

Student Life Committee Minutes

December 7, 2016

Attending: Ella J Frazer (jr.), Megan Gessel (chair), Jennifer Hastings, Tyler M Randazzo (soph.), Brad Reich, Mike Segawa, Daniel Sherman

Guest: Ben Tucker (library)

Old business (thoughts about CHWS presentation)

Conclusion after the presentation was that there was not a role for SLC except to advocate for more funding or support for services.

Mike reported that CHAWS will again put in request for additional fulltime counselor with Budget Committee. This has been requested as first priority for several years but he is hopeful that it will be approved this time.

ASUPS has allocated \$10,000 to CHWS so far that money has been held in reserve but they are looking at means of using it this spring – perhaps to increase the contracted psychiatrist hours.

Question: is there a wait list for psychiatrist or would this be just added counseling by the psychiatrist? Mike responded that the hours were very limited.

Question: how is our staff retention? Mike reported that, in general retention is good, the interns rotate out yearly but the contract psychiatrist is usually a 2-3 year commitment.

New Business

1. Discuss options for shortening the spring semester: affects on students (tasked by senate/CC)

After discussion and input from the students it was a clear consensus of the SLC that the preferred option is the shortening of the semester by cutting a week off the end. Key points supporting this were the opportunity for students to: work over winter break, travel home, not have travel in close proximity to the holidays, seek internships accessing employers etc.

2. Feedback on financial literacy guide for students (requested by Eli)

SLC asked what the motive behind the creation of this resource. The financial literacy guide is an addition to the Life Skills Collection housed in the library. It is currently online and functional – looking for input from SLC on how to make students aware of the resource. The goal was not to duplicate the services of financial services but rather go beyond what is offered there. Recommendations were to coordinate with ResLife and ASUPS as well as Greek Life

Suggestion was to make it a little easier to find answers to problems students might encounter—an FAQ index.

The timing is actually good at the start of spring semester to enhance students' knowledge of what the library offers.

Other suggestions- include introduction to the life skills collection in Orientation or Prelude

Financial literacy is an issue really for the sophomore or upperclassman in terms of moving off campus. Might be good to offer a sophomore orientation.

3. Updates on individual committee work, including misconduct boards

- Brad reported on his work with the Educational Goals committee

There are eight educational goals for undergraduates and they are being revisited the plan is to have the revisions completed next semester. Brief discussion concerning the need to be able to assess goal outcomes and that this is the opportunity to write goals that lead readily toward assessments.

- Megan reported on the SGVC policy meeting

Currently finalizing new policy on sexual misconduct. Goal is to have a campus wide policy. Procedures for students in cases of sexual misconduct is now in draft form and moving through vetting process. The committee has also worked with HR on the staff procedures.

Megan has worked on a Senate ad hoc committee drafting revision to an interpretation of the Faculty Code to address the faculty procedures in sexual misconduct cases. PSC is aware of this ad hoc committee work.

4. Updates from students

Students requested that a conversation be had about financial aid and study abroad and the ramification on students not being able to afford to go.

Students requested a conversation about the Undocumented students and how the university will support and respond to any changes in status

Students also asked for clarification of the meaning of the messages from the President via email. Mike confirmed that these messages are documentation of the institutional stance, the messages have been vetted by legal and the BOT.

Meeting adjourned 9:35

Minutes recorded by Jennifer Hastings