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Report to Winthrop University Board of Trustees
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Members of the Council of Student leaders attended our Fall Retreat in September and during that meeting we planned our agenda for the entire semester. Every agenda item that we initially stated that we would accomplish has either been implemented or is currently in the works.

a) Voter ID Resolution
   • The first act for CSL this year was to pass a SC Voter ID Resolution that encouraged the US Justice Department to review the law and ensure that students and other groups would not be disfranchised at the polls.
   • Our position is that College IDs should still be considered a valid form of identification.

b) CSL Listens Campaign – In an effort to really be on the pulse of campus life we will be hosting a drop-in for students to express their concerns, issues and provide CSL feedback.
   • November 17, 2011 11AM-1PM / DiGiorgio Campus Center

c) Student Allocations –
   • Thus far our committee has allocated $6,600 to clubs and organizations to help support their initiatives.

d) Environmental Sustainability Program
   • New initiative
   • Dedication for Excellence clause
   • Monday, November 14, 2011 / Owens GO1
   • Chris Johnson, Sustainability Coordinator will be the Moderator
   • Second part of the program will be in the Spring

e) Sexual Responsibility Initiative
   • New initiative
   • CSL is planning programming around this topic for the Spring and we will be encouraging students to be responsible.
f) Committee Work

Political Action
- Thus far we’ve registered hundreds of new voters since the kickoff of our campaign in October; the ultimate goal for the year will be 600 new voters and we will announce our final numbers at the conclusion of the campaign.
- Flash flood email campaign to local and state elected officials to show that Winthrop students are concerned about tuition dollars and the lack of state funding.
- The Council attended the Governors speech; our members asked relevant questions that addressed education, voter id and state funding.

Student Empowerment
- Surveying students about the need for a set system of legal aid
- Goal is to see if students will actually be able to benefit from such a program
- Preparing the customer service student survey for the Spring
- Goal is to increase participation with this project.

Campus Engagement
- Planning Homecoming Pep Rally/Tailgating
- Partnering with the Alumni Association for tailgating
- All Winthrop students are invited to participate
- Homecoming Pep Rally on November 10th at 7:30 (Basketball team, Big Stuff, Music, Giveaways)
- CSL will have a strong presence the day of the homecoming game

Campus Safety
- B3 – Be alert, Be aware, Be smart Campaign
- Promote campus safety/campaign kickoff
- Providing basic safety tips such as looking both ways when crossing the street verses texting
- After meeting with President DiGiorgio, 5 additional short term parking spots have been developed for students to visit the DiGiorgio Campus Center and the students will be able to use the entire parking area during the evenings and weekend. During the week the parking area will continue to be reserved for Faculty and Staff.

The Council of Student Leaders has had an extremely busy semester working on behalf of the Student Body. We’ve assembled a great group of students who are passionate and who are committed to leaving Winthrop a better place for our having been here. We govern ourselves by the quote to, “Care more than others think is wise. Risk more than others think is safe. Dream more than others think is practical and expect more than others think is possible.”