Student Caucus Agenda For 9/16/08
*Committee Reports- 15 Minutes
*Discussion with Brian O’Loughlin and John Ehrlich about meal plans- 15-20 minutes
*Meet and greet/Q&A with John- 5-10 minutes
*Staff Forum discussion- Rest of meeting

Student Caucus Minutes- 9/9/08
47 Student Attendees

Gideon- Are there any committee reports.

Katie- Student Life Committee met last Thursday. We talked about room and board, singles, campus security, the new ID cards, and something about Sunderland.

Ally- We also talked about affinity housing.

Franklin- Also food co-ops, sanctioning for violation of policies, and the smoking huts.

Geneva- Buildings and Grounds Committee met, and we discussed building a break-away barrier to limit the parking where Warren Wilson Road crosses the river.

Chris- Is that legal?

Geneva- Yes, they got it cleared with the government. We also talked about making stickers that say “No smoking unless in designated area” instead of the old ones that say “No smoking within 25 feet of a building.”

Delaney- Work Program Advisory Committee also met, and we talked about Sue Quigley’s departure and getting ready for the work program review coming up in December.

Cathy- PAC (President’s Advisory Council) met and we talked about how to better communicate with the community about the budget. We are going to have a community meeting about it next Monday at 4 in Canon because Sandy is leaving for most of September. We also talked about the tuition increase for next year, and how to increase sustainability language in policies. I have an update on the lock systems, there are some technical difficulties and they are being looked at by specialists. Hopefully Sage Café will be open for good by Friday. They will be expanding food, and there has been talk of them having morning hours.

Gideon- Clancy, Griffin, and I will be the representatives for the compromise committee concerning the governance document about presidential powers.

Tori- Can people please stand up who are running so we know who you are.

(The candidates stand up)
Gideon- Moving on, Bates Cannon, and Dale Roberts are here to talk about mentoring.

Bates- Paula Garrett called me in August to suggest that we meet with Sandy Kaplan, a trustee, and her husband, Al. They have a lot of connections in the area that they think would be good resources for students. They have done this type of program at a number of other schools. The people in the community want to be of service to students. Is there any interest in this? Questions, thoughts, reactions?

Elenore- The mentors should have different subject areas that they specialize in, so students will kind of know who to look for.

Bates- So the mentors should be flexible?

Noah- There are several fairly common majors at WWC, and a lot of these people in the community probably share some of those majors. It would be helpful to connect some of those people.

Bates- This is exactly the kind of feedback we are looking for.

Ally- Perhaps a series of brunches or afternoon snack times divided by areas of interest to connect students and mentors.

Jesse- Maybe we could invite Al and Sandy to caucus to talk to us directly about it.

Elenore- This is what an academic advisor is for, I don’t think you should make mentoring mandatory for freshmen or anything.

Ryan- Is this a career services program?

Bates- No, it’s just an idea. Is there interest in Al and Sandy coming?

Ally- We’d love to have them if there is interest.

Keely- If there are people interested in the mentoring program, it would be nice to have the mentors write a little bit about themselves that students could look at.

Bates- There are graduates and alums who are interested in this, also. Thank you all, I appreciate your time.

Gideon- The rest of the meeting we are going to discuss the lines in the dining halls, and the new ID cards.

Cole- Was this an issue at the end of the year last year?

Katie- Yes, but it’s more of a problem now than it was then.
Cole- Could we speed up the card reader somehow?

Chris- The card reader isn’t the problem.

Alex- My roommate was working last Sunday and they literally ran out of food.

Chris- Could we extend dining hours?

Guy in Yellow Shirt- I can’t eat dinner because I have classes that conflict with the dining hall hours.

Ryan- I feel like I have to fight my out of Gladfelter now because it’s so packed in the lines.

Griffin- Before this year, the record number of people eating at Cowpie was 273, now we regularly serve 270. There are about 50 to 60 more people eating each meal there than there were last year.

Julie- We should talk about growth in general.

Gideon- We are going to talk about that this year, but let’s stay on topic. Could we re-arrange things in Cowpie?

Griffin- It’s mostly how long it takes to serve the food.

Ryan- I don’t think extending the hours is going to help, you’d have to hire more people also.

Franklin- If there were an emergency, there are other exits you could use. It’s unfair to employees to extend hours.

Chris- 12:20 is the big lunch rush. Has there been any discussion with teachers about not scheduling 11:00 classes?

Franklin- Could we stagger classes?

Alex- We offer bag lunches to anyone who wants them and signs up the day before.

Katie- It has been hard on the people in the Village because we have keys for our doors instead of cards, so it is really hard to always remember our cards.

Girl in Red Striped Tank Top- I have lunch at 12:20 and class at 1:00 and I almost always have enough time for lunch.

Noah- Extending the ending hour won’t change the rush.
Girl in Red Striped Tank Top- Is there a way to do ½ shifts so people wouldn’t have to work forever?

Kevin- We should extend hours for athletes. Also, we could make Sage more elaborate to relieve Cowpie and Glad.

Franklin- We discussed this last year, and we decided if we extended the dining hours your coaches would just keep you longer. You need to talk to your coaches about it.

Cole- The rate of food serving is the issue. Could we make Sage a full fledged dining hall?

Girl in Red Striped Tank Top- Sage couldn’t handle that. They are a café, not a cafeteria.

Girl in Yellow Shirt- I would take advantage of bag lunch if I knew what was going to be for lunch the next day.

Nina- It would be easier to pick up bag lunches that day. Also, the only place to sit at Cowpie today was the mulch. Where will people eat when it’s cold?

Kris- Cowpie’s capacity is between 150-200, so the kitchen is small and we don’t have sufficient seating.

Griffin- My friend works until 12:30 so he can’t eat at Cowpie. Could Sage sell small things for lunch?

Guy with Red Hair- Part of the problem with Sage is building codes.

Jesse- They should space out the condiments better.

Dan- The trees outside Cowpie are dying because everyone is walking on them. Also, could athletes do bag dinners?

Griffin- If you have a scheduling conflict and can’t get to Cowpie during its hours, they will usually give you food if you go in early.

Franklin- Dining Services Committee will be meeting on Monday, talk to someone on the committee if you have a problem.

Gideon- Thanks for coming, everyone.

**Praises & Concerns:**
Umm… Okay I think this whole card thing is a horrible idea, especially since there was not a vote about the card. Also there needs to be advertising about the fees for the cards. Also our security needs to be re-evaluated.
Some day students had to pay the day student fee and some did not. Were the students who were charged reimbursed?

Day students aren’t animals and there was a vote… you missed it. The cards are funded by a grant. No one pays. Any fees for the cards are replacement fees only. Can we talk about Oct. 8th and the powers of the president?

Are there really bed bugs in Sunderland? What’s being done about that? Nothing, obviously.

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