Senate Student Affairs Committee
February 19, 2010
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:
Tricia Tuite            Meg Hannan           Charles Shull
Betsy Nagle            Rosie Natale
Denny DeSantis         Laura Fonzi

Minutes

Minutes from November 12, 2010 were approved with the addition of Meg Hannan to those attending.

Old Business

Developing a written report from the Plenary: Danielle, Meg, Betsy, and Laura have agreed to write the report of the fall plenary session.

Digital Copy of the Plenary Session: Committee discussed possibility of obtaining the audio copy of the plenary session in order to make a digital copy to place on the website. Charles will look into the possibility of developing the digital file. Denny will consult the legal department and determine if there are any copyright issues.

New Business

Snowfall in February: Charles reported on the discussion surrounding how to make-up missed time. The options presented to the students included: 1) Spring Break 2) Delay Graduation or 3) Saturday Make-ups. The university decided on making up the time on 2 Saturdays.

Betsy asked for the group’s opinion on the following: She is currently on a task force charged with restructuring the committees at the School of Education. One of the issues was that the graduate faculties were not aware of Student Affair Issues. Is a committee needed to determine how do they get more information to the graduate faculty? Our recommendation is that the School of Ed needs to restructure their infrastructure in order to get more information to the students, another committee in not necessary. One possible resource would be Daniel Jimenez, President of Graduate Professional Student Association (GPSA).

Concern arose about getting information about Distress to the students. Do we need to get the information to the graduate students?

There is a new Financial Aid Program entitled Direct Loan Program. This will affect all students receiving a federal loan. Currently students are receiving loans through banks, but the new lender will be the Department of Education. All students will need to resign Promissory Notes. How will the information get out to the students. We will invite Dr. Betsy Porter to a future meeting to explain and share the plan.