

**Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees**  
**December 13, 2005, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Rooms C, Patterson Office Tower**  
**Meeting Minutes**

10:07 a.m. – Called to order by Marianne Smith Edge, Chair

Attendees:

Marianne Smith Edge, Chair  
Becky Ellingsworth, Board of Trustees  
Phillip Patton, Board of Trustees  
Russ Williams, Board of Trustees

Dan Adkins, Public Relations  
Ruth Booher, Legal Counsel  
Barbara Jones, Legal Counsel  
Thalethia Routt, Legal Counsel  
Scott Smith, Interim Provost

Student Affairs Staff

Patricia S. Terrell, Vice President for Student Affairs  
Mary Bolin-Reece, Counseling & Testing Center  
Anne Coke, Student Affairs  
Larry Crouch, Student Affairs  
Dorothy Edwards, Women's Place  
John Herbst, Student Center  
Greg Moore, University Health Service  
Rhonda Strouse, Student Activities, Leadership, and Involvement  
Jennifer Wies, Women's Place  
Summerville Harris, student  
Chris Pullella, student  
Susan Matsubara, student

Dr. Patricia Terrell gave an overview of the Finals Midnight Crunch Brunch that occurred on Monday, December 12, 9pm to Midnight. Over 2500 students attended the event at Memorial Coliseum, as did Dr. and Mrs. Todd. Dr. Todd played pool with students until midnight. Tubby Smith attended and autographed miscellaneous items. There were new activities such as caricature drawings and a bean toss, in addition to the standard activities of neck massages and music. There are photos of the event on the Student Affairs website.

Dr. Terrell updated the committee on the progress regarding revisions to the Administrative Regulation and Governing Regulation to clarify the relationship between Student Government Association and the University of Kentucky. Joe Fink, Barbara Jones, T. Lynn Williamson, Marci Ches, Richard Greissman, Rhonda Strouse and Pat have had several meetings to discuss the drafts and input. Becky Ellingsworth has seen the draft, critiqued it and provided input. The

proposed timeline for completion is to have the draft go to the Senate Council in early January before presenting it to the BOT Student Affairs Committee and the full Board of Trustees at the January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting for the first reading. Final approval would come at the March 7 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

It was proposed that the Student Affairs Committee would meet on January 11 when the Hospital Committee meets. The exact time is still to be determined. The proposed revisions to the Governing Regulations would be sent by email to the committee members prior to the meeting.

Russ Williams would like to see more highlights on students on the UK homepage. Dan Adkins said he had just worked on a piece on the Dance Marathon that raises money for the UK Children's Cancer Department's patients and families. It should be on the homepage within the next few days.

Chair Marianne Smith Edge noted that she had been reading the Kernel on-line regarding the dining plan issues. She asked if they had been resolved.

Pat Terrell said that there have been complaints, mainly from the upper classmen who were used to the declining balance plan. Renovations to the current dining areas have been on the legislature list for bonding authority for three years in a row. Last year, Dr. Todd was very supportive and had this item near the top of the project list as a priority. However, the Capital Project Committee's bumped this for the new basketball practice facility. Envision Strategies, a national dining consulting business, will revisit UK's campus to update the plan and will hold focus groups with students in the spring. Parents have expressed concern that their student's dining balance cannot roll over or be refunded at the end of the semester. Chik-fil-A has opened to rave reviews. A fresh bakery/deli is going into the former space where the M.L.King, Jr. Cultural Center used to be.

Russ Williams would like see the numbers and percentages of leftover meals and dollar balances for the next committee meeting. He would like to know where this money goes when it isn't used.

Chair Smith Edge turned the meeting over to Dr. Dorothy Edwards and Women's Place.

Dr. Edwards stated that the Women's Place began at the end of January of 2005 through funding of a Department of Justice grant written by Pat Terrell and colleagues.

She posed a speculative question – "how do we measure success?" She followed this question with facts and figures. About 36.5% of females are victims of violence (rape, physical abuse, stalking); 190 cases are forcible rapes; 2.5% of these forcible rapes are reported to the police.

There are 50-70 student volunteers in the Women's Place. Many services are brokered through Women's Place for victims. WP has reached 6500 students, faculty, and staff through various programs (ex: UK101, professional development) offered last spring and this fall. Many departments are requesting presentations.

Dr. Edwards talked about the Safety Imperative Partner program. Any UK person (faculty, staff, students, male, female) can sign a pledge card that supports the endeavors of Women's Place. Safety needs to be a priority; it is as important as winning a basketball game.

Currently there are two full-time staff, no paid Graduate Assistants, and many student volunteers.

The presentation was turned over to Jennifer Wies. Ms. Wies said that WP provides services to all of the UK community who are victims of violence. WP will help assess the victim's academic needs (missed classes, absences), housing (change in the residence halls, community, county), health and wellness (physical and mental), transportation (shuttle, CATS escort service), communication (CATS cell service provided by Verizon for free to be used for help or for a ride); and for off-campus services (city, county).

There are currently 30 cases that have primarily been referred by UKPD and Residence Life. The top two referrals are with Counseling & Testing and UK Police Department. In addition, they work with international students to help them through various cultural barriers. They also meet with parents whose child has been affected.

Summerville Harris, a student volunteer, spoke on Students Educating and Empowering to Develop Safety (SEEDS), a peer mentorship group working with the university community. It is primarily a peer to peer education group. Ms. Harris also spoke on the Eardrum Student Organization, advised by Women's Place. This group is committed to creating a safe campus culture.

Susan Matsubara, a student volunteer, became involved when she learned of the numbers of women who are victims of violence. She will be going into the Kentucky National Guard and plans to work with UK's Army and Air Force ROTC programs to educate and to bring awareness.

Chris Pullella, a student volunteer, represented MAVAR@UK an independent student organization. When he first heard Dr. Edwards speak, he wondered to himself "where are the men?" There are currently 50 freshmen males involved in MAVAR@UK. The group is challenging the social norms by starting with presentations to all fraternities. They hope to see involvement from the top down (administration) and from the bottom up (students).

Judge Patton asked when the next survey will come out. Dr. Edwards stated that the first survey was initiated through Carol Jordan's office, the Center for Research on Violence Against Women. Ms. Jordan is working on the necessary funding (grants, administration sponsorship) to help put together the next survey next year.

Russ Williams asked how long the grant funding is for. Dr. Edwards stated it is for two years, and she is working on the renewal. The Department of Justice typically funds grants for two years and then expects the grantee to step up and take over the funding. Mr. Williams asked how much it would take to get the Women's Place to "THE" level. Dr. Edwards said that a few Graduate Assistants, one more full-time staff member, and the Director's position to be fully funded from non-grant funds would help get it to that level.

Chair Marianne Smith Edge thanked the staff and students of Women's Place for their presentation and made a special note of appreciation for Dorothy's passion.

11:09am – meeting adjourned.