

**“Breakfast with the Chancellor”
Fraternity and Sorority Presidents
Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2007**

- 7:41 a.m.** Welcome by Bill Staley, SGA Vice President
- 7:43 a.m.** Welcome by Chancellor Roger Brown
- 7:35 a.m.** Welcome by Hugh Prevost, Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Development
- 7:37 a.m.** Introductions of Attendees, and kudos of accomplishments by their organizations
- 8:05 a.m.** Floor opens for general discussion, questions, and comments
- Greek Housing
 - Dr. Richard Brown elaborated on the “greek housing strip” that is to be compiled in the next few years
 - UTC wants to build 7-8 units for Greek housing, hopefully to be accomplished by Spring/Fall of 2008
 - A show of hands around the room displayed at least 6 organizations that are interested in purchasing housing for their organization, and they have the funds to do so at this time
 - Bus System – presented by David Burke, Kappa Sigma
 - Kappa Sigma is generating a proposal to present to Hugh Prevost and to Richard Brown regarding a bus system that would run at night in order to transport students to and from the campus to the after-hours night life events in the surrounding area
 - The idea came about as a way to promote less drinking and driving.
 - David requested the support of fellow Greek organizations, as well as prepared them for the need for financial support
 - Chancellor Brown commented that the administration is looking at a way to pair up the Mocs Express to a connecting downtown route so that students will have a better form of transportation to the downtown area

- Facility Usage of the University Center – Reggie Smith, NPHC
 - The concern was raised about the amount of facility space that was available for student usage in the University Center
 - DeeDee Anderson brought to the group’s attention that there are constant efforts to balance the amount of student utilization as well as the amount of meeting and classroom usage in the University Center.
 - Chancellor Brown commented that we need to make appropriate use of the facility, because it is indeed a “student center”
 - Dr. Anderson talked about various areas that needed to be renovated in the University Center that could possibly be used for student event space
- After-hours Facilities – Travis Overton, NPHC Advisor
 - The university center used to house after-hours coffee shop and burrito stand, which in turn generated more student traffic in the game room area
 - Dr. Anderson noted that the game room is designed to lock off the rest of the University Center and have the one area open to students
 - Lydia Grafton pointed out that we may need to put something in the game room that is more than a food venue to be open 24 hours a day, an activity that students could participate in (an example was made of Knoxville’s bowling alley)
 - Offering an after-hours facility would not only help to rejuvenate the current campus life, but would also help in the retention of students who are seeking a more “lively” campus to attend
- Greek Life Organization Offices – Juan Moreno, Lambda Chi Alpha
 - Juan raised the concern of not having “Greek” offices in which presidents can do their organizational work. There are no facilities on campus that allow the different organizations to make posters, house mailer information, work on computers, etc.
 - Dr. Anderson pointed out that there is a space that Student Development is currently looking at turning into an “organizational” resource center with all of the equipment needed to work on organizational projects. This office would be open to any student organization on campus.

- Implemented Housing Policy – Jennifer Thomas, Alpha Kappa Alpha
 - Jennifer raised the concern of the new UTC Place Housing Policy that has been implemented. So far, she has only been asked for her Mocs Card to get into the 3000 building, where she lives, one time.
 - Jennifer is concerned about the amount of inconvenience that is not being followed up on thoroughly enough
 - Travis Overton made the group aware of a “staffing plan” that housing is currently working on to resolve issue such as the above mentioned.
 - A Housing Focus Group will be convening to discuss any imperfections in the new policy, and brainstorm on ways to better secure UTC Place residents without inconveniencing them

- Administration’s Expectations from Greek Life – Jason McCarty, Phi Mu Alpha
 - Jason raised the question about UTC Administration’s expectations for Greek Life, and what they wanted the Greek community to accomplish for both current and prospective students
 - Chancellor Brown replied to this question by saying that “this meeting was the best example” of what he expected out of Greek life.
 - Students, like the ones present, need to be concerned not just for their tenure at the university but also for future students (and this group did a fabulous job of representing that concern)
 - Chancellor Brown also complimented the group on their community service projects.
 - He requested that the groups contact the Chancellor’s Office or University Relations and relay their accomplishments on to administration, in order to give the university a great seg-way into what good the university’s students are doing when placed in the face of skepticism
 - Terry Denniston also recommended that the different organizations invite the administrative offices to their meetings, so that the administration can keep in constant contact with the groups in order to bridge the gap of information between administration and students

- Dr. Anderson added that Greek students are the ones who really push student life to make it thrive, as is the same way at very active larger institutions. In order for our student life to grow, the Greek life on campus needs to take more of an active role in participating in athletics and other campus events

9:00 a.m. Meeting Adjourned