Minutes, College of Liberal Arts Student Life Committee Meeting, Tuesday, April 24, 2018

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I. Call to Order
   a. In attendance
      i. Greg Cavenaugh (faculty)
      ii. Denisa Metko (staff)
      iii. David Painter (faculty)
      iv. Donna Dormeus (SGA)
      v. Matt Nichter (faculty)
   b. Absent
      i. Jen Atwell
      ii. Ashley Chico
      iii. Donna Dormeus
      iv. Muniba Khan
      v. Destinee Lott
      vi. James Payne
      vii. Fernando Rodriguez
      viii. Aaron Villanueva
      ix. Maxim Zarudnyg

II. Welcome & Introductions
   a. Our meeting previously scheduled for the 17th was cancelled for Fox Day, hence today’s rescheduled meeting with an unsurprising small attendance

III. Approval of Minutes from February 15, 2018

IV. Old Business/ Standing Business
   a. SHIP Committee
      i. We were flooded with internship requests late in the year, and ran out of money despite additional funding
      ii. Students we could not fund were directed to Career and Life Planning
      iii. There were not necessarily more SHIP requests in general this year, but more international requests at the $1200 cap.
      iv. Denisa suggested we reach out to Advancement to see if they can find donors to support SHIP; Greg will discuss funding with the President
      v. Suggestion to cultivate videos for recipient blog reports
      vi. We might need to consider SHIP grants more competitively. We’re getting many repeat students getting SHIP grants in multiple years, which could be a factor in competitive evaluations
   b. Dining Experience/ Marketplace/ Campus Experience
      i. A New meal plan coming next year. There will be an 2 pools: one for the all you can eat campus center, another for a la carte eating locations on campus
      ii. The buffet plan doesn’t work well for Holt and off-campus students
   c. Other campus concerns
i. Mills off-campus student lounge is scheduled to be eliminated in the Mills renovation. The Fox Den is intended to serve as a replacement, but might not be satisfying, as it is overly open.

ii. Students are finding the building plans hard to follow. More communication and transparency are needed.

iii. Greg will pass on these concerns, especially the issues regarding off-campus students, to the President.

d. SGA report
   i. New officers have been elected.
   ii. There are concerns about cable TV being taken away on campus; the plan is to spend cable money on improving WiFi bandwidth, which is more used for media access.
   iii. There are also concerns from students being required to live on campus longer. The administration needs to communicate more clearly about the reasons for such policies.
   iv. Prism will be hosting a Lavender Graduation ceremony on May 2.
   v. There continues to be an excessive volume of email. There is a student effort to establish a centralized video channel for event schedules to replace emails for each event sent to everyone.

V. New and Pending Business
   a. Student Survey Committee
      i. Report from Denisa Metko
         1. Survey Information:
            a. I received a response from Udeth Lugo, Director of Institutional Research, but not from John. Udeth informed me of the two surveys that are run every other year:
               i. NSEE (Seniors and Freshmen)—Current low response rate. Last completed in 2016, 35% of seniors and 29% freshmen response rates. National Survey of Student Engagement, administered every other spring, measures student engagement/participation in programs and activities that institutions provide for their learning and personal development. The results provide an estimate of how undergraduates spend their time and what they gain from attending college. The results are compared nationally. Here is a link to broader NSEE results from 2017: http://nsse.indiana.edu/NSSE_2017_Results/pdf/Press_Release%E2%80%8C.pdf.

Below you will find the questions and ratings from Rollins results from 2015 and per Udeth’s suggestion, we must “be cognizant that this assessment should be viewed as guide to inform us on what students are
saying – the provided answers are not absolute values.”

b. HERI/CIRP (Freshmen)— Udeth shared that the benefits of this survey are to learn more about what students bring to the campus and to acclimate us on some of what they value and/or bring to the campus. This survey was last administered in the fall but we are still waiting for the results. It is also administered every other year.

c. I did not get a chance to connect with Oriana, but the Climate Survey just ended for this year. I believe this survey is administered every other spring.

2. FSL Information:
   a. I received a response from Bronwyn Holder, AD Fraternity & Sorority Life, regarding the process and our the committee’s role. Bronwyn is happy to connect with the committee in the future, but for the time being, she shared the following:
      i. Annual report of each of the FSL groups on campus:
         https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12YXi9XkUUVehfikwYW4Yk
      ii. It is a bit late for this year (in my opinion) but our role as a committee (or a subcommittee) would be to read the reports and provide feedback and suggestions. This work would happen around this time of the year.
   
   
   ii. Data is being collected, but there’s a lot of work to be done in analysis
      1. It’s too late for this year, but next year SLC can provide systematic oversight of FSL situations rather than just becoming involved reactively.
      2. Udeth would be happy to meet with/ work with SLC on data analysis.
      3. This data – as with much committee business – needs to be kept confidential within SLC.

b. Pres. Cornwell and CRU
   i. The President is seeking input from CLC regarding the presence of the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and CRU on campus.
   ii. Background: Several years this organization prevented an LBTQ+ student from serving; since then they have been barred from operating on campus. Similar problems with discrimination have occurred at other schools.
   iii. Grant wants feedback from as many groups as possible.
   iv. There is considerable precedent that a student group can be sanctioned on campus.
v. There are other Christian groups on campus who have not had these issues.
vi. Important questions:
   1. Is there a way to turn this into an authentic dialogue?
   2. How do we communicate about this issue and whatever decision is reached?

vii. Donna Dormeus will reach out to Dr. Jenkins, our new Dean of Religious Life, on this issue.

viii. Greg and others will meet with the President about this at 4:00 pm on April 27 (Meeting details updated post-SLC meeting.)