

Notes from the UUF Executive Committee meeting on August 30, 2005

Present: Julie Amon, Antonio Candau (Secretary), Jessica DeQuach, Kimberly Emmons, Don Feke, Lynne Ford, Atwood Gaines, Steven Garverick, Amy Hammett, Chris Hudak, Lynn Lotas, Kelly McMann, Chris Mihos, Marty Pagel, Vassilis Panoskaltzis, Larry Parker (Chair), Sheila Pedigo, Stephen Previs, and Peter Whiting.

*Election of secretary: Antonio Candau

*Approval of the minutes of April 28: approved as distributed

*SAGES, Peter Whiting: 900 students were expected, 15 new sections for First Seminar added Enrollment grew by 35%. Currently there are 70 first seminars and 15 university seminars. SAGES Central open in Crawford Hall. Lineup of University Seminars for next semester almost complete.

*New business:

Larry Parker: the larger enrollments mean a large number of new students living on campus. Housing has done a good job accommodating them. The undergraduate applicants' approval rating on the process was 9.4 out of 10.

*Kelly McMann asked about the distribution of first year students according to disciplines

Julie Amon: no definite data yet. Some facts: shift in out-of-state in-state students: 55% to 45 % (used to be the opposite). Percentage by gender: females 40%, male 60%
UUFXC would like a report when more data is available

*Larry Parker: concerns about the fact that the 1200 new students (vs. the 900 expected) have pushed the discount rate from 35% to 52 %, meaning that the increase in enrollment does not represent an increase in revenue tuition. There are no new funds coming, so the university "tax" on the different schools is still strong. No flexibility gained with monies in spite of the larger number of students. All these concerns should concern and occupy the UUFXC.

Don Feke: next meeting will probably be too early to have specific numbers but he will try to give the committee a sense about the issue after consulting with John Anderson.

Chris Mihos: the financial side ties in with the issue of SAGES governance.

Don Feke: the university is committed to provide instructional resources (human and others) to accommodate the academic needs of the first year class.

Larry Parker: this seems to be working in the short term; long term might be more problematic

*Don Feke: problem with Air Force ROTC students. A small number (some 6 every year) of AFROTC students enrolled and with AFROTC scholarship. Required to take aerospace science military classes, which they take off campus (at Kent State). The scholarship money comes to Case, but those classes are not approved for transfer by Case, and students have to pay for themselves. Nobody is happy. The new agreement states that Case will provide "appropriate academic credit". What to do? Should courses count for a Case degree?

Amy Hammett: Sensitive issue since ROTC was eliminated from campus..

Kelly: increase scholarship?

Don: Can't be done, by federal law.

Different proposals.

Larry: what to do? Create an ad-hoc committee?

Kelly: no. The people involved in the issue should present the best options to solve the problem.

Agreed.

Determine also if there is a ban on ROTC activities on campus.

*New issue: transfer students credit review (*for future discussion*)

*Revision of the bylaws: Lynn Lotas: they were approved in the spring and are ready to be sent to the Senate.

*Course evaluations: suspended because of lack of funds.

Kelly: try to find funds since it was part of the accreditation report?

Don Feke: Yes. We are trying to use that

*Midterm evaluations: Ryan Starks is out; Jessica will be working on the issue with USG

*SAGE's governance: Candau summarized Corbin Covault's proposals.

Larry Parker: we probably don't need an ad-hoc committee for this.

There is an on-going evaluation of the pilot program

Kelly: who else is looking at SAGES?

Julie: undergraduate studies, institutional research, student government

The discussion touched on the many different components of the program, from which we will need input, and also the many different academic "outcomes" involved: majors, jobs, graduate schools, etc.

Institutional research should give data a couple of times a year to the UUFXC, although there is only one person currently, it can probably be done.

For next meeting, we should develop, with Peter Whiting, an evaluation plan of SAGES.

*The UUFXC representative in the Senate should be appointed from the Senate.

[UUF appoints the representative from the second-year senators; Edith Lerner accepted invitation.]

Meeting adjourned.