A History of Student Leadership, Training and Development

Theme – A Legacy of Leadership

The Office of Student Leadership, Training and Development, formerly known as Student Leadership, was initiated by Dr. Angela O. Terry, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs during the Administration led by Chancellor Julius L. Chambers. In 2002, under the leadership of Mr. Roland Gaines, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, the department was reorganized and for the first time became responsible for registration of clubs and organizations.

In 2003 the office initiated the Emerging Leaders Program, a leadership development program designed specifically for freshmen. The following year it established the Mentors Offering Direction, Encouragement and Leadership Strategies MODELS Program Towards Success. In 2005 the Office of Student Leadership, Training and Development became the first HBCU to host a Women In Leadership Development Conference. In 2006 it hosted a campus-based LeaderShape Institute, an intensive, six-day leadership development program that emphasizes leading with integrity. In 2007 the Office registered more than 140 different student organizations, almost a 100 percent increase from 2002.

Mr. Dietrich Morrison-Danner was the first Director of Student Leadership, Training and Development. Mrs. Peggy Watson Alexander succeeded Morrison-Danner in 2002 and continues as current Director of the office.

The Office was housed in the Student Services Building, until fall 2009, when it relocated to the Alfonso Elder Student Union Building.

The primary goal of the Office is to promote leadership development among students.

In 2006 North Carolina Central University became the first Historically Black College and University in the nation to host a campus-based LeaderShape Institute.

The office has formed numerous internal and external partnerships which have resulted in the development of more comprehensive services.

Students who participated in Student Leadership, Training and Development programs have become SGA Presidents or held or other leadership positions on campus.

Based on the belief that “Every student has leadership potential,” the Office of Student Leadership, Training and Development pursues a mission to provide the foundation, skills, services, experiential opportunities and environment that promote student development, ethical behavior and community involvement in preparation for leadership in a global society.

Its vision is the establishment of a premier leadership development program.

Current program goals of the Office are to prepare students for leadership roles and responsibilities; to recognize and reward exemplary leadership behavior; to link curricular to co-curricular activities; to assist students with understanding their personal philosophy of leadership and how it affects others; and to role model inclusive, accessible and customer service-oriented behavior.

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