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# Minutes, College of Liberal Arts Student Life Committee Meeting, Thursday, October 18, 2018

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## Minutes for Student Life Committee meeting 10/18/18

- I. Call to order
- II. Welcome, Introductions, and Roll Call
  - a. In Attendance:
    - i. Greg Cavanaugh (Chair, Faculty)
    - ii. Denisa Metko (Staff)
    - iii. Brock Simmons-Barfield (SGA)
    - iv. Caroline Klouse (SGA)
    - v. Bill Svitavsky (Faculty)
    - vi. Amy Parziale (Faculty)
    - vii. Matt Nichter (Faculty)
    - viii. Zhaochang Peng (Faculty)
  - b. Absent
    - i. Donna Dormeus
    - ii. Aaron Villanueva
- III. Minutes for 9/27/18 meeting approved
- IV. Old Business
  - a. SHIP Committee
    - a. Zhaochang Peng reports that the SHIP budget is larger this year than last \$24,000.
    - b. SHIP communication has been somewhat impeded since some relevant e-mail is still going to David Painter. David must authorize the transfer of the role to our new chairs Zhaochang and Brock; this should happen soon.
    - c. We have received 1 application for a SHIP grant so far
    - d. We anticipate a relatively light workload for committee members reviewing applications this semester; it will probably be heavier in the spring.
    - e. The SHIP subcommittee will now consist of:
      - 1. Zhaochang Peng (co-chair)
      - 2. Brock Simmons-Barfield (co-chair)
      - 3. Denisa Metko
      - 4. Caroline Klouse
      - 5. Bill Svitavsky
      - 6. Amy Parziale
      - 7. Matt Nichter
    - f. Fall deadlines are mostly self-imposed; when the students need the grant money
    - g. Reminder of SHIP grants will be sent out to department heads
      - i. It was suggested the chairs also contact Chris Fuse considering the relevance to the Student-Faculty Collaborative Scholarship Program
  - b. Student Government Report
    - a. An open forum on construction issues, with Bill Short and a full panel, will happen on November 5 at noon

- b. And Instagram Live Stream will be used to present news on construction issues since e-mail has largely gone ignored.
- c. Cru and nondiscrimination policy
  - a. Matt Nichter attended the Board Meeting prepared to discuss SLC's perspective on the issue, but it did not come up in official discussion; it may have been discussed informally among board members.
  - b. The Diversity Council is hosting three faculty/ staff meetings to express thoughts on the Cru issue which will be conveyed to President Cornwell. These sessions are scheduled for
    - i. Thursday 10/18: 12:30 – 2:00 in Bush Auditorium,
    - ii. Tuesday 10/23: 12:30 – 2:00 in Bush Auditorium
    - iii. Friday 10/26 1:00 – 3:00 in Bush Auditorium
  - c. SGA legislation advocating that CRU sign onto the nondiscrimination policy has gone to Pres. Cornwell.
  - d. One complication in this situation is that there are some organizations on campus that apparently violate the nondiscrimination policy; e.g. males can't be sorority members, a Muslim organization expects men and women to pray separately.

#### V. New Business: Development of Working Groups

- a. Community Commitments
  - i. Community Commitments is an expected function of SLC, a review board similar to SHIP.
  - ii. last year Fraternity & Sorority Life reached out late in the year, in April, regarding community commitments. The mid-year transfer of the SLC chair had complicated SLC's attention to this area; community commitments were thus handed by Denisa Meto working with FSL.
  - iii. This process is essentially the College providing due diligence when student organizations say they're going to perform community projects.
  - iv. FSL establishes goals for organizational community efforts and reviews activity
  - v. Last year worked with Maeghan Rempala on this; she will again reach out to Meagan
  - vi. Brock Simmons-Barfield and Caroline Klouse will join Greg Cavanaugh and Denisa Metko in reviewing forms
- b. Existing Student Survey Data
  - i. Denisa has reached out to multiple offices across campus to begin investigation of survey data being gathered across campus
    - 1. Denisa has heard back from Udeth Lugo regarding two surveys
      - a. National Survey of Student Engagement,
      - b. HERI/CIRP – a survey of first year students to learn what they value and/or bring to the campus
    - 2. She has not heard back from Oriana Jimenez, but the Climate Survey for this year has just ended

- ii. This working group would keep track of data collected, look for duplication of efforts, look for ways to use data, and look for ways to improve processes.
  - iii. Matt Nichter will head working group; Amy Parziale and Bill Svitavsky will be the other members of group
  - iv. Matt will communicate with Denisa regarding progress so far
  - v. This working group will generate a short report (2 page whitepaper) with recommendations on the streamlining and utilization of survey data - ideally, by February
- c. Question (GC): Do we need a working group on food service issues?
  - i. Sudexo will have a representative meeting regularly with SGA.
  - ii. SGA has 4 people appointed to the issue
  - iii. This straight channel to the students eliminates the need for SLC's further involvement.
- d. Question (DM): Do we want a working group to provide students with severe financial concerns?
  - i. Greg suggests we first address the question to Jenny Cavanaugh to see if the Dean's office could provide assistance here; perhaps SLC will have a role in this.
  - ii. Our goal is to help centralize resources rather than adding redundant complexity as one among multiple sources
- e. Question (AP): Should we make a similar effort to centralize mental health assistance?
  - i. In past, counseling services were grouped under CAPS
  - ii. Now the Lucy Cross Center, Chapel, and others offer various services
- f. Question (GC): Do we need a "committee on committees" with a goal to centralize areas complicated by our decentralized bureaucracy?
  - i. Denisa Metko, Amy Parziale, and Caroline Klouse will report on this for our next meeting

VI. Adjournment

VII. Next meeting Thursday, November 15 in the Van Houten Room of the Olin Library