Ms. Sandy Bugie Patterson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The following members of the Student Affairs Committee were present: Micah Fielden and John F. Wilson.

The university staff and community members were represented by: J.J. Jackson, Victor Hazard, Rhonda Strouse, John Herbst, Mary Bolin, Anne Coke, Larry Crouch, Gail Hairston, Jim Wims, Hollie Swanson, Stephen Bilas, and Robert Mock.

Introductions.

March Meeting Minutes – Approved

Overview of the Common Reading Experience (CRE)
Michelle Ashcraft, Director of CRE (staff)
Christy Baughman (student)
Bryan Rose (student)
Cameron Hamilton (student), selection committee
Erin Adkins (student)

- The Common Reading Experience is a part of the New Student and Parent Program Office.
- Michelle starts by researching books through publishing companies and other peer university selections
- Selects 20 books
- A committee of 24 made up of 1/3 staff, 1/3 faculty, 1/3 students narrow it to 8 books
- Committee members are assigned books to read and share with the committee
- 3 books are selected for the entire committee to read
- A final selection is made
- Christy shared that all new students are assigned the book to read
- 70% of the students attend the book discussion during K Week
- There are great conversations amongst the students
- Saw student computer postings related to the book
- Cameron said it is used in UK101 – a freshmen experience course designed to improve retention
- Each class starts with a question about the book
- One session is devoted entirely to the book
- Next year, group projects are being discussed
- Erin took the book personally by taking the carbon footprint survey on line and discussing the results with her father
- The results were alarming
• She went through the home trash and her family decided to make a conscious effort
• In addition, she went over the grocery list and noted that a third of the groceries was red meat
  o Red meat requires transportation for the cattle, feed, supplying grocery stores
  o Energy to process
• Her father installed energy efficient windows in the basement
• Her parents bought new vehicles that get better mileage

• Bryan discussed that when selecting the book, they want to challenge, entice and engage the students
• The committee doesn’t want to select a book that was read in high school and that the students have to use a dictionary

• This year’s book for Fall 2012 is “The Unforgiving Minute: A Soldier’s Education” by Craig Mullaney
• Starts with being a freshman in Westpoint
• Becomes a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University
• Served in Afghanistan
• Lecture: October 2, 2012

Overview of University Honors and Recognition Awards Program
Lauren Thomas, Graduate Assistant
Sarah Jones, President, Student Activities Board

• Lauren stated that the program is designed to recognize the students, staff, and faculty at the university
• It also is a learning experience for students involved in designing and coordinating a program together

• Sarah discussed how it engages the outside community through press releases to local newspapers and news outlets
• Former students and local businesses give awards

• The program recognizes diversity, inclusion, and the efforts of underrepresented populations

• Sarah received the Zumwinkle Award for the “It Gets Better” video
• Nikki Hurt (SGA VP) and Micah Fielden each received the Singletary Outstanding Senior Award

Student Government Association Updates
Micah Fielden, President, Student Government Association

• Wildcat Interest Group (WIG):
• Six US Congressional offices have accepted UK students to intern in the legislators’ offices in DC
• SGA decided that at the end of the Academic Year, any budget remaining over and above a designated amount will be given to student scholarships
• Micah shared his experiences with K-week and the Common Reading Experience program

Adjourned at 9:53am