

Minutes of Faculty Senate Service Departments Committee Meeting

Friday, September 21, 2007

Present: B. O'Connor, M. Alhabeeb, C. Mullen, D. Vacchi, M. Rudman, R. Levin

Guests: D. Robinson, L. Snyder, R. Sailer

1. Meeting was convened shortly after 2:00 pm with introductions by all present.
2. An extensive discussion ensued regarding the various types of emergency responses including a communications command center, response of campus police, mental health involvement, text messaging, and e-mails, with respect to the Virginia Tech. incident. D. Vacchi brought out the fact that the manner in which individuals who are threatened by emergency situations react can be quite critical with respect to outcome and that orientation and education of the campus community should be undertaken.
3. It became obvious that the campus is headed in the right direction in terms of comprehensive organization of an emergency response to a life threatening incident. However, at the present time, severe limitations exist with respect to rapid communication with students throughout the campus.
3. The suggestion was made that a series of editorials in the Collegian may be appropriate for this purpose.
4. D. Robinson agreed to lead off with the first such article to essentially set the stage and will function as the key contact with the Collegian staff. All subsequent articles will be forwarded to him to be relayed to the Collegian.
5. Next meeting is scheduled for 2:00 pm on Friday, October 12, in Chenoweth 210A and will be concerned with (1) janitorial service on the campus and (2) emergency response.

Robert E. Levin
Chairman