

## **Parents' Association Council Meeting**

### **Sept 22, 2012**

**Welcome:** Joe Higginson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

**Present:** Joe and Barbara Higginson, Tim and Ruth Culver, David McCay, Collette Crown and Glen Mowbray, Duece and Joellen Kuhn, Frank and Kathleen Coll, Marla Carter, Lisa McCarty

**Absent:** Michael and Diane Bailey, Harry and Elaine Bush, Richard and Sharron Clouse, Stuart and Sara Cox, Bob and Sara DeMuth, Mark and Ann Esterle, Tonya Hanson, Robert and Patti Hinton, Kreis and Betty McGuire, George and Connie Morgan, Tamara Neel, Richard and Leighann Quinlan, Neil and Janet Rumohr,

**Guests:** Becky Tinker, Career Services; Howard Bailey, Vice President for Student Affairs; Dr. Peggy Crowe, Housing and Residence Life, Mindy Johnson; Student Affairs

**Minutes:** Lisa McCarty made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2012, meeting and seconded by Glen Mowbray. Motion carried.

**Financial report:** Amy Miller presented the financial report. Duece Kuhn made the motion and Kathleen Coll seconded to approve the financial report (*Attachment A*). Motion carried

Amy Miller led the discussion of the future of the WKU Parents' Association. She suggested options that would vary somewhat from the current objective of the council and Association. One of the biggest changes would be that the Parents' Association and the PAC would be a program under Student Affairs. It was mentioned that all parents would become members of the Parents' Association as soon as their child was a student at WKU, eliminating the need for the current membership structure. President Joe Higginson mentioned that he feels that the PAC performs a vital role to the WKU parents and also the support to student groups that do not receive any University funding. He believes that if we go towards a volunteer structure, the PAC will not be used to focus on solely on parents and supporting these students groups. All of the council members are feeling that the administration is not supporting their vision and ideas for the Parents' Association. Howard Bailey, Vice President, Student Affairs, explained that no decision has been made and the WKU Administration is still discussing the future of this organization. Howard also explained that the powers that be have decided that the WKU Alumni Association has made the decision to focus more on fundraising for the Augenstein Alumni Center. So the liaison position, Amy's job, has been left in limbo regarding her future roll with the PAC. Another suggestion was to have the PAC meet two times a year instead of three that we have now.

Although there were several discussion points, there were no decisions made. Deuce Kuhn made the motion and Collette Crown seconded to table this discussion until next meeting so that an informed decision can be made regarding the future of the PAC. Motion Carried.

#### **Staff reports:**

**Becky Tinker, Career Services:** Becky reported that Career Services are still located in DUC. During the renovations of DUC, they have implemented later hours. They are trying to get the message out to students if you need a career plan, to come see them. They can help

students from the time they step on campus to after they graduate. Career Service will be moving in May 2013 so that the remainder of the DUC renovations can take place. They also welcome parent calls for any student concerns.

**Howard Bailey, Vice President of Student Affairs:** Howard thanked the Council for their service. He gave updates on happenings around campus. Mindy Johnson, Student Activities, also mentioned that Student Activities have moved to Cravens Library on the bottom floor.

**Dr. Peggy Crowe, Housing and Residence Life:** Peggy reported that they had 350 student participated in the Big Red Blitz community service day this year.

#### **New Business:**

**Office of Scholar Development:** Cheryl Kirby-Stokes along with Andrew Mitchell, honor student, requesting \$8,000 for their scholarship banquet that honors students who have applied for distinguished scholarships through the previous year. Students are recognized just for applying even if they don't receive the scholarship. Their families are invited to come as well. (Attachment B).

**WellU – WellU** had presented an original proposal in April. The Council had questions before they would award the scholarship (*Attachment C*).

**Counseling and Testing Center** – There was no presentation but their proposal is attached. (*Attachment D*).

**Intramural Recreational Sports Department:** Ben Ramaeker presented their proposal for \$1,000 to attend a conference in the fall (*Attachment E*).

**Honors College:** Amanda Lich requesting \$1,000 for an event to bring light to the Honors College PAC group (Attachment F).

**STRIPES Student Official Club:** Nick D'Amato, Jarrode Davis, Nicole Merchant presented their proposal for \$1,000 to host a flag football tournament (*Attachment G*).

After much discussion, it was decided to award the following:

Group	Requested	Actual Award
Office of Scholar Development	\$8,000	\$1,000
Well – U	\$5,000	\$2,000
(with the condition at the scholarship are stated that they are supplied by PAC)		
Counseling and Testing	\$1,500	\$1,500
Intramural Conference	\$1,000	\$200
Honors College PAC	\$1,000	\$1,000
STRIPES Student Official Club	\$1,000	\$1,000

Ruth Culver made the motion and Tim Culver seconded to approve the donations will be \$6,700 total to be allotted as stated above. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** President Higginson suggested the next meeting be Feb. 2, 2013. He adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m. and thanked all for coming.