Campus Ministries Meeting

October 23, 2012

Notes

Attendance:

Faith Community Leaders:

Jeff Pate, Baptist Campus Ministry
Maggie Chandler, Sylvan Hearth Pagan Temple
Josh LaVere, Lifeway Community Church
Michael Abbott, Lifeway Community Church
Matt Newsome, Catholic Campus Ministry
David Carr, Cooperative Student Fellowship
David Cathcart, First Presbyterian Church

Staff:

Jane Adams-Dunford
Shawna Young

I. Review of spiritual life website – Comments and suggestions:
   • Use the Chamber of Commerce list of local churches
   • Pursue creating a Google map showing the location of local churches and faith organizations – sort by distance from campus or those affiliated with a student organization (NOTE: better to sort by distance since student organizations change regularly)
   • Baptist Campus Ministries listed as ‘Baptist Student Union’ on map – needs to be updated by Google
   • Additional information to include for ministers and community organization leaders:
     o Student organizations:
       ▪ Registered Student Organizations (RSO) vs. those not formally recognized by the university (rights, privileges (motor pool access), etc.)
       ▪ Starting a RSO
       ▪ Registering as an advisor to an RSO
     o Adding CatCash to CatCard
     o Explain how to access student outreach opportunities – tailgating (university policy 103), registering for Open House and Orientation information sessions, etc.
     o Include academic calendar for upcoming years when the calendar is approved
   • Shawna verify – parking privileges (number of permits/organization, etc.) and library privileges and update the website

II. Discussion – role and purpose of these meetings; longer term goals

General discussion:
• In the past a United Campus Ministry organization met regularly with Jane Adams-Dunford representing Student Affairs. The group shared information on upcoming events and organized a combined campus clean up. As leadership changed in the various participating churches and community organizations, the United Campus Ministry organization lost momentum.

• There is general agreement that there is value in knowing and meeting with the leaders from the various churches and community organizations who are working with WCU students. While of differing faiths, there are goals that can be agreed upon and worked toward together.

• There is value in meeting regularly with university representatives to share resources and information.

• The group may want to consider the possibility of involving leadership from the faith-based student organizations in the campus ministers meetings.

III. Possible collaborative opportunities for the upcoming holidays and finals?

• Each organization conducts outreach throughout the year and it could be positive to share information on these outreach activities in order to prevent redundancy and to collaborate for the greatest good as well as to learn from each other.

• For a list of on campus activities, the Student Life calendar and the calendars in OrgSync are the most comprehensive and up to date.

• UC bulletin boards are good places to post upcoming events.

IV. Upcoming dates (Shawna to email information session registration contact information):

Open House dates: November 10, February 16, March 16
Orientation dates: January 11 (transfer students), June dates TBD