



Legislation Text

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College Commission Update

Department: Parks and Recreation

Council District: Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4

Bennett College: Located in District 2

Elon Law: Located in District 3

Greensboro College: Located in District 3

Greensboro Technical Community College- Greensboro Campus: Located in District 2

Guilford College: Located in District 4

North Carolina A&T University Located in District 2

University of North Carolina at Greensboro: Located in Districts 1, 3 and 4

Public Hearing:

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PURPOSE: College Commission update on strategic direction

BACKGROUND: Upon the unanimous passing of the resolution on December 17, 2013, staff developed a leadership team consisting of faculty representatives from all seven (7) of the colleges and universities. Since that time, the leadership team developed the structure and expanded the vision to form a commission comprising of fourteen (14) students from seven (7) institutions of higher learning and developed a foundation of five (5) core goals:

1. Develop and share ideas that enhance a safe, vibrant and engaging community.
2. Elevate the quality of off-campus experiences through programming and events.
3. Connect students and recent alumni to the community's workforce through internships, practicum, job and volunteer opportunities.
4. Enhance opportunities of economic impact through cross-campus collaboration.
5. Serve as the final connective / succession piece between similar public and private groups and programs. Such as the department's Greensboro Youth Council, City Academy, the Parks and Recreation Commission, Action Greensboro's synerG and the Greensboro Partnership's Co//ab.

The College Commission began its regular meetings in January of 2015 and elected officers in May of 2015. On September 25, 2015, the College Commission held its first retreat and mapped out the strategic plan for the

upcoming year. The focus will be on Intercollegiate Affairs and Events, Poverty within Greensboro and as it relates to Food Insecurity, Police and Community relationships, and Voter Engagement. In choosing these topics, the Commissioners referred to their objectives and mission statement from their bylaws, and discerned as a group the issues we could most effectively face as a Commission, and what will best improve the lives of their fellow students.

BUDGET IMPACT: No direct impact

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED: None