

Student Employment Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: 03/01/2006, 2:15 PM

Present: Deanna Cahoon, Jenae Schmidt, Gloria Ahlers-Uecker, Cindy Darrow, Chelsey Olsen, Hannah Adams, Jacki Betsworth, Deanna Cahoon

Agenda items:

- **TFOB update**
TFOB approved SEAC's proposal to create a budget for student employment and a position for a FT staff member. The proposal is waiting for approval by Board of Trustees. If approved, a further recommendation has been made to move it to a separate physical location, with easy access for students. The department would be managed by HR rather than Financial Aid. The Financial Aid office is prepared for the possibility of Student Employment becoming a separate entity by fall 2006.
- **Student of the Year**
Macalester's campus-wide winning application has been received at the regional competition. Winners will be announced on 3/10.
- **Job Search**
Green Sheets went out in January. Employers are beginning to use online job search, but many departments are used to their own schedules and may not be fully aware of procedural changes.
- Chelsey or Jenae will put a notice in the Today. They may also advertise using the MacWeekly and/or CC table tents.
- Jenae will send another email reminder to students and departments concerning 2006-2007 hiring.

Student safety

Much of the meeting was spent in discussion of recent safety-related campus events and SEAC's ability to help find solutions. Points of discussion included:

- The perception of some on campus is that calls to safety are slow (after 5pm, 5-10pm – can sit for 40 minutes). But blue panic buttons are answered completely. Workarounds = call police directly, call res life.
- Concern that meetings focus on “be aware” but contain few specifics.
- SafeWalk program is picking up, but students are still not making enough use of it.
- People are not seeing the pink sheets – make heading bolder?
- Would students respond to a self-defense basics event? (Deanna has a contact.)
- Why don't security guards help with late night security sweeps in library, campus center? Could there be a phone/walkie-talkie check-in for student building supervisors to utilize? Just reporting to someone ‘above’ them would inspire a greater sense of security.
- SafeWalk could be proactive – invite others to walk with them.
- Signs could be posted on campus {this campus is equipped with a safewalk program; is part of a neighborhood watch program;} to deter evildoers.

ACTION: Cindy Darrow and Jacki Betsworth will discuss computer screensavers, etc., and explore other campus actions afoot.

ACTION: Cindy will follow up with Denise Ward concerning self defense classes.

National Student Employment week

- Deanna intends to send a postcard or other communication to every student employee's SPO.
- During Student Employment Week, students can send back the card for entry into a drawing for donated prizes.
- The group reviewed and added to Deanna's list of potential prize donors.

Meeting adjourned 3:25pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jacki Betsworth