



Student Life Committee
Of the University Senate

Minutes of the December 8, 2006 Meeting

Attending: Kate Bernay, Pan Hel Council
Elizabeth Reidenback, incoming Pan Hel President
Kathy Byrnes, Student Life
Rebecca Glover, CAT
Adam Hopkins, IFC
Brett Caffrey, incoming IFC President
Ryan McCormick, Blue Key
Tom Mogan, Student Development
Kevin Noller, Admissions
David Pedra, SGA
Paul Pugh, Dean of Students
Eric Quisenberry, Alumni Affairs
Rev. John P. Stack, OSA, VP for Student Life, Committee Chair
Gavin Tully, general member
John von Euw, SGA

Guest: Tom DeMarco, Director, Residence Life

1. Fr. Stack welcomed everyone to the meeting, including the new Pan Hel and IFC presidents. Fr. Stack welcomed guest presenter, Tom DeMarco, Director of Residence Life.
2. Tom DeMarco gave an overview of recent Residence Life issues and projects.
 - a. Summer '06 renovation projects –
 - i. Katharine Hall: new sprinklers, heating and windows
 - ii. O'Dwyer: thorough repairs, cleaning, painting after the basement fire in late July.
 - iii. Renovations planned for next summer: McGuire and Caughlin Halls
 - b. Many triples this year:
 - i. Sophomores offered incentive to triple in Good Counsel or to move to Rosemont or Harcum (for apartment guarantee Junior year) to ease tripling of freshmen. 44 groups of students took the incentive.
 - ii. At opening, 191 freshmen rooms were tripled.
 - iii. All of South campus, except Stanford, has wireless so students in triples all have connectivity.
 - iv. Junior lottery is going on now; once results of Junior lottery are known, projections for tripling for Fall '07 will be possible (Jan '07).

- c. Villanova will probably lease space from Harcum or Rosemont next year
 - i. Provides housing options for interested Seniors
 - ii. Provides housing option for Transfers (on space available basis)
 - iii. John von Euw observed that as he has asked peers about living off campus they say they would much rather be on campus.
- 3. Update from Fr. Stack on recent police activity next to campus
 - a. Shots were fired at police in the neighborhood behind South campus (on Browning Road) early in the morning on December 6, 2006.
 - b. Police blocked off area to confine the suspect's movement. Since South campus residence halls were locked, police wanted to keep everyone inside halls so that the suspect could not gain entry into a hall.
 - c. The gunman was never in the halls. No shots were fired on campus. Please dispel any rumors.
 - d. In hindsight, the University should have sent notice to students earlier in the morning. Police were not giving the University a lot of information and so the University was waiting to know more. But the result was that students felt uninformed. We followed police direction on access to parts of campus (in terms of South campus being inaccessible but the parking lots and main campus being accessible).
 - e. If you know of anyone upset over the incident, please send them our way.
- 4. Updates from student representatives:
 - a. Pan Hel (Kate):
 - i. Recruitment will be last week of Winter Break.
 - ii. About 380 women are signed up.
 - iii. Pan Hel looked at adding another sorority, but decided against it for this year.
 - iv. Chapter size is being altered, from average of 80 to 96.
 - v. Welcome to new Pan Hel President, Elizabeth.
 - b. IFC (Adam):
 - i. New colony on campus, Sig Ep, has about 40 members.
 - ii. Recruitment occurs the first two weeks of Spring semester
 - iii. Welcome to new IFC President, Brett. Previously served as the VP.
 - c. CAT (Rebecca):
 - i. Merry Christmas Villanova week – just is concluding with YuleTide Ball this evening
 - ii. Ginger Bread making event on December 5 was a huge success, over 400 participated.
 - iii. Sibling Weekend: will be last weekend in January.
 - iv. Game Watch parties: will be upcoming in Spring semester.
 - d. Blue Key (Ryan):
 - i. Assisted with several Open Houses early in the semester
 - ii. Planning for Early Action Candidates Day. February 3, 2007.
 - e. Gavin:

- i. In role as student Senator, working establish a student council within each College
 - ii. Meet monthly with reps from each college
 - iii. Executive Board meets with Dean to discuss significant issues, including budget.
 - f. SGA (John): Nothing new since update last week.
- 5. Fr Stack asked for suggestions of topics or guest speakers for future meetings.
 - a. Dining Services (Tim Dietzler)
 - b. Athletics
 - c. Grounds – what is needed/helpful in planning an event
 - d. Health & Wellness Education update
 - e. Public Safety
 - f. Career Center
 - g. Radnor Township representatives

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