

Minutes
Student Affairs/Religious Life/University Relations Committee
February 8, 2008

Members present: Ken Kirby, David Smolin, Betsy Dobbins, Scott McGinnis, Chad Carson, Jeannie Krumdieck, Vicki Rochester, Elizabeth Wells

Ex officio present: Matthew Kerlin, Philip Poole

Chair Kirby called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and declared a quorum present.

Student Jacob Lyons and faculty advisor Brian Toone presented a request for recognition for the Samford Triathlon Club. Lyons noted that the University of Alabama is the only other collegiate club in Alabama. Club status would help the group in earning points at competitions. Questions included funding, long-term sustainability, coaching and liability. Motion by Smolin, second by Dobbins. Approved without dissent.

McGinnis presented request from Religion Department for recognition of Theta Alpha Kappa religion honor society. David Bains will be the official faculty advisor. Questions included what courses are recognized to meet guidelines. Motion by Rochester, second by Krumdieck. Approved without dissent.

Kirby led discussion about proposed name change and committee description to be submitted to Faculty Senate for consideration. (A copy is attached to these minutes.) There was additional follow up discussion to the previous committee meeting and what ex officio members to include. Wells asked about the exclusion of University Relations from the revised committee name and assignment. Dobbins suggested the need to focus on substantive issues in student affairs and religious life. Kirby noted that the provost has suggested that retention would be a good project for the committee's focus. Smolin suggested submitting the proposed description without further changes but that that committee have the flexibility of inviting additional people to meet with the committee when needed. Motion by McGinnis, second by Carson. Approved without dissent.

Motion by Smolin, second by Dobbins that the Faculty Senate develop a separate committee to relate to University Relations if the previous motion is accepted by the Senate. McGinnis suggested emphasizing that University Relations is important and needs its own attention rather than being included with several other areas. Approved without dissent.

Angela Thomason was affirmed by common consent as the faculty representative to the 2008 university-wide homecoming committee.

There being no further business, Chair Kirby adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Recorded by
Philip Poole
for the committee

Attachment

SARLUR proposed description:

Committee on Student Affairs and Religious Life

This committee shall have responsibility to foster the development of students in all of the overlapping areas of their lives: spiritual, emotional, physical, and intellectual. It will review and provide guidance in areas of student affairs that affect academic excellence in a university environment. The committee shall review and make recommendations on:

1. Policies, procedures, and changes in the type, content, and format of Convocation programs.
2. Guidelines for Convocation attendance.
3. Campus programs and organizations which promote student development. These include but are not limited to University Ministries groups (spiritual), Greek life (social/emotional), intramurals/campus recreation (physical), and awards, honorary societies, and other voluntary extracurricular learning experiences such as clubs (intellectual).
4. Policies and procedures related to student discipline (other than academic issues covered under Academic Affairs).
5. Student retention programs.

Composition (Faculty):

Arts and Sciences (3)	Education (1)	Performing Arts (1)
Business (1)	Law (1)	Nursing (1)
Divinity (1)	Library (1)	Pharmacy (1)

Ex-Officio (non-voting):

Vice President and Dean of Students; University Minister; Associate Dean of Students; Director of Student Activities/Leadership Development; Student

Total: 11 Voting; 5 non-voting