University
Victoria Snyder, Paine College
Allyson Dewell, Reindhardt University
Sue Miller, South Georgia College
Ron Lunk, Southern Polytechnic State University
Marc Lamotte, University of Georgia
Sharon Komanecky, Waycross College