

VP Report
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Committee Appointments:

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Committee Openings:

Parking Appeals Committee – 2

Student Computing Advisory Committee – 1

Student Assessment Committee – 1

Course Fee Committee – 1

Student Information Services Committee* - 1

* Someone who likes computers and stuff :-)

Tabling in the Union - Spencer and I will be in the Union on Mondays over the noon hour this semester.

Gay/Straight Alliance - They came. They conquered. I'm excited for UNlty Week.

First Year Council - We should be offering 15-20 sections of the cornerstone course next year. About 5 of the 10 current cornerstone professors are returning next year; we will have about 9 new professors. We are going to start recruitment for next year. They are waiting to pick themes based on the Reaching for Higher Ground Committee theme, which will be revealed later.

The Peer Teaching Assistant program has been going well. We will be attempting to expand the program next year, potentially even to other subjects besides cornerstone. We would like to switch to a 2-peer per class model, with a Level I PTA (sophomore who has taken Cornerstone) and a level II PTA (upperclassman).

I had to leave early for another meeting.

Student Leader Breakfast - Had breakfast with President Allen, Provost Gibson, and Vice Presidents Hogan and Hagar. We primarily discussed how the university is going to adapt with program offerings due to the budgetary times. We also discussed the reformed NISG senate and student fees. We will relay more information about university changes in the future.

Educational Policy Committee - We started our first of several meetings devoted to reforming the Academic Grievance Policy. I will relay more information when the changes are closer to being finalized.

Trip to the Capital - Spencer, Rhonda, Dakotah, Senator Gibbs, and I went to Des Moines to lobby on behalf of UNI students. We met with several legislators and with the UNI State Relations Officer to discuss the additional funding for UNI and other items. As a small perk, former Senator Josh Wilson showed us around backstage of the governor's office.

Student Affairs Committee - Highlighted what we want to accomplish this semester. Then we talked about it.

Interlude Dance - I'm not sure why, but The Interlude Dance has had an enormous re-surge in popularity as of late. I was invited to teach the dance at an event next Thursday with MICHELLE OBAMA!! :-D I have also been asked to do a handful of interviews, appear at events, etc. In addition, I am meeting with University Relations for help getting the original video back up, and I am meeting with the Admissions Department for helping with potentially a new sort of recruitment method.