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Board of Trustees: Student Affairs Subcommittee Meeting
307 Thompson Center – Conference Room
Thursday, December 7, 2017
10 am

MINUTES

Members Present: Mrs. Coretta Bigelow-Chair, Mr. Javonty Hunter, Dr. Ricky Sides, Chancellor Elwood Robinson, Mr. David Smith-via conference call and Dr. Trae T. Cotton

Members Absent:

University Staff: Mrs. LaMonica Sloan Wilhelmi, Mr. Miles Winston, Mr. Jamar Banks and Ms. Angela Blue

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am and roll was called.

Approval of the Minutes-June 8, 2017

A motion was made to approve the minutes. This motion was initiated by Mr. Hunter and seconded by Dr. Sides.

Chancellor Robinson greeted the Board and stopped in to publically thank Dr. Cotton for his 6 ½ years of service to WSSU as the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Dr. Cotton has accepted a new position with the University of Tennessee Chattanooga beginning February 1, 2018 as their Vice Chancellor for Student Development. He will finish out his duties at WSSU as of December 31 2017.

Report of the Vice Chancellor – Dr. Trae T. Cotton

Dr. Cotton thanked Chancellor Robinson and welcomed the Board and staff as he opened the floor for Career Development Services to sharing the following Departmental highlights:

Career Development Services

Ms. LaMonica Sloan Wilhelmi shared that Career Services seeks to provide our students with beneficial co-curricular experiences by providing undergraduate research, internship and networking opportunities. Examples of such collaboration are as follows:

Our close corporate partnership with Nationwide Insurance Company which has resulted in 12 offers of fulltime employment, 36 summer internships in 2017 and 16 summer internships for 2018.

Career Development Services has sponsored a Fall Career and Graduate School Expo hosting 75 employers and graduate programs and 477 student participants. They are looking to renew their funding proposal with State Employees Credit Union (SECU) seeking \$100k to fund 20 Health Care Management Internships.

Mrs. Sloan-Wilhelmi and Mr. Winston highlighted the impact of the Alumni Return to Serve (ARTS) event from this past October, where 94 alum came back to campus the week of Homecoming and visited 22 classrooms to network and share their professional experiences with current students.

Career Services has and is looking to continue working closely with Wake Forest's Vice President for Personal and Career Development-Andy Chan in order to collaborate on strategies and best practices for our students.

Mrs. Sloan Wilhelmi thanked Dr. Cotton for his professional encouragement and unwavering support of Career Development Services over the years.

Report of the SGA President

Mr. Javonty Hunter shared with the board a few of this semester's highlights from his administration as outlined below:

*Law of Attraction Movement- a social media campaign pushing students to create vision board and goal oriented mission statements to promote manifestation.

*Red & Black Family Benefit- promotion of the significance of family and community relationships by providing two families with a holiday gifts from student body organizations.

*Mr. WSSU Presents the Giveback Kickback- focuses on spreading holiday cheer within the Winston-Salem Community in making holiday cards and wrapping gifts that will be given to the elderly at a local nursing home.

*SGA Town Hall-to effectively address the concerns/needs of the students. Town Halls are now held once a month.

*SMILE Campaign- promote mental illness/health awareness by debunking African American mental health stigma and promoting good health behavior by successfully incorporating these promotional events:

- Launch Program in SGA Zen Zone Suicide Walk
- Let's Talk About Sex initiative
- Pain in Peace initiative

*HBCU Political Week of Action- to ensure accessibility, transparency, and create higher levels of engagement with university news and announcements of the political world around us.

*Where is My Money Going?- to promote transparency with the student body about tuition and fees, housing fee and dining services fees that we pay each year and to outspokenly discuss the reason for increase/decrease in costs.

*Paint the City Red- a day of service in successfully having a campus-wide clean up. Participating organizations included Community Roots, and Salvation Army which were all events that WSSU students catered to.

*Home Depot Retool Your School- to engage in community relations by helping revitalize our school's campus as we replaced the wooden benches and gazebos. Students utilized this critical time to provide service to the benefit of the university.

Mr. Hunter closed by thanking Dr. Cotton for his mentorship over the years.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned with a motion at 11:19 a.m.

Angela Blue

Recording Secretary