Minutes, Arts & Sciences Student Life Committee, Tuesday, November 19, 2013

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Attendees
Members: Yusheng Yao, Brooke Pankau, Alex Grimm, Ed Leffler, Rachel Newcomb, Adriana Talbot, Heidi Limongi, Scott Rubarth, Gabe Anderson, Robert Hayman.
Guests: Jazmine Rodriguez and Aubrey Frazier.

I. Minutes from 10/29/2013 NO QUORUM-To be approved at subsequent meeting

II. Brooke Pankau report from SGA
- Dean of Students reported to SGA at previous meeting. No other new business to report from SGA.

III. Miscellaneous issues:
- Problems with Special Event parking
  - Suggestions/possible solutions
    - Expand Gravel lot at Sutton
    - Spaces near Strom Hall
    - Install a “Student parking only” sign at McCain
    - Concern: Athletic and Facilities Management vehicles taking too many spaces
  - Location of future Scooter parking?
  - Heidi will do follow-up and talk to Ken Miller about potential solutions
- Concerns with drugs, alcohol, racial stereotyping at parties and campus social events
  - Need for educational programs on these topics; especially directed toward organizations conducting social events
  - Need to find additional opportunities for discussing these issues
  - Develop a task force?
  - Question: Frequency of drug use going up? Best way to address this?
  - Workshops have limited effect? Campus displays?
  - Promote collaborative educational activities between various social and academic organizations

IV. Report from Jazmine Rodriguez and Aubrey Frazier regarding the Community Commitments Review [CCreview] process
- Aubrey Frazier introduces herself
- Jazmine Rodriguez gives a brief description of the CCreview process
- Need for volunteers from SLC
- Explanation of Star rating
- Question: Why no student involvement?
- Possibility for a student at large on Committee?
- 11 organizations reviewed
- Two staff and three faculty members needed for assessment
- Challenge of finding three SLC faculty members available at the same time
- How to prepare faculty? Training for Faculty participants explained
- Training for students and organizational leaders also available (workshops and walk-in hours)
• Recommendation to reconsider timing of student training to fit with executive committee elections
• Summary of 11 organizations and discussion of why some organizations are not included in the process
• Discussion of the openness and transparency of the CCreviews
• Discussion of the possibility of open forum for CCreviews
• Two options:
  1. A single official open forum;
  2. Private formal meeting and then later a public presentation
• Concern that a public forum may discourage open, honest, developmental self-analysis
• Concern with airing dirty laundry; a benefit of a public forum is that it shows all the good things that happen in these communities
• Suggestion: Open house separate from CCreview
• Next faculty training November 21 (4-5 pm in Bib-lab at Olin Library)

V. Consideration of this year’s goals for the SLC:

  • Main goal of SLC: SLC should be a place where concerns can be discussed and resolutions formed
  • Importance of bringing in representatives to explain their side of issues
  • Desire to have further discussions with Campus Safety
  • Concerns expressed regarding communication between students representatives and campus safety. Ken Miller’s report from previous meeting was valuable as report but did not facilitate an open conversation.
  • In order to facilitate better communications, students would like to invite additional representatives from campus safety to talk with SLC.
  • Recommend inviting Bayrex Rodriguez to SLC continue discussion.

VI. Final Business

  • Next meeting to be scheduled for Dec. 3rd.

Adjourn at 1:50 pm