

Student Life Minutes
September 24, 2010

Attending:

Fr. John Stack, OSA, VP
Diane Tamir, MSL
Kelsi Berdinelli, CAT
Catherine Lundy , Panhel
Allison Webb, SGA
Bridget Halligan, SGA

Bryan Kerns, SGA
Gian Bruno, IFC
Tom Mogan, Student Development
Paul Pugh, Dean of Students
Kathy Byrnes, Student Life

Reports from various student leaders:

1. SGA / Bridget Halligan (President):
 - a. Student Leadership Dinner, September 20, was a big success. Brought together many campus leaders with good discussion of several issues.
 - b. World Religions Day, September 15. SGA participated in activities.
 - c. SGA is trying to reach out to more Transfer students, to meet their needs as well.
 - d. SGA is working with DeVon Jackson in Student Development on multicultural education initiatives
 - e. SGA is also working with Steve McWilliams on Spring event raising awareness about disabilities.
 - f. SGA is co-hosting Majors Fair with College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and a “meet the Dean” session on October 1.
 - g. SGA hosted a community picnic with the neighbors in Garrett Hill
 - h. Allison and Bridget also met with many administrators in August to learn more about the University, issues, needs. They are also re-structuring their own Public Relations department, and improving their relationship with the Villanovan.
2. Panhel/IFC, Catherine Lundy (Panhel President), :
 - a. Greekend is this weekend (Sept 25/26), picnic on south campus before the football game, carnival on Sheehan Beach on Sunday. 8pm Sunday Liturgy for the Greeks.
 - b. Sororities are looking at possible expansion, adding a chapter to better manage the size of individual chapters on campus.
3. MSL, Diane Tamir (Co-Chair):
 - a. MSL is at a time of self-reflection and self-review. May be re-structuring to see how meet to meet the needs/interests of the VU community.
 - b. Interested in continuing with UNITED Week in the Spring, to bring all Villanova student organizations together, both multicultural groups and other student organizations.
4. CAT / Kelsi Bendinelli:

- a. CAT has hosted many events over last month of school
- b. Survey of students on music interests (for concert planning)

Discussion Items

Fr. Stack asked students their thoughts and opinions about the Football conversation, possibility of going to Division 1A.

- Great attendance at Temple game (at the Linc) suggests there's interest and support of football
- Game at an alternate venue can become a "day away," something fun to plan for and go to
- People/students need to realize stadium would not be on campus
- Question whether students would have to pay for tickets (for home games, but off campus)
- Question of whether we want to be Big Fish in Little Pond, or Little Fish in Big Pond.
- Big East / NCAA desires 15,000 minimum attendance at games

Upcoming issues for SGA:

- Football
- Alcohol related issues
 - Where buses drop off after events, current policy (campus parking lots only) are confusing and not popular
 - 7-11 and Bryn Mawr train station are desirable drop off points
 - Other students expressed concern that drop off in other places presents safety issues as well, that a presence might be needed off campus if drop off was off campus.
 - Students suggested they would explore some options, work on developing possible scenarios that might work for Villanova.