A meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee was convened at 1:00 p.m. in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois.

Members present:
  Ms. Nimmons
  Ms. Raz
  Mr. Welch

Also in attendance:
  Dr. Lord
  Dr. Nadler

Information items were presented as follows:

From D. Nadler.

• A new judicial affairs officer, Dr. Heather Webb, has been hired to replace Mr. Keith Kohanzo who retired.

• School opening was very smooth this year and the new Panther Prowl program is now underway. This latter item is a program to enhance the information flow and student participation in the many academic and student affairs activities on campus. This is the first year of the Prowl, and we look forward to its future growth.

• AlcoholEdu. This new program was initiated with the new freshman class and shows promise in curbing dangerous behavior. We will do an analysis during the year, and keep the subcommittee informed.

From B. Lord.

• Update on RN to BSN degree program. A founding director has been hired, Dr. Dianne Nelson, and she is working on assembling a curriculum for approval in time to admit a Fall 2007 entering class. While this is an ambitious timeline, we are optimistic that it can be accomplished.

• Management Letter. An extended discussion ensued regarding the six strategic planning goals and some of the initiatives to achieve them that are now underway.

In addition to this discussion, a discussion followed which focused on the future role of this subcommittee and some future agenda items. Specifically, the vice presidents were asked to develop information regarding existing and proposed new collaborations between Academic and Student Affairs that will promote student
engagement, learning and retention. The vice presidents will prepare materials to address these matters prior to the next subcommittee meeting.

From D. Nadler

- Because of time constraints, the agenda items on the Cyber Lounge/7th Street Underground, and Career Services received on cursory notice.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Nimmons, seconded by Mr. Welch. All voting members voted to approve. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.