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Student Life Committee Minutes

College of Liberal Arts Minutes and Reports

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Minutes, College of Liberal Arts Student Life Committee Meeting, Tuesday, September 29, 2020

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SLC Meeting September 29, 2020

- I. Call to Order
- II. In attendance
 - a. Nancy Niles (Chair, faculty)
 - b. Jonathan Harwell (Faculty, SHIP subcommittee chair)
 - c. Sarah Parsloe (Secretary, Faculty)
 - d. Jana Mathews
 - e. Raghavendra KC
 - f. Wisly Zephir (Student Rep)
- III. Absent
 - a. Karla Knight
- IV. Elections
 - a. Nancy Niles is rotating off
 - i. **Jana Mathews approved as new chair**
 - b. Jonathan Harwell is rotating off
 - i. **Raghavendra KC approved as new SHIP chair**
 - c. Sarah will remain as secretary
- V. SHIP Grant Application Reviews
 - a. Jana had requested financial need status of students; we will wait to make decisions until we receive this info
 - b. Jana articulates concerns about access to SHIP given the first come, first serve nature of the application process
 - c. The committee discussed challenges with assessing online study abroad programs that satisfy program requirements. How many more will be coming to down the pipeline? How can we streamline the process? How can we prevent all funding from going to a certain type of experience?
 - d. Given the current financial constraints, we need to reconsider
 - i. Deadlines for applications
 - ii. How students learn about or are referred to the SHIP grant
 1. equal access from CLA, Holt?
 - iii. Clearer criteria for consideration, such as financial need
 - e. Proposed changes to process this year:
 1. **Narrow down what we will consider funding**
 - a. Make clear to students that funding is very limited and students with financial need will be
 - b. Perhaps narrow down the types of experience we will be willing to fund this year, informing students of these decisions
 - c. Divide existing funding pot into 4 parts for the remaining funding deadlines (about \$1,050 per deadline)
 2. **Set new deadlines**
 - a. **October 1st**
 - b. **December 1st**
 - c. **February 1st**
 - d. **April 1st**

3. Set additional review criteria:

- a. Ranking students based on financial need → pull this from institutional data (very high need to no need)
- b. Add:
 - i. How would you fund this if you were not granted the SHIP money? OR What kinds of support might you have available to you for this experience?
 - 1. **Likert-type scale:** How likely would you be to still participate in this experience if you did not receive SHIP grant funding?
 - ii. Would you be willing to wait for future funding if not awarded during this initial review cycle?
- c. Develop a Qualtrics form that helps us to rank applications based on key criteria
 - i. ex. high impact

4. Partial funding: Remember that offering partial funding is an option, use this option to maximize the number of applications funded

- f. SGA Proposal (Wisly Presents): Freeze tuition rates at what the student paid when they enrolled at Rollins
 - i. Problem: tuition is increasing yearly and students are concerned about their ability to continue affording Rollins/their capacity to budget accurately from year-to-year
 - ii. Proposed solution: tell the student that they will be charged the average cost representing a \$2k increase per year, rather than starting at the lower rate and then continually increasing
 - 1. ex. charge \$54K per year, rather than 51K (yr 1), 53 (yr 2), 55 (yr 3), 57 (yr 4)
 - iii. Bill was passed by SGA in March, but campus then closed due to COVID
 - iv. SGA presented the bill to Ed Kania on 9/28
 - 1. Kania promises to consider this proposal for 2022
 - v. KC notes that, in assessing this proposal, admin must balance
 - 1. Desire to recruit students
 - 2. Desire to retain students
 - 3. Desire to maintain a transparent relationship with students
- g. **Action Items**
 - i. Nancy will work with Wisly to edit the SHIP grant application
 - ii. Jonathan and KC will coordinate on managing this round of applications, helping KC to transition into his new role
 - iii. Karla: on website
 - 1. Add a notice that we will prioritize applications based on student financial need
 - 2. Change application deadlines to reflect these updates
 - iv. Jana
 - 1. schedule a meeting with Nancy to coordinate transferring to chair role

2. schedule meetings for remainder of academic year