

MINUTES

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro Board of Trustees Student Affairs Committee

November 20, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kate Barrett, Linda Carlisle, Earlene Hardie Cox, Jean Davis, Carolyn Ferree, Stephen Hassenfelt, Richard Moore, William Pratt, Michael Tusso

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS/GUESTS: Rebecca Adams, Nelson Bobb, Linda Brady, Lucien Capone, Jeff Colbert, Carol Disque, Cathy Hamilton, Bruce Michaels, Scott Milman, Sharlene O'Neil, David Perrin, Cindy Reed, Kim Sawyer, Drew Sharpe, Donald Skeen, Lauren Smalley, Patricia Stewart, Student Panel Members: Debranna Cook, (Richard) Noah Downs, Audrey Smith, Stuart Smith

PROCEEDINGS: The meeting was called to order at 11:48am by Carolyn Ferree. She advised there would be a student panel to discuss Service through Disaster Relief Trips.

Dr. Ferree asked for any corrections to the minutes of the September 18, 2008 meeting. No corrections were offered and a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted.

INFORMATION ITEM:

Student Panel: Service through Disaster Relief Trips

The Office of Leadership and Service Learning provided a panel made up of four students. Lauren Smalley, a VISTA Volunteer working at UNCG facilitated the discussion. Some of the students had been on many Disaster Relief Trips, while two of the students had only been on one trip. All of these students are on the Leadership Team for planning trips. Lauren explained that in the last couple of years the nature of the relief work the groups have been doing in the Gulf Coast has changed. At first the work was primarily recovery type things such as gutting houses and tearing down. In the last two years the focus has switched to the rebuilding aspects. Since Katrina happened in September 2005 UNCG has made more than a dozen trips to the Gulf Coast Region. Lauren pointed out that one thing that is very unique about UNCG's Disaster Relief Team is that since the very beginning our students have been committed to the idea that we do relief work for the entire Gulf Coast and not just New Orleans. Recently the team has branched out and is doing more local projects like a trip to the North Carolina mountains. They hope to continue to expand and do more local projects. It is estimated that these trips have resulted in 3,450 hours of service. The students introduced themselves and were asked to talk about their experiences and what they gained from the trip.

The better measure of these trips is in student experiences and stories. Stuart Smith has been on nine Gulf Coast Relief trips since December 2005 and hopes to continue to go on these trips. He stated that, "It's become a part of me". Noah Downs has been on one Gulf Coast trip and says that he will continue to spend his breaks going on more trips to help others. He went on the trip not knowing what to expect. What he saw was extremely shocking to him. He stated the people there care about their families, loved ones, and neighbors, not material things. There is a real sense of community there and love for one another. Audrey Smith went on her trip to New Orleans a year and a half after Katrina happened. She was also very shocked at the devastation and what she saw. Audrey came away with a different perspective and new sense of self. She also wants to commit to more service. She was amazed by the generosity of the people and stated it was unlike anything she had ever experienced. She stated the trips are important and they do matter. Debranna Cook went to Sparta in the North Carolina mountains for her trip. She worked with the American Red Cross to rebuild a food bank. She noted that everyone was very friendly and glad they were there to help out. She enjoyed the trip and helping the people. The trip taught her to see things differently.

Following the discussion Lauren asked if there were any questions.

Kate Barrett asked if any of the students had seen the movie, "Troubled Waters" about Katrina and their comments. Noah had seen it and there was discussion between the two of them concerning the movie.

Linda Carlisle wanted to know how many students have participated in Relief Trips and how they are funded. Cathy Hamilton advised that over 200 students have been on the trips. Students generally pay for the trips themselves. The trips are subsidized in part by the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. Until this year the students paid \$150.00 each for the entire week, which included everything. This year the cost has increased to \$200.00 per week because they are no longer housed free. She stated the December 2008 trip will have to be subsidized by \$2600.00 at that rate.

Kate Barrett wanted to know who was responsible for the students while they are on these trips. Cathy Hamilton informed her that a Faculty or Staff person goes on each of these trips.

Linda Carlisle thanked the students for going out into the world and learning about it before they had to.

INFORMATION ITEM:

Update on Board of Governors Report on Intercollegiate Athletics (Bobb)

Nelson Bobb attended the meeting to update the Board of Trustees on the report that he discussed at the September 2008 meeting. The report was to go to the Board of Governors but did not reach them because it has been inconsistently received across the UNC campuses. Chancellor Brady requested Mr. Bobb share the draft document with the Board. He stated that when he made the presentation in September 2008 it was incomplete.

Each campus submitted to General Administration a roster of its recruited student athletes that participated in either Fall 2006 or Spring 2007. In addition each campus submitted a core High School GPA for freshman recruits in Men's Basketball, Men's Football, and Women's Basketball. All other data that is found in the tables was run by General Administration by matching the rosters the campus submits against the student data files that each campus sends. These are dated back to 2006-2007.

The intent is at the January 2009 Board of Governors meeting to release these tables within a brief overview text. It's yet to be decided whether it will be presented and available at the January 2009 Board of Governors meeting.

Mr. Bobb went over the table included in the distributed packet. There are many blanks and then UNCG. The blanks are the other institutions; we are not seeing their information. All of our information is in. When the full report is given we will have access to that information so that we can compare the data. He explained that Table 5 in the packet is totally misunderstood and suggested that he explain that at a later time so the Board of Trustees has a better understanding.

He posed the question, "Why does this come to the Board of Trustees?" When document 1100.1 was adopted in 1985 there were issues at NC State relative to leadership of the Basketball program and the Athletic Director position. One piece that you will see is that "I can't be a Coach and the Athletic Director."

The piece that really reports to the Board of Trustees is how do we communicate how well we do with the academics on campus? What kinds of programs do we have in place on this campus that help us create the possibilities for success in the best interest of our student athletes?

They graduate at a very good rate. Graduation rates are much higher than the typical student on this campus.

Mr. Bobb closed by asking if there were questions.

Mr. Hassenfelt asked if a report could be put together for the Board of Trustees. Mr. Bobb stated that he feels the need to create his own timeline so the Board of Trustees can be given the same information at the same time each year. He will begin reporting in the Fall of 2009 and catch the Board up to date at the next meeting.

Kate Barrett asked about status of the athletic exception policy. Mr. Bobb stated they are working on that through The Provost's Office.

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.