



# Elizabethtown College Student Senate

## *You Asked; We Acted*

A **Monthly** newsletter highlighting the numerous suggestions and the actions taken by your student representatives!

### March 2011

1. The Student Senate met with several student athletes about off campus activities and working to make amendments to the Student Handbook
2. The Elizabethtown College Senior Staff attended the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting and several questions and student concerns were answered, listed below:
  - “What has been happening with the Diversity Plan? “
    - i. Provost Susan Traverso, Provost & Sr. Vice President, provided the following response. “We made an implementation group, talked about moving ahead of the plan. We met with key vice presidents to assess progress and how the goals have been met or not met. Programming in the affairs office has been increased like the MLK week and religious diversity, etc. We are heading towards a more understanding community. Benefits are now available to domestic partners. We have not been as systematic as we could be, but the plan is a roadmap, not a set path. We are working within the context of the environment.”
  - “I went to the Campus Forum. In instances that there are students that have been held accountable to the code of conduct, what about staff and the recent issue?”
    - i. President Long stated, “There are no sanctions for provisioning speech that is a controversial topic to begin with. There are efforts to work with professors to not offend anyone with speech. Policies in regard to harassment are universally enforced. The question of speech is a national controversial issue. The national court has upheld hostile form of speech; the most recent example is demonstration at a military funeral. There is a mutual responsibility to speak well to one another.”
  - “Many have noticed that 75% of applicants are accepted to the college. Are there any negative ramifications??”
    - i. Paul Cramer, Vice President for Enrollment, stated, “The number of accepted students is higher because the applicant pool is stronger. There has been a 20% decrease in business applications but in order to make up for that percent, more students were accepted to other majors.
3. Dean Calenda gave an update for Wolfe Field renovation: “We have received approval from Elizabethtown Borough to move ahead with project due to storm water management regulations. There will be a stone base under turf field allowing for proper drainage. Joe Metro has an engineer meeting with vendors on April 4 and contractors will have 3 weeks

to send in sealed bid. Joe and his team will determine which bid to accept and the schedule for the project will then be decided. Work will be done before fall season starts in August and students return. The estimated cost for a new surface is about \$600,000, using same substrate and mat, which is saving money.”

For all other comments, questions, and concerns, visit [www.ETownSenate.com](http://www.ETownSenate.com) to access the meeting minutes. Continue to let your voice be heard through the suggestion box near the mailroom, talking personally with a Senator, or via an online submission.

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