

February 21, 2006

Re: 2006-07 University Handbook Changes

The Christopher Newport University Student Government Association, after reviewing the Handbook changes, supports the proposed handbook revisions with the following three exceptions and further recommendations:

1. Including student representation to report to the SGA Senate. (This could be the same student who presently sits on the Academic Advising committee):

**labeled as either revision #5, or #13?*

Section XVII University Governance

C. Standing Committees of the University

- d. The Undergraduate Admissions Committee (UAC) shall consist of seven faculty members (two from Liberal Arts, two from Science and Technology, two from Social Science and Professional Studies and one from the School of Business) elected by the faculty of each area; one faculty member selected by the Senate; **one student nominated by the Student Government Association** and the Director of Admissions (non-voting). The Provost is an *ex officio* member of the committee. The committee:
 - 1) recommends to the Instructional faculty standards for undergraduate admission; and
 - 2) reviews appeals to denial of undergraduate admission and makes appropriate recommendations to the Provost.

2. The nominating body for students should be the Student Government Association:

**Labeled as revision #15*

Insert the following under Administrative Committees, pp.151-153:

The First-Year Coordinating Committee shall consist of the Vice-President for Student Services (Co-Chair), the Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs (Co-Chair), the Dean of Students, the Assistant Dean for the Liberal Learning Core, the Director of Advising, the Coordinator of First-Year Initiatives, the Director of Learning Communities, the Director of Career and Counseling, the Director of Residence Life, the President of the Faculty Senate or designee, the Chair of the Academic Advising Committee, and a student appointed by the ~~Dean of Students~~ **Student Government Association**. The Committee:

- 1) reports to the President;

- 2) coordinates a broad range of policies, practices, and programs that affect first-year students;
 - 3) recommends changes to first-year policies, practices, and programs as needed; and
 - 4) guides the assessment of first-year initiatives.
3. Including student representation to report to the SGA Senate. (This could be the same student who presently sits on the Academic Advising committee):

**Labeled as revision #22*

- b. The Liberal Learning Council (LLC) shall consist of a representative elected from and by each academic department; **and a student nominated by the Student Government Association.** The Assistant Dean for Liberal Learning and the Provost are ex officio members of the council. The Chair of the LLC shall be a tenured faculty member. The council:
 - 1) reports to the UCC, the Faculty Senate, or to the Provost, as appropriate;
 - 2) recommends changes in the Liberal Learning Core requirements;
 - 3) considers courses for inclusion in the Liberal Learning Core;
 - 4) determines the theme for the First Year Seminar and the Common Reading; works with the Director of Assessment in assessing and evaluating the Liberal Learning Core.