

Associated Colleges of the South
November 14-16 2010
Hosted by Rhodes College and Carol Casey

Schools in attendance:

Birmingham Southern College, Centenary College, Centre College, Davidson College, Hendrix College, Millsaps College, Rollins College, Sewanee: University of the South, Trinity University, Washington and Lee University

Law Enforcement officials from most of the above campuses were in attendance.

Outgoing chair: David Tuttle, Trinity University

Incoming Chair: Carol Casey: Rhodes College

Agenda/brief minutes

1. Alcohol/Drugs/Smoking

- Some discussion of increases in drug dealing. Most such cases are stumbled upon rather than discovered through investigation.
- Medical amnesty: Many schools have in place something to forgive student alcohol reporting when done to aid students. There are varying levels of follow-up.
- Many still have vexing issues with what to do with intoxicated students who EMS will not transport because they aren't in bad enough shape.
- Most schools are looking at smoke-free campus possibilities, but this is not a major campus issue.

2. Orientation/First Year Seminars/Majors/Advising

- Discussion about number of days for August orientation (4-7).
- Growing numbers of recreational trips.
- Lots of variance in first year seminars, living options, and credits for University 101 style courses, etc.

3. Retention

- For our types of institutions, the cost of retention software is prohibitive and by our nature, informal strategies prove to be as effective.
- Some schools report that tuition insurance enrollees and high school class attendance can be indications that students are retention risks.
- Selectivity seems to be the greatest indicator of higher retention rates.
- In career areas there are mounting pressures to produce results.
- Collecting graduate data can be a challenge. Utilizing social media, phone calls, and back-tracking with professors are some recommended strategies for one year out.

4. Health

- Accommodating students with Asperger's is challenging because of the needs of the students and adjustments related to being away from home.
- There are concerns about students mixing alcohol and meds into cocktails.
- Some schools offer courses on chemistry of addiction, which helps with awareness, but also draws in those with drug-oriented aspirations.

5. Surveillance/Cyber-bullying Master planning/Finances/Housing
 - Most schools do some limited video surveillance of public areas. Degrees vary dramatically.
 - Concerns in this area but most schools don't have policies specific to medium, but rather to harassment.
6. Master planning/Finances/Housing
 - There are concerns about room rates not being competitive with off campus rates.
 - When possible, most schools charge a single housing rate, multi-level board rates.
 - Most activity fees do not include administrative costs.
7. Sexual assault assessment/Ally programs and Bystander intervention
 - Schools will consider doing alternating [NCHA surveys](#) and CORE surveys.
 - Washington and Lee has had success with the Green Dot program:
<http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/VIPCenter/index.html>
<http://www.wlu.edu/x50062.xml>
8. Gender
 - Partner benefits are offered by most schools
 - Most students include sexual orientation and gender discrimination in anti-harassment statements and policies rather than in hiring policies, that are seen in HR circles as broad enough to cover the same issues.
9. Student planners
 - Most are being phased out if not already gone. Costs, the internet, environmental friendliness are all factors.
10. Emergency funds
 - Most schools use their budgets for low-level student assistance.

Business Meeting

Past Hosts

2011 Centre (scheduled)
2010 Rhodes
2009 Hendrix
2008 Sewanee
2007 Millsaps
2006 Trinity
2005 Furman
2004 W&L
2003 Rollins
2002 BSC
2001 Davidson
2000 Richmond
1999 Centre
1998 Southwestern

Next up: Birmingham Southern and Southwestern are in the mix for discussion at the 2011 meeting to host in 2012. The central location of BSC will be a factor to consider as the economic conditions may prevent travel to a school from the eastern or western reaches of the region.

Finances

Schools will continue to contribute \$50 per delegate.

Affiliated group next time

- The affiliated group to attend the meeting will be the administrative support staff members of the VPs.
- Other groups considered: Conduct officers, career staff, Greek life staff, and student government.