

STUDENT AFFAIRS REPORT BOARD OF VISITORS MEETING



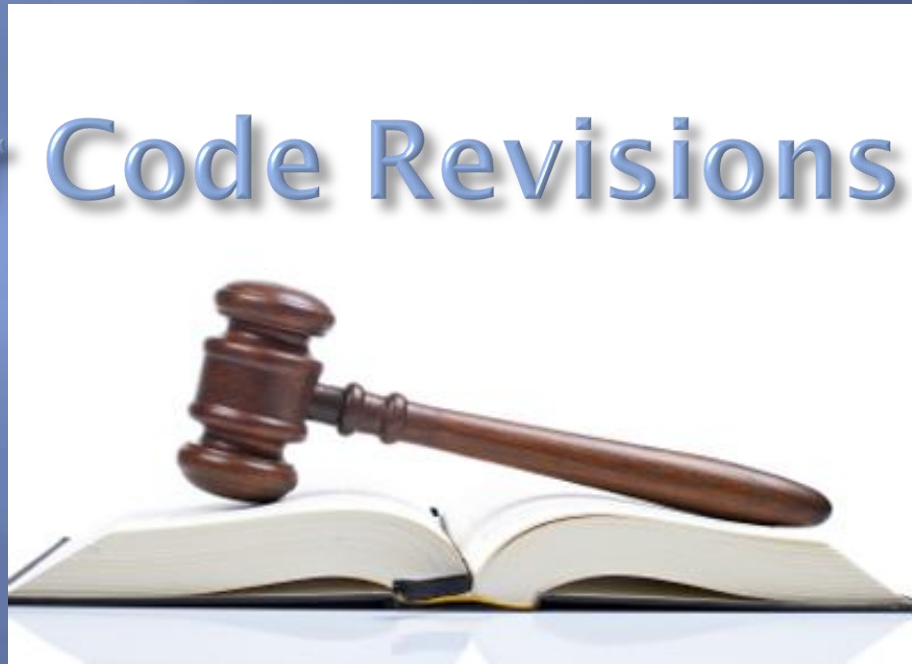
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Student Affairs

- Civic Engagement Collaboration and New Initiatives
- Career Center Project Moving Ahead!
- Honor Code Revisions Update
- Review of the 1999 Alcohol Foundation Plan
- Meeting Student Needs in Challenging Economic Times

Honor Code Revisions Update



- Fall referendum failed to pass – communication issues
- Vote planned for February 23, 2009 along with Honor Council Elections
- Broader communication, town-hall meetings, website
- Revisions in organization of the code, easier navigation
- Language clarification – lying, cheating, stealing definitions
- Clarification of procedures for reporting, investigating, conducting hearings
- Updated amendment process – no referendum for procedural amendments

Review of 1999 Alcohol Foundation Plan

COLLEGE'S GOALS

- ❑ Eliminate underage drinking
- ❑ Support those who choose not to drink
- ❑ Reduce alcohol abuse among those who choose to drink
- ❑ Reduce the negative consequences of alcohol use



Review of 1999 Alcohol Foundation Plan

COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH

- ▣ Assessment
- ▣ Awareness & Information
- ▣ Support & Intervention
- ▣ Peer-based Initiatives
- ▣ Training
- ▣ Staff Resources



“SIGNS OF THE TIMES”

Impact of economic hardship on our students



- Student moved home to VA Beach this semester to save money
- Students are talking more about financial stresses at home
- Changes in how students relax, leisure time
- Students unable to register due to financial holds on accounts
- International students (Korean especially) experiencing drastic decline in their currency's exchange rate
- Counseling Center seeing more individuals
- More students seeking emergency loans; depleted at the end of December

Career Center Initiatives

HIRE W&M

Collaboration with MBA Career Services and the Office of Career Services at the School of Law, will be featured in the March issue of the alumni magazine and will be promoted throughout the spring and summer.

Recession and Higher Education: Career Planning

Audio conference for career services professionals across the nation to discuss the downturn in the national job market and challenges facing career centers in assisting students with job searches.



Counseling Center Initiatives



- Working closely with Financial Aid staff
- Conducting a workshop in the Law School on managing stress/uncertainty/fear during this job search process
- Conducted an outreach program with coaches in athletics to discuss how economic hardships could impact scholarships
- Briefed all Student Affairs Division staff at January Retreat

Student Affairs Assisting Students

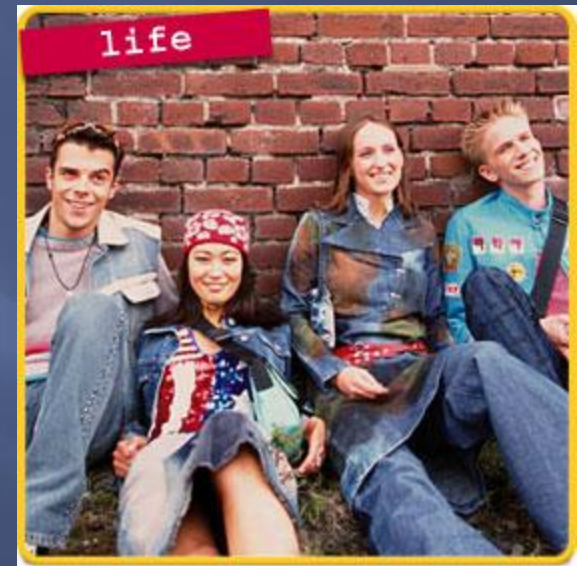
- ▣ **Remind students to seek additional support on campus**
 - Financial Aid-additional ways to fund education, additional available support
 - Career Center - for students who want to be more responsible for financial needs
 - Dean of Students -when financial stress begins to impact academics
 - Counseling Center – when financial stress begins to impact overall functioning
 - Campus Ministers – for more spiritual and/or religious guidance in coping

- ▣ **Encourage healthy and positive coping strategies**
 - Physical exercise – Rec center facilities, classes, intramural sports, outdoors
 - Talking to peers – explore ways to help each other
 - Eating and sleeping well for the endurance and energy needed to cope
 - Meditation – deep breathing and focusing exercises

Student Affairs Assisting Students



- ▣ Listen to students concerns
- ▣ Encourage continuity of academic and extracurricular involvement
- ▣ Encourage students to talk with their parents about their concerns



Questions