

**Senate Committee on Student Affairs  
Minutes  
November 13, 2007**

**The following committee members were present:** Azad Ismail Ali, Terry Appolonia, Ray Beisel, Frank (Pete) Brooks, Tracey Cekada, Yong S. Colen, Kate Cook (student), Linda Hall, Rhonda Luckey, Germaine McArdle (graduate student), Heather Powers, Sue Rieg, Terry Rittenberger, Heide Witthoef.

**The following committee members were excused:** Reena Dube, Beatrice Fennimore, Dennis Hulings,

**The following committee members were absent:** James Collins (student), Vanessa Varacalli (student).

**Special Guest:** Caleb Finegan, Director, CCEI

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Beisel at 3:39 p.m.

**Old Business**

1. The minutes of the October 16, 2007 meeting were approved.
2. There is a Town Hall Meeting on January 22, 2008 for the Division I InterCollegiate Athletic Consultants. Another meeting will be held in March.

**Chair's Report**

1. Dr. Beisel remarked that he believes we spend a lot of resources on students who need remediation. He reminded everyone to put resources into enriching and accelerating the strong students, as well.
2. Dr. Beisel reported that a psychology professor at the Punxsutawney campus is concerned about test scores in large classes. Discussion ensued about the advantages of smaller faculty/student ratios.

**New Business**

1. Chairperson Beisel introduced Dr. Caleb Finegan, Coordinator of the Citizenship and Civic Engagement Initiative. He is working toward the following three goals: 1) Instill a spirit of volunteerism in students 2) Grow the service learning opportunities for students 3) Create a general spirit of activism and awareness through integration. He explained that his role is partly to market and advertise service learning and also to support and recognize faculty who incorporate service learning. He also has a budget to support projects so faculty can contact him with ideas. Dr. Luckey thanked Dr. Finegan for his support with the Table Talks. Kate Cook shared information about the web site. [www.iup.edu/career/servicelearning](http://www.iup.edu/career/servicelearning).
2. Dr. Yong Colen mentioned a concern about work schedules of International students. They are not getting hours as promised. Dr. Luckey will explore this on behalf of the Student Affairs Committee.

**Vice President's Report**

Dr. Rhonda Luckey reported the following:

1. After Thanksgiving the Athletic Advisory Council will survey faculty, athletes, and coaches about academic support for student athletes.
2. Last week there was a Wes Perkins Workshop on Curriculum Infusion on Substance Abuse. Mini-grants will be available from the President's Commission.
3. There will be a prayer vigil for Emma, the fire victim, tomorrow at 8:15 in the HUB. December 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a Blood Drive dedicated to her.
4. Craig Faish's father passed away Friday.
5. Sadly, we lost three students within the past several weeks. A memorial service for Bryce Kupchella will be held Friday at 10:00 a.m.
6. Mr. Appolonia reported that our peer response has been great for students in crisis. He made us aware of the Crisis Assessment and Response Team. The team meets every other week and shares information about students in need or in crisis. Faculty or students can contact the team with concerns.

**Student Government Report**

1. Kate Cook announced that the GSA is still in the planning process for Speak Up IUP.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sue Rieg, Committee Secretary