Mayor’s Task Force on College Community Relations Meeting Notes
April 26, 2013, SUNY Delhi, Bush 138


- Richard Maxey, Mayor of Delhi, welcomed the committee members, and invited everyone to introduce themselves.
- Elizabeth Sova, Coordinator of O’Connor Center for Community Engagement (OCCE), shared upcoming OCCE events and reviewed the recent SUNY Delhi alternative break, where students traveled to the Metropolitan area to help with Superstorm Sandy cleanup. Elizabeth also mentioned new service learning opportunities for students next semester. Students will enroll in classes that place students in the community as a requirement.
- Will Outsen, local business owner of Main St. Cards & Gifts, wanted to extend a thank you for all the OCCE volunteers that regularly provide assistance with Delaware County Community Action Network (DCCAN) events. DCCAN will be hosting a ‘Take Your Mom to Dinner’ spaghetti dinner on Sat May 11, 4:30 – 7:30 at the United Ministry.
- John Huber, Assistant Director of Student Activities, has been busy planning the Relay for Life taking place tonight, April 26. Currently, 21 student teams will be in attendance. The Relay for Life theme this year is ‘Milestones’. This year also marks the 100th anniversary of the American Cancer Society.
- Marty Greenfield, Director of Student Activities discussed the very successful Centennial events including the Oak Ridge Boys concert and the Harlem Globetrotters. He invited all to attend the Fireworks on Friday, May 17.
- Protima Singh and Drew Laemmermann, Community Assistants, brought up current issues facing off-campus students. Both Protima and Drew have noticed the number of students living in off-campus housing has decreased. Both expressed some student concerns.
- There was general discussion about the SUNY Delhi housing policy affecting off-campus housing that began with Barbara Jones, Vice President Student Life, defining the SUNY wide policy: students can live off-campus if they are over 21, if their permanent home address is within 50 miles of SUNY Delhi, or if the student is married. This policy has been in effect at the college for at least 20 years. In all other circumstances, students need to apply to live off-campus. John Padovani, Director of Resident Life, stated the increase in off-campus housing options, combined with lower enrollment and the large December 2012 graduating class in SUNY Delhi has created a shortfall.
- Mayor Maxey, spoke about the rental law and handed out an example of a ‘Certificate of Substantial Compliance.’ This certificate is for all rentals, not just students. It states the occupancy limit and is to be placed prominently at all times. Tom Little, Code Enforcement Officer, will be qualifying rentals this summer, also checking for this documentation. In the fall, Tom will do his usual Fire & Safety checks, and once again inspect occupancy.
- Richard Maxey, brought up the new Nuisance Party Policy. He shared that there has been a decrease in the number of tickets. Betty Reed, local resident, stated life has been better in her neighborhood; there is less litter and less noise.
Barbara Jones mentioned the upcoming off-campus visits, which will occur by members of SUNY Delhi, along with the Village Police and the Community Assistants. This group will visit off-campus student housing on Tuesday April 30 beginning at 6:00 pm.

The prospect of trying to plan a ‘Meet & Greet’ in the beginning of the Fall semester, was discussed where off-campus students could get together with their local neighbors. Al Perkins, Delhi Chamber of Commerce, believes that communication between students and neighbors can be an asset. Simply talking helps more then it doesn’t in most situations. The questions raised about a ‘Meet & Greet’ are where does it take place? And who/what group is financially responsible?

Al Perkins, Delhi Chamber of Commerce, recognized students who are often helping out at Chamber events. SUNY Delhi students have always been supportive. Frank Lumia, local business owner of Lumia Real Estate and local landlord, noted that recognized organizations have been visible throughout the community doing great things.

Upcoming Events
- April 30, Monday, off-campus walk
- May 4, Saturday, Village Clean-up run by the Community Assistants
- May 4, Saturday, Zraly Gala at SUNY Delhi
- May 11, Saturday, DCCAN ‘Take Your Mom to Dinner’
- May 17, Friday, UDE Fest, featuring fireworks display

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