President’s Quality of Life Committee
Meeting Minutes for
Monday, October 17, 2011
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Karin Almasi, Monica Baloga (Chair), Cassandra Carnley, Peter Cohen, Catherine Cook, Dylan Dalrymple, Ulreen Jones, Swapnil Kumar, Jackie Lingner, Joseph Noel, Phillip O’Meally, Shane Santana, Jon Shenker

Absent: Susanne Bahr, Rob Ghiotto, Eric Kledzik, Bill Macom, Daniel Otero

I. Welcome
The Chair welcomed the committee and introduced the members who were not able to attend the initial fall meeting. Later, the other committee members introduced themselves.

II. Recap of Focus Areas
For those members absent from the first meeting, the Chair reviewed the focal areas that the committee is tasked to explore by President Catanese. She recommended that three subcommittees be formed to address the following areas:

1. Promoting “High Tech with a Human Touch – How does technology drive our behavior?
2. Global Education: Are we meeting the cultural needs of our institution and surrounding communities?
3. Promoting a sustainable campus

The Chair recognized Mr. Swapnil Kumar and asked him to comment on his proposal (attached separately) for an exclusive meeting hour for club/organizations. He requested that the committee look into the feasibility of finding one hour during the week where no classes would be offered. Mr. Kumar explained the purpose of the request was to increase student attendance at club meetings. Mr. Joseph Noel, SGA President, also added that an increase in adviser attendance and participation at meetings was desirable. This would likely necessitate that the meeting time be held between working hours (i.e., 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.) because most adviser do not want to make a trip back to campus to attend an evening meeting.

Several committee members commented that the request would be very challenging to meet. Before moving forward, the Chair asked that the initial step in the Plan of Action of the proposal be implemented. It is most important to ensure that a time would be fully utilized by a vast majority of organizations if it was available to them. Mr. Swapnil agreed to gather this information. It was suggested that he contact Mr. CJ Colley, Assessment Specialist, to assist with any necessary survey needs.

III. Formation of Subcommittees and Action Items for next meeting
The Chair handed out a list of members who would serve on one of the three subcommittees outlined above. The rosters for each subcommittee are:

(1) Promoting “High Tech with a Human Touch”
   Karin Almasi, Peter Cohen, Catherine Cook, Eric Kledzik, Phillip O’Meally, Shane Santana (lead*)

(2) Global Education
   Cassandra Carnley, Ulreen Jones, Swapnil Kumar, Jackie Lingner (lead*), Daniel Otero

(3) Sustainability
   Susanne Bahr, Dylan Dalrymple, Rob Ghiotto, Bill Macom, Jon Shenker (lead*)

The Action Item for each subcommittee is to begin gathering information about each of the areas to report back to the main committee during our next meeting. The Chair asked that each group work together, either by meeting separately or using email communication, to investigate how technology (or the lack thereof) is affecting our behavior on campus, how to enhance the cultural needs of our institution, and how we can promote sustainability on campus.

[*The lead members will coordinate these efforts and volunteered to serve in this capacity after the meeting.]

IV. Next meeting: Week of November 14th
The next meeting will occur during the week of November 14th. The Chair will send out a meeting scheduler to determine the best day of the week. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Baloga (Chair)