

ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER STUDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (AHC SCC) MINUTES

NOVEMBER 14, 2001

5:00 - 6:00

406 CHILD REHAB CENTER

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PRESENT: Andy Grande (Medical School), Jessica Stamschror (Veterinary Medicine), Mark Weisbrod (Medical School).

ABSENT: Michael Hawley (Dentistry), Melissa Highman (Nursing).

GUESTS: Barbara Brandt, Senior Vice President Frank Cerra.

Barbara Brandt began the meeting by discussing the background of the AHC SCC, including its past accomplishments. She then noted that several ideas from last year's committee will be implemented in the coming months, including a web portal, increased study space, and a clinical skills lab.

Dr. Cerra then joined the group, noting that he considers the AHC SCC to be an important link in the AHC. Each year, each college creates a compact and sets priorities. What students want, as learned from this committee, is then included in the compacts so that resources can be allocated.

He then said that Sostanza will be opening soon since the gate and card reader have already been installed. The hold-up came from Facilities Management who wanted \$80,000 per year for extra cleaning and straightening of the area. Dr. Cerra said that he negotiated a deal with UDS for only \$10,000 per year. He noted that this space will become increasingly important when the new building opens since there will be more undergraduate biology students in the area.

Other items that he is working on is fixing financial aid problems in Veterinary Medicine and closing the communication loop with each college.

The committee then discussed topics that they would like to consider this year:

- Having more students attend meetings
 - Student organizations should be shown what the AHC SCC has done in the past
 - Committed students should be found
 - Dr. Cerra will meet with each of the student councils
 - Representatives should be elected each spring with other positions
- Increasing student communication
- Closing the technology gap between colleges
- Working on health insurance for professional students
- Opening the clinical skills lab
- Adding a representative from the allied health program

With no further information, the meeting was the adjourned.

Becky Hippert
University Senate