

Student Relations Committee of the Faculty Senate
ANNUAL REPORT
2004-2005

The Student Relations Committee (SRC) included the following members this past year: Dennis Cheek, Jack Jones, David Bedford, Steve Levering, Keith Whitworth, Ranae Stetson, Magnus Rittby (FSEC liaison), and Suzy Lockwood (chair). The committee met a total of seven times, including, September 9, October 17, November 4, December 9, February 17, March 24, and April 21 in Tucker 135.

The Committee responded to the following standing committee charges in addition to its work on committee specific charges established at the beginning of the academic year.

The standing charges and related activities included:

- Represent the Faculty Senate on matters involving student concerns
 - Work on this charge included representation on several SRC members on University Planning Committees: University Union – Suzy Lockwood, Academic Calendar – Suzy Lockwood, Resident Housing – Keith Whitworth, Orientation/Retention - Steve Levering
- Meet with the officers of the Student House of Representatives at least annually in order to monitor issues of concern to the student community of the University
 - Officers of the Student House attended October 17 and February 17 meeting of SRC to discuss projects/motions that were before the Student House specifically activities of subcommittees of Academic Affairs.
 - Members of SRC attended five Student House meetings; were recognized and participated in meeting. Agendas were requested prior to each meeting and Student Government was notified of faculty that would be present. This process needs continued refinement – particularly with regard to communication about Student House meeting changes.
 - Suzy meet with leadership of House on two occasions separately to discuss joint assembly planning and academic calendar concerns
- Plan and schedule joint assembly of Faculty Senate, House of Representatives, and Staff Assembly at least once an academic year.
 - With assistance from Keith Whitworth Joint Assembly was planned and held on April 12 in Smith 104 A & B Topic: EnVISIONing the New TCU Student Union. Approximate attendance was 100. Refreshments provided by Don Mills. (Summary report of round table discussions attached)

The specific charges & related activities included:

- Continue work with the Student Government Association on the issues of the student honor code and academic integrity
 - Student House representatives presented progress at the October and February SRC meetings. Students requested permission to distribute at the Joint Assembly a survey from Rutgers to interested faculty
- Examine ways to involve and inform current TCU students regarding the implementation of the new University core requirement

- Discussed with Student House representatives issue of peer advising; piloted in Fall with success; will continue to work on implementation of the model. Discussed need to be able to talk with incoming students about new Core- will be attending training and information sessions on
- Work with Student Development Services to find ways to prepare incoming students for the new University core requirement.
 - Did not do any work on this given the implementation of the CIC and positioning of Ed McNertney as Director of TCU Core

Will need to continue to provide representation on University Committees related to student's issues. Would recommendation continued attendance at student government meetings given feedback from students as to value of faculty representation (there are generally no other faculty there).

Recommended SRC focus areas in 2005-2006 include but should not be limited to;

- Need to work collaboratively and proactively on course credit for transfer students with TCU Core.
- Continue to work closely with Student House on areas related specifically to
 - Academic calendar changes
 - Honor Code & Rutgers survey
 - University Union

Respectively submitted,

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Chair, SRC 2004-2005