

**Parents' Advisory Council Meeting
April 21, 2007**

Call to Order: Co-Chair Stan Raley called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Members Present: Vickie Theiss, Walt Theiss, Stan Marks, Cathy Marks, Barbara Higginson, Steve Cart, Sherry Cart, Stan Raley, Barbara Raley, Beth Clark, Simeon Davis, Debbie Isenhower, Jim Gorski, Terri Gorski, Randy Lyons, and Karen Lyons

Members Absent: Michelle Porter, Sheldon Booze, Joe Higginson, Dale Clark, Michelle Hindman, Steven Hindman

Staff Present: Tim Gilbert, Amy Miller, Carol White, Capt. Wallace, Chief Deane, Kathryn Stewart, Hunter Williams, Dr. Tice, , Tara Goodlett, Libby Greaney, Linda Pillow, Dr. Sylvia Gaiko, and Dr. Ransdell

Welcome: Welcome and greetings were given by Co-Chair Stan Raley.

Chief Deane and Captain Wallace thanked the Council for the \$5000 for bike equipment and advertising for the campus police department. They also announced that the Department will be hosting a 1 week explorer camp on campus July 22 – 27th.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the January 20, 2007 meeting were approved as is. Motion made by Stan Raley, seconded by Cathy Marks.

Financial Report: Amy Miller reported \$12,319.56 in the Parents Association account. Mrs. Miller also reported that there will be an extra \$3000 in savings due to the lack of the Parents' Handbook expense. A motion to approve the budget was made by Stan Marks and was seconded by Jim Gorski.

Staff Reports

Health Services – Health Education – Kathryn Steward:

The 21 cards, birthday cards for all students turning 21, were passed around the room while Mrs. Steward talked about the process of how they were sent to the students and the effects of the cards.

Mrs. Steward referred to the Virginia Tech shooting and told parents that Health Services is also there for them if they ever need to call. She spoke about the counseling services offered on campus and the different types of programming her office offers for students. Mrs. Steward then went over the results of the alcohol survey. From their findings most students who used alcohol, used it responsibly. She also said there was an increase in the amount of alcohol programming on campus and more informational material such as the 21 Card and the Alcohol Poisoning Wallet Card.

Although the alcohol survey was well received by the parents, Mrs. Steward assured the parents that alcohol was only one of the many things Health Services deals with each semester. She said that this time of year stress, time management and sleep are the biggest topics they address. They address these topics through their Passport to Wellness

Program. She said many teachers have been giving extra credit to students to participate in the programs. Council Member Karen Lyons then asked about the effect of the Virginia Tech Shooting, eating disorders, and intervention. Mrs. Steward said that Betsy Pierce deals with eating disorders, and is responsible for the Topperwell peer group that is on campus to help with intervention.

Finally, Mrs. Steward said her office is working on their web-site and presented the National College Health Assessment statistics that came from a survey on the sight. 721 students took the survey.

University Centers and Leadership Programs—Hunter Williams:

Ms. Williams thanked Stan and Barbara for all their dedication to the council. Next she handed out the Volunteerism and Leadership Brochures she created for the Student Activities office. She announced that the high school leadership conference in March brought in students from KY, TN, IN, and OH. Over 4000 students participated in this years Up til Dawn event. She thanked the council for the finance for the Leadershape Conference in Owensboro. She also announced that over 600 students participated in the Dynamic Leadership Institute this academic year. The program had 3 Phases:

Phase 1	6 – 7 Weeks
Phase 2	8 Weeks
Phase 3	16 Weeks

Housing and Residence Life—Tara Goodlett:

Mrs. Goodlett announced that the living learning communities will have 2 new programs this fall. McCormick will host the Business department's new community. There will be 40 student spot available and the students will take 6 to 9 hours of class together. The other communities are Mosaic and International in PFT, Fit in Barnes and Bemis, Leadership in Bates, and 5 themed floors in Minton.

Career Services—Carol White:

Mrs. White gave an update on Top Jobs and Career Services. 750+ companies are now in direct contact with Career Services. It was also announced that Carol White will be retiring this June.

Student Affairs and Campus Services—Dr. Tice:

Dr. Tice reiterated the importance of the living learning communities to WKU. He also spoke about the Student Activities Web-Site and that it is a great resource for parents' and students alike. In response to the Virginia Tech Shooting there will be an Emergency Plan listed on both Parent Web-Sites.

University President – Dr. Ransdell:

Dr. Ransdell came to the meeting to answer any concern about the Virginia Tech Shooting and about campus safety. He also spoke in support of the Family of the Year contest. He encouraged the committee to pay special attention to those who long legacies at WKU. He finished by expressing his appreciation to the committee for their dedication.

Old Business

Parents' and Family Weekend and Master Plan Sign up:

Barbara Raley asked for everyone to sign up to help out with the events. Raley said that move-in day was the day for parents to make a difference for students and their parents. She also said that their responsibility goes further than just serving at meetings. The sign up sheet was updated by Tim Gilbert. Tim said he will give the updates to Amy Miller.

Parents' and Family Weekend Brochure:

Amy Miller told the council that they have complete control over the brochure style and information it contained. Debbie Isenhower, Terri Gorski, and Walt Theiss volunteered to assist Amy and Charley Pride complete the brochure.

Family of the Year:

Follow discussion the board decided on the following criteria for the Family of the Year award:

- 500 word limit essay by the student
- 2 nights lodging will be provided for the winning family (if necessary)
- All current WKU students will be eligible to nominate their family
- The contest will be advertised on the WKU website, through e-mail, and through word of mouth.
- All students will submit their ID #

Judging Committee:

Carol White, Amy Miller, Jim Gorski, Karen Lyons, Beth Clark, and Debbie Isenhower.

Dr. Ransdell gave his support for the project.

21st Birthday Card:

Kathryn Steward brought the cards and passed them around to show off.

New Business

Officer Elections:

Stan Raley motioned and Simeon Davies 2nd to accept and approve the nominated officers listed below:

Co-Chairs	Stan and Cathy Marks
Secretary	Sherry Cart
Treasurer	Beth Clark

The board voted unanimously to approve the new board.

Proposals

College of Health and Human Services:

Dr. Sylvia Gaiko introduced the Parents' Advisory Council to the Freshman Recognition event for the College of Health and Human Services. Dr. Gaiko asked for \$1800 to fund the program next year.

Student Leadership:

University Centers and Leadership Programs requested the following transportation funding:

Event	Cost
Up Til Dawn visit to St. Jude's Hospital	\$173.31
Weekend in the Woods Freshman Retreat	\$222.60
Minority Student Leadership Retreat	\$222.60
New President's Retreat	\$222.60
LeaderShape	\$1500.00
Total	\$2341.11

Final Approval

After discussion, Karen Lyons Motioned and Terri Gorski 2nd the motion to approve the funding for CHHS. The Council approved \$1800 for the Freshman Recognition event for the College of Health and Human Services, with the stipulation that this be the one and only time the Parents' Advisory Council fund the event. Barbara Riley Motioned and Terri Gorski 2nd to approve the funding for the University Centers and Leadership Programs. The Council also approved \$2500 for Student Leadership to fund their programs.

Announcements: The next PAC meeting will be 10:00 a.m. (CST), September 22, 2007, location to be announced at a later date. Amy Miller thanked Stan, Barbara, Erin and Shawn for their dedication and sacrifice to WKU.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.