

**Regents Advisory Committee on Student Life (RACSL)**  
**Georgia Perimeter College**  
**November, 16, 2009**

Attendees: See attached list.

The meeting called to order 9:20 am, and Keith Cobbs, Dean of Student Services at GPC-Newton Campus welcomed the group.

**USG/BOR System Report**

W. Thomas announced that BOR has instituted a moratorium on student activity fee increases for 2010-2011. Each institution should send its SGA President or SGA delegate to each SAC meeting. Advisors were reminded that ONLY 1 representative from each institution should attend and students must be prompt.

D. McDonald requested that advisors be notified when students arrive late or depart early.

**Audits Advice**

T. Miles discussed procedures for handling cash. Some institutions process cash for tickets, registration fee, etc. Documentation/receipts were emphasized E. Howard and A. Jones.

**The Leadership Institute & Similar Groups**

C. Ray discussed The Leadership Institute (a conservative student group) and its involvement on area campuses. The group raised concerns that the organizations create an adversarial campus atmosphere and utilize off-campus advisors with no affiliation with the institution.

For more information: [www.leadershipinstitute.org](http://www.leadershipinstitute.org) and [www.campusreform.org](http://www.campusreform.org)

**Measuring Student Learning Beyond the Classroom**

T. Miles asked how other directors assessed learning in student activities. The general consensus was that a lack of man power prevented in depth assessment. N. Epps utilizes a survey for graduates.

D. McDonald assesses at the beginning of the year, midyear, and includes an exit survey when evaluating learning within a specific program.

**Health Services Initiatives**

GPC offers on-campus clinics; KSU charges a \$40 fee for onsite services for its residential students; SPSU has an agreement with WellStar and has a nurse on staff within its Rec & Wellness Dept; DSC hosts a health department representative on campus; SGC has an agreement with local practitioners that provide X number of visits per semester; GCSU has a clinic operated through its School of Health Services/Nursing Program.

**Stipends vs. Hourly Wages**

Most student workers (Non-Work Study) receive stipends (frequency of payments/distribution varies), although some use timesheets or ADP and are paid hourly. C. Ray has students sign a contract. NCGSU processes

**Programming Boards**

Most institutions represented have some type of student programming board that is separate from SGA. KSU's KAB is a great example: [www.ksukab.com](http://www.ksukab.com)

**Event Mgt & Ticketing**

Many institutions represented utilize ticketing software. Examples include: [www.ticketleap.com](http://www.ticketleap.com); [www.ticketalternative.com](http://www.ticketalternative.com); [www.universityticket.com](http://www.universityticket.com); and [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com)

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### **Mascot Guidelines**

J. Spranza asked attendees if they have mascot policies/guidelines. Several responded that their school's athletics dept manages the mascot. T. Miles has a copy of mascot policies/guidelines available upon request.

### **H1N1 Forums, Policies, & Programs**

K. Alday discussed KSU's H1N1 efforts. Most institutions have launched educational campaigns related to the flu and the school's policies related to vaccinations, absences, etc.

### **Interns**

C. Ray asked if others have encountered issues with hiring interns from other schools. Most had not. D. McDonald discussed "Affiliate Status" and HR agreements between the home institution and intern site.

### **GA Tech Challenge Course**

D. McDonald announced that GA Tech has a new ropes challenge course. Everyone is encouraged to consider using the course for leadership development programs/retreats.

### **Handicap-Access Vans & Shuttle Services**

C. Ray discussed challenges in securing handicap-accessible vans for RSO use. ASU has a new on-campus shuttle program.

### **Honors Day/Week**

The attendees discussed student recognition events with emphasis on those that combine academic awards with those typically associated with student activities. KSU hosts separate events for RSOs and academic recognition.

### **RSO's – Space Limitations & Non-Students in Orgs**

Ga Tech has a policy that limits RSO ability to reserve space if it is reserved and not used. Most institutions have a "first come, first serve" reservation policy, but give RSOs priority. There are concerns that student life space is increasingly being used for non-student life activities/events.

### **Tailgating Policy and Implementation Issues**

GCSU is developing a policy; GA Tech has a comprehensive policy, but implementation can be a challenge. Those will policies are encouraged to share them via the listserv.

### **Prayer Rooms on Campus**

Prayers rooms are becoming increasingly popular on campuses. Typically, multi-use space is utilized and must be reserved vi the proper channels. KSU has a room dedicated for religious RSOs. D. McDonald noted that institutions may need to designate spaces for this purpose.

### **MTVU & Campusreform.org**

The general consensus is that the appropriateness of MTVU content is questionable. Several institutions no longer use the service. MTVU customer service is lacking. KSU uses Dish Network.

Announcements: West GA is now offering a new masters degree in higher ed; the annual GCPA conference will be hosted at the Emory Conference Center Feb 25-26, 2010; GCPA will host as assessment workshop on Feb 16 at GA Tech.

Next meeting: May 17 at North Georgia College & State University in Dahlonega, GA.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.