

Community College of Philadelphia
Standing Committee on Student Affairs 2009-2010
Wednesday, September 23, 2009
Minutes

Eight delegates were in attendance, as follows:

Delegates appointed by the Administration:

Ronald Jackson, Mike McGeady, and Nikki Sarpolis

Delegates appointed by the Faculty/Staff Federation:

Ellie Cunningham, Nicole Duncan-Kinard, Larry MacKenzie and Michael Remshard

Delegate appointed by the SGA: Diana Hill

The meeting was brought to order at 3:45 by Ronald Jackson, Dean of Students, who had been officially appointed to convene this first meeting of 2009-2010. He reported that there were no minutes from the previous year for the committee to review.

The first item of business was to elect a chairperson for the Student Affairs Committee. Ronald Jackson and Larry MacKenzie each stated their willingness to serve as co-chairs. They were unanimously elected as co-chairs of the Student Affairs Committee. Larry MacKenzie suggested that the committee elect a recording secretary. Ronald Jackson said that a student delegate not present at this meeting, Phil Pollock Jr., was interested in serving as secretary for the committee, and he recommended the committee elect Phil Pollock to begin service in October. The committee did so. In the meantime, Larry MacKenzie volunteered to take meeting notes.

The Committee began to review its work during academic year 2008-2009 on Policies and Procedures Memorandum 156. Copies of the Committee's most recent version of its proposed revision of P. & P. 156 were distributed by Ronald Jackson and examined by Committee members. For the benefit of new delegates, Larry MacKenzie summarized the reasons why the Committee had become interested in the issue of children on campus, researched the child care services available at the College, and looked into possible connections between child care difficulties and dropping out by parents who are single parents. The Committee's proposed revision went to the IWC last year; the IWC suggested the revision be reviewed by the College's attorney. At the urging of Jill Weisz, the Committee restored some of the language at first deleted, especially with regard to children of employees.

Committee members discussed how to take the proposed revision of P. & P. 156 back to the IWC, or even whether to do so, since the revisions appear quite modest. Mike

McGeady argued that the existing P.& P. 156 is OK without revision, and is in fact better. Others countered that the revision makes the College's position clearer. The Committee eventually decided to continue to support the revised P. & P. memorandum..

A discussion ensued about how best to raise awareness of the children on campus policy. Ellie Cunningham, Diana Hill and others supported the idea of placing the policy in the Student Handbook. Ronald Jackson responded that the Committee didn't need to take any formal action, since including the policy would be an easy and logical thing for him to do in the course of making other improvements to the new edition of the Student Handbook. Some members of the Committee advocated that the College administration be urged to place appropriate signs near the gym, science labs and other sites listed as off-limits for children in the revised P.&P. memorandum 156. Such a sign is posted at the door of the Student Academic Computer Center. The Committee members agreed that this idea could be mentioned informally to the IWC and to others, but not attached as language complicating the revision proposal itself.

Ronald Jackson agreed to send the proposal to the IWC, and he and MacKenzie both expressed willingness to represent the Student Affairs Committee at the IWC meeting that addresses the proposal. MacKenzie suggested that Jenavia Thompson-Weaver be invited to attend the IWC meeting also, since she was a main researcher of this issue, and a main drafter of the proposed revision. Committee members supported this suggestion. Ronald Jackson assented, if Jenavia Thompson-Weaver's work schedule permits.

Ronald Jackson proposed that the Student Affairs Committee in coming months engage in examining and improving the Student Code of Conduct. Members of the Committee expressed strong interest in this project. Ronald Jackson urged everyone to read the Student Code of Conduct and to bring ideas for improving it to the next meeting, scheduled for October 28, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in S1-09.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Larry MacKenzie

(These minutes were approved October 28, 2009).

