

Board of Trustees (BOT) Student Affairs Committee
Tuesday, May 8, 2012
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Room A, 18th floor, Patterson Office Tower
Meeting Minutes

Ms. Sandy Bugie Patterson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The following members of the Student Affairs Committee were present: Micah Fielden and John F. Wilson.

The university staff and community members were represented by: J.J. Jackson, Victor Hazard, Rhonda Strouse, John Herbst, Mary Bolin, Anne Coke, Larry Crouch, Gail Hairston, Jim Wims, Hollie Swanson, Stephen Bilas, and Robert Mock.

Introductions.

March Meeting Minutes – Approved

Overview of the Common Reading Experience (CRE)

Michelle Ashcraft, Director of CRE (staff)

Christy Baughman (student)

Bryan Rose (student)

Cameron Hamilton (student), selection committee

Erin Adkins(student)

- The Common Reading Experience is a part of the New Student and Parent Program Office.
- Michelle starts by researching books through publishing companies and other peer university selections
- Selects 20 books
- A committee of 24 made up of 1/3 staff, 1/3 faculty, 1/3 students narrow it to 8 books
- Committee members are assigned books to read and share with the committee
- 3 books are selected for the entire committee to read
- A final selection is made

- Christy shared that all new students are assigned the book to read
- 70% of the students attend the book discussion during K Week
- There are great conversations amongst the students
- Saw student computer postings related to the book

- Cameron said it is used in UK101 – a freshmen experience course designed to improve retention
- Each class starts with a question about the book
- One session is devoted entirely to the book
- Next year, group projects are being discussed

- Erin took the book personally by taking the carbon footprint survey on line and discussing the results with her father
- The results were alarming

- She went through the home trash and her family decided to make a conscious effort
- In addition, she went over the grocery list and noted that a third of the groceries was red meat
 - Red meat requires transportation for the cattle, feed, supplying grocery stores
 - Energy to process
- Her father installed energy efficient windows in the basement
- Her parents bought new vehicles that get better mileage

- Bryan discussed that when selecting the book, they want to challenge, entice and engage the students
- The committee doesn't want to select a book that was read in high school and that the students have to use a dictionary

- This year's book for Fall 2012 is "The Unforgiving Minute: A Soldier's Education" by Craig Mullaney
- Starts with being a freshman in Westpoint
- Becomes a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University
- Served in Afghanistan
- Lecture: October 2, 2012

Overview of University Honors and Recognition Awards Program

Lauren Thomas, Graduate Assistant

Sarah Jones, President, Student Activities Board

- Lauren stated that the program is designed to recognize the students, staff, and faculty at the university
- It also is a learning experience for students involved in designing and coordinating a program together

- Sarah discussed how it engages the outside community through press releases to local newspapers and news outlets
- Former students and local businesses give awards

- The program recognizes diversity, inclusion, and the efforts of underrepresented populations

- Sarah received the Zumwinkle Award for the "It Gets Better" video
- Nikki Hurt (SGA VP) and Micah Fielden each received the Singletary Outstanding Senior Award

Student Government Association Updates

Micah Fielden, President, Student Government Association

- Wildcat Interest Group (WIG):
- Six US Congressional offices have accepted UK students to intern in the legislators' offices in DC
- SGA decided that at the end of the Academic Year, any budget remaining over and above a designated amount will be given to student scholarships
- Micah shared his experiences with K-week and the Common Reading Experience program

Adjourned at 9:53am