

BLACK AND GOLD COMMITTEE MEETING – March 8, 2004

Minutes

1. Attending from UWM campus: Katie Klinke, Faye Enriquez, Eric Goin, Ann Schram, Elizabeth Kozub, Lisa Mihlbauer, Ken Lyman, Eileen Sheil, Michelle Simpson, Catherine Lageson, Sara Johnson, Julia Snethen, Sue Dean-Baar. Attending from UWP campus via conference call: Jennifer Daood, Debbie Stoeber.

2. Call to order

- a. The meeting was called to order promptly at 12 noon.

3. Review and approval of minutes of 2/9/04 meeting

- a. The minutes of the last meeting were approved without discussion.

4. Discussion of College of Nursing Black and Gold Committee Student Involvement Flyer

- a. Lisa Mihlbauer distributed a revision of the proposed Student Involvement Flyer,
- b. The revised flyer creates clear distinctions between appointed committees and committees that are open to all students. Positive feedback was given for the new draft of the flyer. Lisa will work with Karen Dredge to create a College of Nursing document from the flyer. The flyer will be available at new student orientation as well as in the student affairs office for interested students. A draft will be presented to this committee at our next meeting if possible.

5. Student Advising

- a. Eric Goin met with the three UW-Milwaukee College of Nursing advisors to discuss student concerns regarding conflicting advice about the transfer of credits from one institution to another. There seemed to be particular concern from students about the transfer of credits from technical schools. One issue involved is that the UWM Department of Enrollment Services has the ultimate authority over the transfer of credits, thus advisors can only offer suggestions and advice.
- b. Jennifer Daood suggested that students be advised to meet with their advisors early and often as they discuss this and other issues.
- c. Eric agreed to meet again with the advisors and to develop the issue of "Transfer of Credits" into an "Issue of the Month" for our Black and Gold website.

6. Review of Issue of the Month: Scheduling Classes

- a. Jennifer Gammeter wrote an in depth review of the issue of class scheduling for the "Issue of the Month". The committee members offered positive feedback for

Jennifer's work. Dr. Susan Dean Baar suggested that the information be edited to add information about the campus wide class scheduling body that schedules some of our classes without our input. Dr. Dean Baar will review the class scheduling document and provide input for us.

7. The Issue of our "Issue of the Month"

- a. Dr. Snethen suggested that we may want to change the title of our "Issue of the Month" for our website column. The reasons were that an issue may be important for longer than one month and that we may not want to have a new issue every month during the year.
- b. Suggestions for a new title for our issues concern were made and included "Hot Topics", "Important Issues" and "BIG" (Black and Gold and Issues).
- c. A decision was made to open the new naming of this column to all of our students. Julia Snethen will contact Wendy to have an email sent to all students in the major asking them to check out our Black and Gold committee website and offer suggestions for our issues column. The winner of the "naming" contest would receive a \$5.00 Blockbuster gift card (generously donated by Dr. Lageson).

8. Report on the Campus Black and Gold Committee

a. Dr. Snethen reported that the campus wide Black and Gold Committee will meet tomorrow (3/9/04) at 2pm in Chapman Hall. Eileen Sheil will be attending the meeting tomorrow. Issues that are being discussed on the campus level include textbook rental, the development of PantherProf a replacement to the Pick-a-Prof system currently being used on campus.

9. UW – Parkside Concern

- a. The UW – Parkside student representative Debbie Stoeber (attending the meeting by teleconference) expressed that she has received complaints from some of the Parkside students regarding the amount of homework that students were given over their Spring Break. The general consensus of the committee was that this was not an issue for the Black and Gold committee, but that students should be encouraged to speak to the specific faculty members involved and discuss the rationale for current assignments and express their concerns.

10. Posters on the Elevator in Cunningham

- a. Positive feedback was given to Liz Kozub for her development of the flyers in the elevators promoting the work of this committee.

11. NLRC

- a. Susan Dean Baar discussed the hours that the NLRC is open for student use. In the past, students have requested that the NLRC be open more evening and weekend hours. The school responded to this request and has been open more evening and weekends, however, these hours are not being fully utilized by the students. Many evenings and weekends the NLRC is virtually empty. The NLRC staff is tracking use of the center, and may need to reduce the hours open to students in the fall semester of 2004. Suggestions made by Dr. Dean Baar include the possibility of opening the NLRC one evening per week or opening the center for longer hours in the weeks prior to exams or skills tests. Dr. Dean Baar asked the student members of this committee to discuss this issue with their peers and bring feedback to our next meeting.

12. Food Station in Cunningham Hall

- a. Dr. Dean Baar reported that the food station in Cunningham Hall is expected to be open in the fall of 2004. Congratulations to Ken Lyman who initiated this project, and all who worked on this issue to make this positive outcome possible.
- b. One negative of the food station is that the student organizations (NSA, FBNA) would no longer be able to sell food to raise funds – as this would be competing with the new food station. Student groups are meeting with their advisors to discuss this issue. Student groups could be encouraged to conduct non-competing fundraisers as the food station needs to create adequate volumes and revenue in order to be successful.

13. E-mail Reminder to all students in the major

- a. Liz Kozub suggested that the committee send recurrent email reminders to all students to remind them of the website and the work of the Black and Gold Committee. The committee agreed that this was a positive intervention.

14. Next meeting date

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm, the next meeting date was set for Monday, April 12th, 12 – 12:50 in room 795.

Submitted by Lisa Mihlbauer
3/8/04