



COOPERATING RALEIGH COLLEGES

CRC Student Affairs Officers Committee Minutes

William Peace University

Thursday, November 19, 2015, 1 p.m.

Convener: Frank Rizzo, Committee Chair

In attendance: Frank Rizzo, VP for Student Services, William Peace University; Ron Brown, VP for Enrollment Management and Student Services, Saint Augustine's University; Lisa Zapata, Vice Provost for Student Development, Health and Wellness, NC State University; Tomecca Sloane, Assistant Dean of Students, Meredith College; Rita Jerman, VP for Enrollment and Student Services, Wake Tech Community College; Stan Elliott, VP for Student Affairs, Shaw University; Jenny Spiker, CRC Director.

Welcome and Introductions: William Peace University President Brian Ralph welcomed the group to WPU and everyone shared introductions. Dr. Ralph is in his first semester as WPU president after having been in charge of enrollment and student affairs at Queens University in Charlotte.

The minutes from the Oct. 29, 1914 meeting were approved.

Project Reports:

—Emergency Management:

Jenny gave an update on the emergency management project that grew out of recommendations from this committee and the finance officers committee. The emphasis is on working with the colleges and universities and city and county leaders to learn from each other and be ready to cooperate in case of an emergency. She directed their attention to the handout with a summary of the four workshops that have taken place 2014 and 2015, including the last one on July 30, 2015 that brought in a national expert on Incident Management Training. She said the subcommittee is now looking at a workshop for the spring, possibly on the use of social media for emergencies. The group suggested that we get the health center directors together to meet separately to learn from each other. And Jenny reminded them about how the colleges can use the resources in the Wake County emergency management warehouse. She said she's expecting a list of the kinds of materials available from the Wake County Emergency Manager Assistant Director Steve Newton and will send that to them.

---CRC Student Leadership Group:

Jenny said CRC has been trying for a long time to get a student CRC committee together. She asked them to tell her who on their campuses are the best contacts for that. Lisa said she thinks it's especially hard to get the students together if the groups aren't student-driven. Suggestions for ways to do this were:

- Get the SGA officers together perhaps with a speaker event
- Have a school opening session involving downtown Raleigh businesses, the Downtown Raleigh Alliance and others. Have the businesses offer student discounts. This spring we could get a planning group together to work on that kind of event.
- Create shared leadership seminars. Consider coordinating with the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Raleigh program.

- Consider connecting a mentoring group for high school students and connect it to the The Raleigh Promise program.

---Transportation:

Jenny and Ron updated the group on the latest developments with the **Wake County Transit Advisory Committee**. They and Butch Grove of Wake Tech have taken part in most of those meetings. She referred them to a summary in the packet of the Transit Committee's recommendations and the upcoming report to the community on Dec. 8. The recommendations are strongest for increased frequency and expansion of bus services in the County. The committee recommended that as the County begins to work on expanding service we convene people from CRC to let David Eatman and only City transportation officers know what routes and kinds of service would be important to our colleges and universities. They stressed how the economic impact of our institutions relates to this kind of planning. Ron said some of the changes among elected officials mean we need to tell our story to the new politicians.

GoRaleigh proposal presented to the CRC Board: Jenny and Frank told the committee about the report that the City of Raleigh transportation staff gave to the Board this month. They came to encourage the institutions that are not now involved with the GoPass program for the city's bus system (now called GoTriangle). They proposed a one-year arrangement with reduced rates to involve the schools not involved (William Peace, Shaw, Saint Augustine's and Wake Tech) to try out the plan for getting passes for students. See the sheet in the packet with more details.

Other kinds of transportation: The group also talked about some ride sharing programs that some of the colleges have been using such as Zipcars, UHaul cars, Zimride and bike sharing. They suggested we may approach some of those companies for possible reduced rates if the schools could negotiate together.

Discussion Topics:

- **Support/comfort animals:** Frank asked if any of the others had had requests for support/comfort animals as they have at WPU. He referred them to the article sent in an earlier email about this trend on campuses. The animals are used for medical and related purposes and require a doctor's request. They range from dogs to snakes and rats! They are most often prescribed for students with PTSD and other mental health issues or disabilities.
- **International service opportunities and shared trips during breaks:** Several members suggested we may want to look for ways for students from the campuses to share special courses during non-regular terms such as alternative spring breaks and winter inter-sessions. These might work especially well for foreign travel. Jenny said she would bring this to the attention of the international and study abroad directors who will be meeting later this year.
- **CRC courses for online:** Frank said the CRC Board discussed the possibility of revisiting the possibility of including online courses for cross-registration. There are financial issues related to that, but there is interest in exploring allowing online courses from NC State and Wake Tech. Shaw does allow online courses to be a part of cross-registration.
- **Title IX:** Frank announced that Peace is hosting a conference on Title IX issues called Solving the Campus Sexual Assault and Dating Violence Puzzle: Comprehensive Prevention, Trauma-Informed Response, and Offender Accountability through the Chrysalis Network. He said he would send information so that people from the other campuses can take part on Dec. 15 and 16. Here's the link: <http://www.chrysalisnetwork.com/annual-conference/>
Everyone agreed that this is a major issue on all the campuses.
- **Other groups to convene:** They suggested student activities directors and financial aid administrators.

--Submitted by Jenny Spiker