
**Student Life Policy Council Notes
October 20, 2008**

Committee Reports

SHIAC- Student Health insurance advisory committee- Reviewing Aetna health insurance for students. Have competing companies bid for contract. SHIAC has 4-5 carriers in play. Subcommittee met over the summer for a request for bid. Committee has also acquired an outside consultant.

SHIAC is a review board that looks at the pricing of health insurance (which goes up every year) and how to offset costs.

Nikki Thorpe- SHIAC meetings were once confidential. Now available.

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Transportation Subcommittee- In the process of goal setting for the year.

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Waste Subcommittee- Has had two meetings. Committee's goals include climate neutrality and reducing waste by 50%. 50% chosen based on study recently done by student weighing the amount of possible recycled materials in trash. Committee needs to subdivide smaller tasks to achieve goal. Also reviewing new monitor systems in laboratories that can impact energy use. Committee has also recommended to school that each school should have one person that is in charge of recycling.

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ESAC

Campus wide study including Penn connects that will be available later in the year.

Nikki- Student Life Priorities are housing and transportation. Student Life Committee Looking at Student Life goals list. Housing goals are very well developed. We could conceivably get all of them done. In order to ensure maximum efficiency and effectiveness, breaking up into small groups to tackle and own specific issues on the list.

Reporting Out

Housing Committee

- Meeting with Samsom representatives monthly
- Op-Ed on housing options
- Interviewing student reps- What is the student body's housing concerns
- Meet with the international students about housing needs
- Pouring over data about housing

Transportation

- Extending the route of the Penn bus
- Publicizing the bike policy and enforcing it
- Safety campaign.
- Updating the GAPSAs website to include transportation option links.

Recycling

- Centralized budget possibility to increase the amount of recycling.
- Ink cartridge recycling

Nikki- Important to work on who will be achieving each goal.

Health-

- Dermatology appointments. Getting attention in a more expedient manner. Current wait from October to April
- Getting word out about subsidized dentistry and organizing dental day.

Nikki- Town Hall is on Wednesday.

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