



Student Affairs Report

Board of Visitors Meeting

April 15, 2010

Progress Toward our Goals

- GC#1 *“Assess programs and services that assist students with the transition from high school to college, and reallocate funds as needed.”*
- Revised plan for summer 2010 PLUS Program
- Enhanced Focus on Transfer Students



Progress Toward our Goals

- GC#1 *“Expand internship opportunities for students”*
- On-going focus on adding new internships to Career Center database
- Work group to develop plan for marketing the new Cohen Career Center and its programs as central to the theme of “W&M for a Lifetime”



Progress Toward our Goals

- GC#3 *“Identify program adjustments needed to better address the psychological and developmental needs of students”*

Collaborative, cross-departmental approach with shared resources



- Dean of Students, Counseling, Student Health, Student Affairs
- Enhanced focus on Case Management
- One additional FTE in the Counseling Center

Progress Toward our Goals

- GC#3 *“Develop plans for the addition of new residence(s) on campus with space for approximately 200 students”*
- GC#3 *“Develop options for enhancing the fraternity housing experience”*



Supporting our Greek Community



Coalition Assessment Project

- Developing Positive Interpersonal Relationships
- Advancing Current Leadership Development
- Strengthening Social IQ, Citizenship, and Service Learning
- Advancing Academic Interests/Assessing Graduation Rates of Members
- Determining Effectiveness of Campus Interface with and Support of the Fraternity and Sorority Community



Fraternity Housing Concerns

- Short and Long-Term solutions
- Collaboration with the Council for Fraternity Affairs and Administrators



CAP General Summary

- Rich history – Phi Beta Kappa first fraternity
- Nearly 30% of undergraduates are Greek-affiliated
- Members are active campus leaders in diverse settings
- Administration is supportive of Greek community
- Consistent professional advising
- Home Away From Home feeling
- Greek community is perceived as “open”
- 50% of all events registered with alcohol are Greek
- General lack of awareness of policies among Greeks
- HOUSING!

Responding to CAP Report Recommendations

- Formal Statement of Relationship
- Development of New Council Structures
- Novak Institute for Hazing Prevention
- Community Approach to Challenging Issues
- Cross-Council meetings, programming
- Training and Development on Recruitment
- Judicial Board Structures – internal accountability
- Annual Report, On-going Data Collection
- Housing Focus Groups



Numbers Tell the Story

- Academic Status is strong – 25.5% of students are Greek; only 17.2% of the students with academic warnings, probation, suspension are Greek
- Retention rates of Greek-affiliated freshmen are consistently higher than rates for undergraduates overall

Retention Rate Comparison of Full Time Degree-Seeking Freshman Fall 2005-2009: All vs. Fraternity/Sorority

| Fall Term Retained | All First-Time Full-Time Degree-Seeking UG Cohort | | | Fraternity | | | Sorority | | |
|--------------------|---|----------|--------|------------|----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|
| | Cohort | Retained | Rate | Cohort | Retained | Rate | Cohort | Retained | Rate |
| 2005 | 1,339 | 1,271 | 94.90% | 173 | 165 | 95.40% | 236 | 234 | 99.20% |
| 2006 | 1,340 | 1,284 | 95.80% | 182 | 178 | 97.80% | 215 | 213 | 99.10% |
| 2007 | 1,344 | 1,280 | 95.20% | 164 | 162 | 98.80% | 219 | 217 | 99.10% |
| 2008 | 1,346 | 1,286 | 95.50% | 149 | 146 | 98.00% | 246 | 241 | 98.00% |
| 2009 | 1,386 | 1,309 | 94.40% | 170 | 169 | 99.40% | 233 | 230 | 98.70% |

Fraternity Housing Needs Assessment

Focus Groups: February and March 2010

- CFA President's Council
- 3 General Greek community forums
- ISC Meeting with electronic feedback
- Student RAs in the Greek areas
- Chapter Advisors
- Residence Life and Facilities Management Staff
- Student Affairs Senior Staff

Next Steps

- Review and evaluate focus group comments
- Determine scope of work for feasibility study
- Pre-planning group to meet to establish timeline and related budget considerations
- Consult with architect(s) who specialize in designing Greek housing
- Assess viability of various options given the needs assessment data, possible sites for new construction, and available funds

Questions

