Minutes Student Affairs Committee -- March 3, 2005

Present: Judy Hughey, Jane Fishback, Mary Heller, Ann Knackendoffel, Keith Powers, and Darla Stone (for Clark Harris), Bob Shoop
Absent: Clark Harris, Alisha Baily (grad. stu. rep), and Anthony Carter (UG student rep.)

1. Approval of minutes from Nov. 4, 2004 meeting  
   Approved (Motion made by Mary seconded by Jane)
2. Approval of minutes from February 3, 2005 meeting  
   Approved (Motion made by Ann seconded by Mary)

2. Old Business
   Leadership Studies Minor - Keith  
   Even though Leadership Studies is one of the largest programs in the University, it was brought up at last month's meeting that very few education majors who take part in the program and whether it should be included as one of the area of concentration options or minors for our students and listed in the materials students receive as part of the COE advising process. Keith followed up and talked to the advising staff in the Student Services Office. He reported that based on some faculty input, his office felt it was not something they were willing to support or promote in any proactive way at this point in time. Reasons he gave included:
   1. Not well received by students and advisors (Elementary said electives in their program are too limited already. Secondary do have some electives but seem to be more interested in getting a second minor in an additional teaching field. The Student Services Office didn't feel it was appropriate for them to promote this option.
   2. Bob expressed his disappointment in this response in light of the fact that we purport to prepare educators to be "knowledgeable, ethical, and caring decision makers" and yet
      1. ethics plays no visible role in our curriculum.
      2. Many of the leadership studies students are very successful (high # of honor students)
      3. you can take courses out of minor that are
      4. required by many other colleges are
      5. no need to have COE but an embarrassment that we don't have it
   Bob said that it was not his intent to beat the bushes or recruit COE students for the leadership studies program in that they are virtually bursting at the seams with students already but he feels it is somewhat of an embarrassment to our College in that we are not more visibly represented in this program and he feels we are shortchanging our students by not making it one of the options available to them. He said he would be happy to provide information for advising purposes to the Student Services Office and interested faculty to share with their students. He also pointed out that while the leadership studies minor has 18 hours, only 10 are specifically leadership minor courses and other electives fulfill the remaining eight hours.

3. New Business
   Distinguished Cooperating Teacher Award - (Mary Heller)  
   Time to meet with Clinical Instructors and give them the info. but at this time has received no nominations. Mary will report again in April.
   Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards (Clark) Darla reported Clark is about to start working on this.
   Outstanding Graduate Student Awards - (Jane) Jane said the graduate school will be getting their list of graduating students together soon and forwarding that information to us.
   Outstanding Student Teacher Award - (Keith) Keith reported nominations were sent out last Friday and due in March 18.
   Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award - (Alicia) Absent. Nomination forms are out. Only six are eligible. Talked about should the guidelines be expanded to get a bigger pool. We don't necessarily have to have someone.
   COE Graduate Student Organization  
   On March 14, Paul Burden is presenting on how to develop a dissertation proposal and write dissertation chapter and on March 28 Irma O'Dell will present on how to publish March 28.

4. Other
   Graduate Brunch Update (Ann)  
   The graduate student brunch is scheduled at the Country Club for Friday, May. 13 at 10:30. Pam (Dean's office) will contact graduate faculty to make sure the list of graduates is complete and invitations are being sent. Once again, the Dean's office will pay for the graduate and faculty and the graduate will cover the meal cost for any guests they bring.

5. Next Meeting
   April 7, 2005, 8:30am, BH 368
   Respectfully submitted by Ann Knackendoffel, SAC Secretary
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