



COOPERATING RALEIGH COLLEGES MINUTES

CRC Student Affairs Officers Committee
NC State University, Friday Institute, Centennial Campus
Tuesday, February 6, 2013
3:30 p.m. –5 p.m.
Dr. Mike Mullen, Convener

In attendance: **NC State University:** Mike Mullen, Vice Chancellor and Dean, Academic and Student Affairs; Lisa Zapata, Vice Provost for Student Development, Health and Wellness; Vickie Youngblood, Assistant to Dr. Mullen. **Meredith College:** Jean Jackson, Vice President for College Programs; Ann Gleason, Dean of Students. **Saint Augustine's College:** Andre Richardson, Dean of Student Development and Residential Life. **William Peace University:** Frank Rizzo, Vice President for Student Services; Ryan Davis, Director of Residence Life and Housing. **Cooperating Raleigh Colleges:** Jenny Spiker, Director.

Welcome from NC State University: Dr. Mullen welcomed everyone to NC State and his first meeting with Cooperating Raleigh Colleges. He asked that each of the schools give updates about key events on their campus and the approximate number of students.

Updates from campuses:

NC State: Mike Mullen introduced NC State's reorganization plan now being implemented. They have merged the undergraduate academic affairs and student affairs divisions into one unit called DASA (Division of Academic and Student Affairs). Dr. Mullen now leads both areas. He came to NC State from the University of Kentucky after a career as a professor of soil conservation and in academic administration. The student affairs area has sections divided into 1) campus life, 2) student health, wellness and development (Lisa Zapata's area), 3) Arts NC State and 4) academic support for athletes.

William Peace: (Approximately 800 students) Frank Rizzo said he has been here just six months and his colleague Ryan Davis just three months. He stressed the major changes at Peace in the last year with this being the first year the university has been coed. He said their applications have increased 800% and they are looking for more housing options for students, including off-campus housing and eventually building more dorms. They now have some men's sports (basketball) and are looking to add baseball, soccer and lacrosse.

Saint Augustine's (Approximately 1,500 students) Andre Richardson reported that Saint Augustine's officially became a university on August 1, 2012. They have recently completed their SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) accreditation process and are placing a major emphasis on global awareness with study abroad, passport days and other activities.

Meredith: (Approximately 2,000 students) Jean Jackson reported that Meredith has finished drafting a new strategic plan and that their new president Jo Allen is in her second year. They are in the last stages of a search for a provost, the first time they've had that position.

CRC update from Director Jenny Spiker:

- **Wake Technical Community College** will become a member of CRC starting July 1, 2013. Jenny announced that the CRC Board of Directors voted at its Nov. 29th meeting to invite Wake Tech and they accepted the invitation. A transition team is being set up to work with Wake Tech leaders in making the move.
- **The Raleigh Promise.** Jenny provided another update on the progress of the six colleges' portion of The Raleigh Promise of the RCCC (Raleigh College and Community Collaborative) funded by the Gates Foundation to target student success of under-resourced Raleigh residents attending a post-secondary institution in Raleigh. The grant funding will be gone in June 2013 so a variety of efforts are underway to determine how to keep the initiatives going. Possibilities are continuing the project with NC State as the host or creating a separate nonprofit. Jenny stressed that whatever happens with the structure and funding, CRC will build on a number of the programs started with the RCCC. For example, the Liaisons from all of the campuses have worked closely with the career centers on their campuses, and this is an emphasis that can be continued through CRC. She said it has also been one of the best ways she's seen to get students working together across the campuses on projects. Several programs started on one campus have spawned creation on other campuses, such as the Daisy Too food pantry started at Meredith and picked up by NC State. She also said that the two emphases from the Fellows programs have been on intensifying retention services to low-income students and on those who come from the Raleigh area. The group discussed the importance of keeping those emphases going through CRC.
- **Strategic Plan from the Board of Directors.** She pointed out the copies of the CRC strategic plan adopted by the Board of Directors at their November 2012 meeting that was included with their meeting materials. One of the strategies of that plan is to strength connections among the campuses and the community.
- **Channel 18 changes.** CRC's public access education channel is changing its home base from NC State's DELTA offices to the offices of Raleigh Television Network (RTN) in downtown Raleigh, the home of the other three public access channels in the city. She said that DELTA will no longer be providing courses on the channel as those courses have all migrated to online offerings. This opens up more possibilities for content from other places on all of the campuses. She encouraged the committee members to look for other sources of programming, particularly from students. For example, several campuses hold TED X events and those might be a good source of content. Content can be any length—from a minute or less to documentaries or full speeches of an hour or more.

Ideas for future meeting topics or projects: The group discussed the following topics for future meetings:

- **Student health insurance.** The group discussed this as a follow-up to last spring's suggestion to concentrate on it, but they decided things were too uncertain now with the requirements for health care coverage nationally so it would be better to wait until things settle down.
- **Shared student transportation.** Jenny reported that several representatives from CRC met with staff of the City of Raleigh's transportation last spring to explore ways to find more and less expensive ways for students to use transportation in Raleigh. The City was interested in finding ways to help, but the next step was to find out what the campuses needed. She asked the group to help her with that. The discussion covered city bus passes, zip cars, shared bicycles and taxicab vouchers. Those most interested will do more research on these possibilities and look for ways to use combined buying power.
- **Student community service.** One possible focus for next year's more general gathering of student affairs/services staff could focus on student community service projects and possible ways to work together within the community.
- **Business discounts for students.** Frank Rizzo asked if the colleges had ever worked with the Raleigh businesses to get discount cards for students. He worked with a consortium in Washington, D.C. that did that. The group thought it was a good idea to explore that option.

- **Bring student government leaders to a meeting.** The group liked the idea of bringing student government leaders to a meeting with this group.
- **Campus police leaders meeting.** This is another group that could benefit from a group meeting.
- **Overall workshop for all CRC committees.** The discussion ended with a suggestion that CRC have a broad gathering where individuals from the different committees could come together at one time. It would also be a good way to have community partners and supporters in attendance. Jenny said she would propose this to the Operations Committee, which is the liaison and coordinating group with a representative from each campus.

Invitation to a Meredith speaker's presentation on women's equity issues: Ann Gleason invited the group and others from their campuses to attend events related to Meredith's Founder's Day speaker on Feb. 20. Dr. Bernice Sandler, the godmother of Title IX and a women's equality leader, will be speaking at 7 p.m. and a reception will take place at 5:30 p.m.

Recommendations: The next meeting in the fall should be a larger workshop/seminar meeting to bring in a broader cross-section of student services personnel. Each member of this group will go back to their staff to see which topics would be most appealing to them.

The host for **next year's meeting(s)** will be William Peace University. Jenny will meet with Frank Rizzo to begin organizing for the 2013-2014 year.

--Submitted by Jenny Spiker