

Minutes of the Student Life Committee
March 28, 2014

Location: Commencement Hall Seminar Room

Present: Faculty Members Brad Reich, Lisa Fortlouis Wood, Poppy Fry; Student Representative Ryan Del Rosario; Library Liaison Eli Gandour-Rood; Associate Dean Lisa Ferrari; Dean Mike Segawa

Minutes:

Several committee members offered corrections to the 2/14 and 2/21 minutes. There was a typo misspelling a faculty member's name in 2/14, and some clarifying language was suggested for the discussion of some suggestions that had been recorded in the 2/21 minutes.

Both the 2/14 and 2/21 minutes were **unanimously approved as amended.**

Business

Chair Wood asked Poppy Fry to share with the committee any information on her role as liaison to the First Year Experience Task Force. Fry has attended a meeting, and reported that there is much discussion underway at FYETF, including about evening events on campus. She will maintain a flow of information between SLC and the FYETF.

The faculty Senate received the SLC's midterm report, which was well-received. There were some additional questions about CHWS, and how faculty can get more information about CHWS in general. Information is given out at new faculty orientation, but refreshers would be most welcome.

The conversation turned to planning for the remaining SLC meetings, and the end-of-year report. Wood noted that the final report will need to be reported at a faculty meeting, but that as she teaches during the faculty meeting slot, another committee member will need to take that up.

The issue of bringing in students for feedback came up again, and student Del Rosario confirmed that he would reach out to student Peer Allies to come in and report to the SLC about the experience of launching Peer Allies, and the support structures on campus, etc.

The committee continued its conversation from previous meetings about the work of the committee, and which charges to consider its most important work. Some potential charges which had been brought up at previous meetings include campus nightlife (or lack thereof), access to a diversity of space to get food on campus, and the accompany informal meeting spaces and performance venues that accompany such spaces; and looking at the regular work of the committee. There was further discussion of developing standing charges so that there would be a sense of consistency regarding the duties and work of the committee, as well as topical issues brought up annually.

Dean Segawa then brought up the three main topics that, from his perspective, he would like to see the SLC take a look at next year, with the reminder that it is up to the committee to decide whether to take these up. Those main topic areas include sexual assault and sexual violence on campus; a continued

conversation about Counseling, Health & Wellness Services (CHWS), and a discussion of the residential seminars, and whether to continue and expand that program, or discontinue it.

The committee discussed further the idea of developing charges through a two-pronged approach: having both short-term and long-term goals, and developing specific charges which address either the immediate or long-term goals.

The committee discussed using the final remaining meetings of the semester to continue framing charges to be taken up next year, perhaps jumping off from the three brought up by Dean Segawa. The committee also came back to the idea that getting more student feedback is important to ensure that the work of the committee is grounded in making a positive impact on students.

Finally, there was discussion around methodology for deciding what work the committee should undertake, noting that impetus for taking up particular causes will come from different directions. One suggestion was to assemble a list of all possible charges, and then have committee members vote according to which they considered most important/urgent, and then undertake the top three.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:02pm.