

Student Affairs Committee Report (2010-2011)

The mission of this committee is to inform the Faculty Senate of new co-curricular interests of students. The committee provides a forum through which Student Affairs may consult and inform faculty on student life areas, policy, and procedures. The committee aims to enhance faculty knowledge of student life initiatives and services. The committee also advises the President regarding the establishment and recognition of all student organizations.

During the 2010-2011 academic year, the committee met five times and recommended the recognition of the following student organizations:

1. Sociology Club
 - a. The purpose of this organization is to educate CCSU students and the community to serve those most in need and bring together all who have an interest in sociological thinking. The group will aim to promote a greater understanding of the social world through co-curricular activities and encourage cultivation of community participation.
2. Society of Women Engineers
 - a. The purpose of this organization is to serve as the center of information on women in engineering and encourage women engineers to attain high levels of education and professional achievement.
3. Tourism and Hospitality Club
 - a. The purpose of this organization is to promote professional, academic, and personal development of tourism and hospitality students to further opportunities for industry networking via guided property tours, guest speakers, career development workshops, social events and community service. The organization will also encourage a sense of community by building stronger relationships and enhancing communication among tourism and hospitality students.
4. Actuarial Science Club
 - a. The purpose of this organization is to network with businesses in our local community to further awareness of actuarial science and to encourage an environment of learning.
5. Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Club
 - a. The purpose of this organization is to introduce the benefits of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu to CCSU students as a form of fitness, self-defense, discipline, respect, and stress relief.
6. Cricket Club
 - a. The purpose of this organization is to promote the recreational sport of cricket on campus through practices and tournaments and to further the knowledge of cricket skills among interested students.

The committee also approved the name change of the Circus Arts Club, which was established in 2009, to the Hula Hooping Club. Although the club is still interested in circus arts, they feel that the name Hula Hooping is more appropriate and will draw more interest.

A few notable co- curricular projects that have taken place this semester include:

The Society of Mathematics annual Math Competition took place April 9, 2011. It involved 51 participants representing 13 schools throughout New England. Williams College was this year's first place winner. On Thursday April 14, 2011 numerous Math enthusiasts enjoyed "Calculus The Musical" which is a comic review of the concepts and history of calculus. It was performed by the Know Theater of Cincinnati in Torp Theater.

The Society of Automotive Engineers is in the final stages of completing a Formula-Style Open Pit race car. They have been building the car in the basement of Copernicus Hall. The group will take this car to the Michigan Speedway during the week of May 9 to compete with approximately 2000 students from 1000 teams around the world. The Formula SAE

is an educational competition that challenges university undergraduate and graduate students to design, build, and compete in scaled down Formula Style race cars.

The Equestrian Club went to the New England Regional's on March 26 and 27, 2011 to compete against numerous other colleges such as UCONN, Trinity, Brown, CT. College, Yale, and Fairfield. Two CCSU students, senior Ana Kopec, and sophomore, Julia Barnett, won their divisions and went on to compete in the Zone finals held at St. Lawrence just a few weeks later.

The CCSU Best Buddies chapter student leadership will travel to Indiana University in July 2011 to participate in leadership training for chapters designed to assist our group in expanding its success. The CCSU Best Buddies chapter enables students to have one-to-one friendships with community members that might have intellectual or developmental disabilities. They meet monthly to go bowling, enjoy a pizza, or take advantage of some of the campus activities as a group.

The Lunar Exploration Club took their improved moonbuggy vehicle to the 18th NASA Great Moonbuggy Race held at Marshall Space Center in Huntsville, AL in April, 2011 where they came in 11 out of 42 teams from the US and overseas.