



COOPERATING RALEIGH COLLEGES MINUTES

CRC Student Affairs Officers Committee
Saint Augustine's College
Friday, February 5, 2010
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Convener: Doris Bullock
Dean of Students, Saint Augustine's College

In attendance: Saint Augustine's College: Ronald Brown, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs; Doris Bullock, Dean of Students; Ann Brown, Director of Student Activities & Greek Life; Nadine Ford, Director of Financial Aid; Janette Johnson, Director of Judicial Affairs; Linda Labanca, Director of the Student Health Center; Nija Leocadio, Residence Hall Director (Apt. Community); Nichole Lewis, Director of Belk Professional Development Center; Andre Richardson, Assistant Dean of Students & Residential Life; Jorge Sousa, Director of Admissions, Harold Williams, Counseling Center. **Meredith College:** Ann Gleason, Dean of Students; Heidi LeCount, Director of Residence Life; Sarah May, Director of Brewer Hall. **NC State University:** Tom Stafford, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Evelyn Reiman, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. **Cooperating Raleigh Colleges:** Jenny Spiker, Director.

Ronald Brown welcomed everyone to Saint Augustine's College for the meeting and luncheon. Doris Bullock asked attendees to introduce themselves and their areas of responsibility.

Featured Discussion Topic: Issues related to college-owned or sponsored apartments for students

Ms. Bullock introduced the topic by inviting her residence life staff to outline some of the issues they have faced with three apartment communities at Saint Augustine's. She asked to hear what Meredith College has experienced with their new apartment-style residence hall this year and from NC State representatives where a number of these kinds of living arrangements have been going on for awhile. Some key points discussed:

- **Encouraging use of common space to create a sense of community.** The apartments at Saint Augustine's have a problem with this because the units don't have kitchens like the Meredith and NC State apartments do. The discussion explored ways they might create common spaces in other ways with some shared cooking equipment or with laundry facilities and also with programming for group meetings and discussion, such as those organized by career centers.
- **Creating the situation where apartment living is seen as a privilege**
- **Use of apartment mate agreements**
- **Dealing with both underage and of-age residents**
- **Controlling/discouraging large or disruptive gatherings**

CRC update from Director Jenny Spiker: Ms. Spiker told the group about developments with CRC since their last meeting. She told them about the new CRC website under development, the plans for a welcome back to college students event being planned for Fall 2010 with the Downtown Raleigh Alliance and a "Stand Against Racism" event the YWCA is sponsoring for April 30, 2010. Both community groups are interested in participation with area college and university students. (See attached background sheets).

Ideas for future meeting topics or projects: The group discussed the following topics for future meetings:

- Critical thinking in co-curricular programs
- Career centers and their importance in the current economic climate
- Judicial affairs, including mediation, critical thinking and ethics
- Counseling center outreach on the campuses
- Professional development for student affairs staffs
- Networking with international students
- Health issues such as obesity
- Non-resident students
- First-generation college students
- Student leadership assessment

Recommendation: The group agreed that the student affairs committee should meet several times a year and have one meeting include professional development with an emphasis on an agreed-upon topic. They want to invite all key student affairs officers and then others from the staffs depending on the topic.

The **next meeting** will be in the fall with the featured topic **“Critical Thinking in Co-curricular Programs.”** Meredith College will be the host and Ann Gleason of Meredith and Ann Brown of Saint Augustine’s volunteered to co-chair that meeting. They will look for a date and get that information out to all committee members.

--Submitted by Jenny Spiker

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Email sent 3/23/2010 about fall plans:

Dear CRC Student Affairs Officers:

We need your input for the expanded fall meeting for student affairs staffs. At the February meeting this year the group decided to meet twice next year, with the fall meeting in an expanded format. Ann Gleason, Dean of Students at Meredith, Ann Brown, Director of Student Activities at Saint Augustine’s, and I met recently to start the planning. Here are our suggestions and where we need your feedback:

Theme: “Assisting Students During Challenging Economic Times”

Time Frame: 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. An opening speaker or panel, lunch discussions with attendees divided into cohort groups (see below) and a summary (report-out) session after lunch. It will be at Meredith College.

Three possible dates: Friday, Sept. 24; Friday, Oct. 1 or Friday, Oct. 8 (fall break for most)

Cohort groups to invite: career centers, counseling centers, enrollment/admissions, financial aid, student activities, first-year experience, those working with first-generation students, campus ministries (others?)

Please give us your feedback:

***Which date (s) do you prefer?

***Which cohort groups should we include?

***Do you have ideas for an opening speaker? Someone who could provide background or inspiration about the topic? We are interested in people from our own campuses as well as other experts close by.

***Any other suggestions about the event?

Thanks so much,

Jenny Spiker, Ann Gleason, Ann Brown

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