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Minutes, College of Liberal Arts Student Life Committee Meeting, Tuesday, April 16, 2019

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SLC Meeting April 16, 2019

I. Call to Order

II. In attendance

- a. Greg Cavanaugh (Chair, Faculty)
- b. Nancy Niles (faculty)
- c. Jonathan Harwell (faculty)
- d. Caroline Klouse (SGA Senator)
- e. Sarah Parsloe (Faculty)
- f. Zhaochang Peng (Faculty, SHIP subcommittee chair)
- g. Bill Svitavsky (Faculty, Secretary)
- h. Matt Nichter (Faculty, Data Subcommittee chair)
- i. Amy Parziale (Faculty, "Committee on Committees" chair)

III. Minutes for 3/19/2019 approved

IV. Community Standards Update

- a. Maeghan Rempala & Stephanie Hoffman from the Office of Community Standards & Responsibility made the CSR annual presentation to SLC. CSR deals with student problems beyond the academic honor code, largely drug and alcohol violations.
- b. Higher Education law consultant Peter Lake recommended changes several years ago. On these recommendations, in 2014-15 CSR phased out CHS and panel hearings and removed Title IX hearings from the CSR process. In 2015-16, they introduced a hybrid conduct model of both hearings and educational conferences for low level cases. From Fall 2018 to the present, CSR removed (with SLC approval) some restrictions on educational conferences where sanctions were deemed unnecessary.
- c. Data Review
 - i. There has been a decrease in reported cases in the Fall semester for the past two years. One year of this might be due to the hurricane closing, but there seems to be an ongoing pattern, perhaps attributable to a more rule-following group of students.
 - ii. Sanctions for students have included assessments for alcohol and cannabis abuse and counseling.
- d. Challenges & Successes
 - i. CSR has had several office moves in the past few years (they're currently in Campus Center) and has been down an intern and a staff member on a long vacation. They must regularly explain to students the difference between an educational conference (which doesn't stay on a student's record) and a hearing. They must also navigate relationships with parents.
- e. Next steps
 - i. Continue the hybrid model of educational conferences and hearings.
 - ii. Policy updates on cannabis (modified procedures), disruptive behavior (modified to include non-classroom situations), and Title IX.

- iii. Keeping an eye on Hazing, which is currently under consideration for Federal authority like Title IX.
- iv. Hire a new grad assistant and intern.
- f. SLC voted to endorse and approve CSR's next steps
- g. The CSR PowerPoint presentation is attached as an addendum.

V. Old Business

- a. SHIP Committee
 - i. Since last month, we have approved 12 applications. We have \$487 left in the budget, and are expecting another application with a \$450 cap. We have essentially used up our funds; an Increase in budget seems justified.
 - ii. Greg reminded the committee of the Rollins Professional Fellow Program from Career & Life Planning. The SLC chair is part of that approval process. SLC would prefer SHIP grants to be considered a secondary funding source for internships.

VI. Student Government Report

Caroline Klouse updated the committee on SGA activities including a workshop for test anxiety and legislation including issues of LGBTQ+ content in Health Education and the possibility of a student-based review board for faculty tenure. This student review process would create a platform for students to support for beloved professors, perhaps including visiting lines. Greg recommended that SGA representatives meet with Dean Jennifer Cavanaugh regarding the tenure process and visiting tracks so that student action can be most productive.

VII. Ongoing Business: Working Groups

- a. Collection of Student Data
 - i. Matt Nichter reported on the work of the Data working group (also including Amy Parziale and Bill Svitavsky) committee. The group plans to expand the white paper outline (appended here) into a report that can be delivered to President Cornwell by the end of the semester.
 - ii. Sarah Parsloe made the additional suggestion of a "research pool" which she's experienced at other institutions; professors can choose to have their courses participate in a system where students get points for doing surveys (with alternative assignment options for those who opt out).
 - iii. SLC approved outline; additional suggestions can be sent to Matt Nichter.
- b. "Committee on Committees"

This group, comprised of Amy Parziale and Caroline Klouse, is charged with examining the decentralized bureaucracy at Rollins, specifically those resources linked to mental wellbeing and financial resources. Amy Parziale had to leave early; Caroline Klouse reported on the notes the group has generated (appended).

VIII. New Business

- a. Nancy Niles was named by acclamation as the new chair of SLC for AY 2019-2020. She will meet with Greg about the position's responsibilities and other relevant information.
- b. Sarah Paisloe was likewise chosen as the new Secretary; she will meet with outgoing secretary Bill Svitavsky; discussion will include the possibility of the secretary submitting minutes to the college archivist.
- c. Answering a question raised last meeting, data shows an uptick in race-based vandalism on campus. A possibility for SLC next year could be to address this issue by advocating that the president foster open dialogue about this issue.

IX. Final meeting for year adjourned