

**Minutes**  
**Joint Committee on Student Rights Education**  
**Monday, November, 9 2009 at 2:00pm**  
**Ruffner 103**

Present were:

- Chief Robert Beach, JCSRE Advisor
- Mrs. Sally Thompson, Farmville Town Council Representative
- Cameron Marshall, SGA Executive Senator
- Jameka Jones, Greek Representative and SGA Senator
- Dr. Tim Pierson, Vice President of Student Affairs
- Chris Cheatham, Longwood University Student
- Jillian Ratliff, JCSRE Committee Chair
- Robert Smith, JCSRE Committee Chair
- Danielle Harvell, President of RCL Advisory Board
- T. Jordan Miles III, Chairman of the University Judicial Board
- Brittany Pendleton, Administrative Vice President of Lancer Productions
- Cameron Ring, Longwood University Student
- Amanda Winsor, Longwood University Student

The meeting was called to order by Jordan Miles. The minutes from the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved by the committee. Cameron Ring and Amanda Winsor were added to the agenda as item IV.

Cameron Ring presented a problem on the behalf of the College Republicans. The problem was that the political signs for the Republican candidates had been removed from the campus ground. The first time was by an administrator who placed them in the trash. The second time was by the Student Union Staff. His problem was that he had followed the policies set by the campus for posting political items and wanted to understand why the signs were still removed. Tim Pierson explained that the campus tries to stay neutral when it comes to politics and the way in which the signs were posted made it appear that the campus wasn't. The discussion consisted of: what is the freedom of speech zone that the campus has, what does Longwood's policy about political material directly says, and who should this issue be brought to. In the end, it was decided that this issue would go to Community Standards that looks at all policies regarding the student handbook.

Amanda Windsor discussed an issue involving Farmville Police harassment. She was harassed on Buffalo St. by a officer with a group of Farmville Police after she placed a cup in a fraternity house yard. She was charged with littering and was called inappropriate names even though she was telling the officers the truth based on the questions they asked her. She wanted to know what she could do in regards to the incident. Chief Beach responded to the question by advising her to see the acting Chief of the Farmville Police and make a complaint against the officer that harassed her. He also expressed that it was important for Amanda, and all of us, when dealing with any chief of police to be polite, professional, and have of your information in order.

Mrs. Thompson gave us an update on the Chief of Police search. Three candidates had been interviewed this morning and all of them were excellent, very qualified, and came from many

different areas. Three more would be interviewed tomorrow and the committee hopes to narrow it down to three candidates by tomorrow. She also addressed the issue of why students could not be on the committee. The largest issue concerns the confidentiality of the interviews. She did express that she has the concerns of Longwood University in interest and hopes that the new chief will be able to bridge a gap between Farmville and Longwood University.

Jordan informed the committee that the surveys regarding pedestrian safety are still being worked on and should be done near the 30<sup>th</sup> of November. Mrs. Thompson informed us that there was a new traffic pattern in mid town and wanted to know if something could be done about pedestrians' texting or talking on the phone while walking. Chief Beach also informed the committee about the proper procedures that vehicles are to follow when people are at the pedestrian walk. A vehicle only has to stop if someone is in the pedestrian walk.

Jordan also informed the committee that Cameron Patterson would like the committee to think about a first amendment week for Longwood next semester. Jordan also would be talking to Chief Beach in regards to designated driver's rights and responsibilities and skateboarders rights and responsibilities. Once talking with Chief Beach, he will bring the information back before the committee.

The meeting was called to adjournment by Jordan Miles.