

Dear Colleagues:

Re: Upcoming Student Conference Wednesday, April 20th (11 a.m.-4 p.m.)

I write to invite you to a Student Conference on Wednesday, April 20th, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at UVI's Sports and Fitness Center on the St. Thomas campus. Come hear students from my Conference Techniques class give presentations and dialogue with the audience on topics like:

- the difficulty of getting one's degree within four years
- the recent tuition hike
- the need for greater campus safety
- longer cafeteria hours
- the desire for an on-campus fitness facility.

Confirmed guests include Deborah Fontaine, Robin Olsen (STT Security), Peter Sauer (Sports & Fitness), Wilfred Stephen (STT Food Services) as well as members of the faculty, administration, and Student Government.

If you are an instructor teaching a course on research, presentation, educational policies, university management or self-governance, please consider bringing your class to all or part of the conference on Wednesday as a "field trip" of sorts.

Alternately, you might consider offering extra credit to students who attend and/or write a report on a portion of the conference (we will provide a sign-in sheet for instructors who request it.)

If you have any questions or want to talk further, the best way to reach me is via email at tsenft@uvi.edu. Looking forward to seeing you!

Regards,

Terri Senft

P.S. To assist those who can only attend part of the conference, I provide our schedule, below:

CONFERENCE DAY SCHEDULE

Topic: Introduction

11:00-11:10 Student Miniminyha DeMund presents short video articulating concerns at UVI

Topic: Academics

11:10-11:20 Terri Senft speaks on graduating in four years

11:20- 11:30 Student Diane Francis speaks on tuition hike

11:30-11: 40 Students Diane Francis and Mikyla Frederick speak on foreign students at UVI

11:40-12:00: Deborah Fontaine responds to students, gives results of recent student satisfaction survey, and explains how UVI's restructuring affects students.

12:00-12:30 Students lead audience in dialogue re. academic issues

Topic: Food

12:30-12:40 Student Ryan Skinner speaks on cafeteria issues

12:40-1:00 Wilfred Stephen (STT Food Services) responds to students

1:00-1:40 All break for lunch

Topic: Recap

1:40-1:50 Student Rose Jensen recaps the first half of the conference

Topic: Student Government

1:50-2:10 Student Mikyla Frederick leads question and answer session with Student Council reps.

Topic: Safety

2:10-2:20 Student Kishma Harrigan speaks on campus safety concerns

2:20-2:40 Robin Olsen (STT Security) responds

2:40-3:00 Students lead audience in dialogue re. Safety issues

Topic: Fitness Facility

3:00-3:20 Student Mark Grimes speaks on need for fitness facility

3:20-3:40 Peter Sauer (UVI Sports and Fitness) responds to students and unveils new plans for a fitness center.

Topic: Recap and Summary

3:40-4:00 Terri Senft summarizes the afternoon's events.