President’s Quality of Life Committee
Meeting Minutes for
Wednesday, October 3rd, 2012
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Harris Center for Science and Engineering, room 217

In Attendance: Susanne Bahr, Monica Baloga (Chair), Cassandra Carnley, Catherine Cook, Carla Deras, Andrew Hernandez, Ulreen Jones, Eric Kledzik, Jackie Lingner, Jeseca Macdonald, Aiken Oliver, Brian Thai, Cookie Young

Absent: Ulreen Jones, Rob Ghiotto, Bill Macom, Daniel Otero, Shane Santana, Jon Shenker

I. Subcommittees

   The Chair passed out a list of subcommittees and tentative membership (appended to the minutes) and opened the floor to discussion of each area.

   a. Promoting our Motto: “High Tech with a Human Touch”
      Because this topic is a major institutional priority, the subcommittee was rolled over from the last academic year. The Chair reminded those members present at the meeting of the list that was generated last academic year (appended to the minutes) and suggested possibly following up on some of those items. She also stated an expectation by the President to continue monitoring the use of phone trees on campus. Another area to consider is updating equipment/computers in the labs and classrooms.

   b. Traffic and Campus Safety
      Although traffic safety has become a larger issue with the opening of the Florida Tech Commons, this subcommittee was asked to focus on safety considerations for the entire campus community. It was reported that there has been some thefts in the residence halls, and with the new freshmen and larger percentage of internationals on campus, student-driven campaigns focusing on traffic safety, pedestrian safety, and securing personal belongings might be very beneficial. This committee also may want to work with the Sporting Events committee on safety concerns at these events.

   c. Year-round Academics: Trimester Model
      The Chair stated that the major institutional committees (Quality of Life, Faculty Senate, and Staff Advisory) have been asked to look into the feasibility of a year-round academic model. According to this model, three 15-week terms would be scheduled where cohorts of students (A, B, and C) would be attending at least two of the three trimesters within an academic year (see table below). The intent is to increase revenue by increasing the number of full-time undergraduates.

      | Academic Year |   |   |
      | Fall | Spring | Summer |
      | A    | A      |        |
      | B    | B      |        |
      | C    |        | C      |
d. Protocol at Sporting Events
   This subcommittee will address safety and behavioral protocols during sporting
   events, in particular football. The biggest consideration is tailgating and what will be
   allowed or not allowed at such events.

e. Promoting a Sustainable Campus: the Botanical Garden
   In addition to the Botanical Gardens, the idea of a non-smoking campaign, or at the
   very least, a designated smoking area proposal, came up as a matter of personal
   sustainability.

Lastly, the Chair said she would join the subcommittee to investigate the menu offerings at
Panther Dining and would arrange a meeting with Tom Stewart to talk about this.

II. Next meeting: Wednesday, November 7th, from 12-1 p.m. We will meet in the conference
room on the 7th floor of the Crawford Building.

Action Item: Please either meet, or communicate by email, with your subcommittees to
begin initial discussions of each subcommittee topic.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica H. Baloga, Chair
October 9, 2012
Quality of Life Subcommittees  
AY 2012/2013

A. Promoting our Motto: “High Tech with a Human Touch”
   Eric Kledzik
   Shane Santana
   Daniel Otero
   Aiken Oliver

B. Traffic and Campus Safety
   Ulreen Jones
   Carla Deras
   Catherine Cook

C. Year-round Academics: Trimester Model
   Cookie Young
   Jackie Lingner
   Jeseca Macdonald
   Andrew Hernandez

D. Protocol at Sporting Events
   Bill Macom
   Cat Carnley
   Brian Thai

E. Promoting a Sustainable Campus: the Botanical Garden
   Jon Shenker
   Rob Ghiotto
   Susanne Bahr

F. Panther Dining - Menu diversity
   Andrew Hernandez
“High Tech with a Human Touch” Ideas (AY 2011-2012)

- Use of QR codes across campus for easier access to information for students and visitors
- Use digital signage to promote e-books (library has 31,000 e-books; 45,000 full-text periodicals and research guides for each academic discipline created by library information advocates)
- Promoting safety while using electronic devices (texting, ipods, etc)- which will be extremely important with the completion of the new building across Babcock St.
- The proper use of electronic devices in the classroom
- Encouraging instructors to conduct pre-test reviews in ANGEL
- Utilize the blank digital signage screen in Panther dining by moving it to the Chemistry Department
- Is there a substitute for TV 98? If so, who is maintaining the information and can it be broadcast on the new digital signage?
- Stream SGA meetings online through UStream as an “online town hall” so online students can actively participate by typing in questions and comments
- Include a section in University Experience courses for appropriate use of electronic devices in the classroom
- Incorporate students with the planning and construction of new buildings, e.g., allowing construction management majors to intern during the construction process
- Emailed suggestion: to have some human touch for sustainability. Possibly for Earth Day we can have something human related to earth activities.
- Less use of phone trees – make it easier to contact an actual person when calling a department.