

Student Welfare Committee Meeting

February 14, 2018

Notes (draft)

1. Attendance: Christine Wilson (Chair), Kim Colbert (note taker), Shareen Hertel, Kelly Bartlett, Morty Ortega, Diane Beer, Rebecca Bacher, Maureen Armstrong, Jennifer Gattilia, Shelly Reel, Karl Guillard, Tina McCarthy.
2. Reviewed minutes from December 6, 2017, meeting, including gap in the bus/escort services, civil discourse on campus, and graduate students. Confirmed that there were no gaps in the meeting minutes.
3. Christine reported that she had a lengthy conversation with Hans Reinhart, Chief of Public Safety. Discussed how the department is trying to address building access, as well as crosswalks and lights safety around campus. There is a plan in place (it was started by former Chief Barbara O'Connor) for a uniform platform for all buildings (except Res Life, which will stay on Millennium), but it will not happen all at once. Laurel and Oak will be put on Genetek.

Update on Crosswalks and Lights

- a. A new group has been formed on pedestrian and traffic safety. Looking into getting rid of paw prints, too many or too few crosswalks, lights, etc.
 - b. Hired an engineer to look at Calhoun Way and Hillside Road to start.
 - c. Looking into pedestrian safety and traffic flow.
 - d. Possibly bring people in to talk to the group for the March or April meeting. Christine will follow up.
4. Discussed performance groups requesting space for practice and performances. Christine spoke with Monica Rudzik and performance group leaders. Talked about carving out space on Sunday mornings. They need open space in front, 20X30, auditorium style seating. Christine will look into the space at Barnes and Noble (required to share this space with us?) as well as the puppet theatre.
 5. Updated Posting Policy—was revised last fall. Kate Fuller called Christine with the library posting policy which will be added to this.
 6. Classroom committee: Very nice posters have gone up in Laurel and Oak explaining how the classroom space should be used and rules for posting.
 7. Civil Discourse—Task force on its way. Talked at Faculty Senate Meeting with Brendan Cane, Co-director of Humility and Public Discourse Project. Christine will find out and make it part of the notes. Can he come in and talk with us?
 8. Issue of primary names vs. preferred (or chosen) names (international and transgender students)
 - a. Instructors will only see preferred names, student has to tell registrar.
 - b. There is not a self-service option for students. Mail services are denying packages to students because of use of chosen names rather than primary names.
 - c. Causes problems in test taking, students with same names, etc.
 - d. Instruction on how this is handled should happen at orientation/cross cultural literacy.
 - e. Admissions struggles with this issue all the time.

9. Student Organization Event Review Procedures—revised after the Lucian Wintrich incident. Copy attached. It is on the Student Union website. Does not address content, only time, place, manner and student and property protection.
10. Student Elections—8 candidates for Graduate Student Trustee. Election is Feb. 27 – Mar. 1. Other campuses can do their elections using our system.
11. DACA students still struggling and worrying. There is much anxiety in the graduate school population regarding the budget. Employed Gas—when does their insurance start, what is the coverage like, gap in when school starts especially with students with children and when their coverage starts. Fewer spots for graduate students, less fully-funded students, future of grad programs, stipends, insurance—lots of anxiety. We could invite Joelle (Murchison) and / or Lesley (Salafia) to come to a future meeting to talk about DACA, and perhaps the primary / preferred name issue, too.
12. People are receiving message about staying on committee. Reply if you want to stay on the committee.

Meeting adjourned 3:30 p.m. Next meeting is March 7, 2018.