

State University of New York
College at Old Westbury

Faculty Senate Meeting

March 4, 2005

Vice President for Student Affairs Report: Janice J. Haynie, Ph.D.

I. Assessment:

This spring Old Westbury will participate in the National Survey of Student Engagement. This national assessment is sponsored through Indiana University with support from the Pew Charitable Trusts and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Science. The NSSE will ask freshmen and seniors to answer questions about their educational experiences: their classroom participation, interaction with faculty, and time spent on various enriching activities, for example. The goal is to help colleges to see how "engaged" their students are in activities that lead to learning.

- Old Westbury students have been sent the first mailing regarding the administration of the survey.
- Surveys will be mailed to student in April.

II. Counseling/Career Services:

The Counseling Center has a new Career Services Coordinator/Director: Marleene Bhan. Ms. Bhan holds a M.S. degree in Student Development Practice in Higher Education from St. John's University. She recently served as an Academic Advisor at New York University. Ms. Bhan has scheduled a Job Fair for Tuesday, April 12th and a Graduate Fair for March 29th.

III. Student Union Radio Station:

Old Westbury has recently signed a contract with a Long Island engineer at C.W. Post to install the radio equipment donated by Bloomberg and to begin purchasing and installing other equipment for the college's radio station. We are anticipating an opening date in early summer.

IV. Health Services:

A committee is exploring the possibility of mandatory health insurance for all full-time students. Each semester we have a number of students involved in accidents as well as students who become ill and are hospitalized without the benefit of health insurance. The mandatory insurance initiative was proposed by the Director of Health Services, Susan Mundy.

V. Spring Convocation:

Thanks for participation and involvement.

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson has agreed to return to Old Westbury in the fall for a full day of dialogue on diversity with students in classes or in other small groups. Dr. Dyson has agreed to return, without charge to the college, because students expressed such an intense interest in knowing more about his views on diversity after his presentation. Dr. Anker and I will start planning this "Day of Dialogue" soon and invite other interested faculty and staff to participate in the planning process.