

## Student Welfare Committee Meeting

December 6, 2017

### Notes

1. Attendance: Dianne Beer, Shareen Hertel, Kelly Kennedy, Maureen Armstrong, Jennifer Gattilia, Kate Fuller, Morty Ortega, Rebecca Bacher, Tina McCarthy, Shelly Reel

2. November 15 meeting follow up

We reviewed the notes from last meeting [guest speaker on classroom and building access, classroom usage (authorized and unauthorized), classroom safety].

We determined themes and next steps. The group agreed that Christine would write to the Provost and the Chief of Police and share the notes, and go from there

3. Gap between bus service / escort service hours and library closing hours: The library is open to 2 am, but there is no transportation at that time. Transportation used to run Husky Safe Rides, but does not anymore. USPD used to have walking escorts, but does not anymore. This is problematic not only for students, but workers that start or finish shifts after midnight (such as SHS, which has shift changes at midnight).

4. Civil discourse on campus as it relates to student welfare: Ortega reported that President Herbst will be announcing a task force early next semester.

Several members brought up instances of students and faculty being harassment by folks who have been upset about some speakers on campus; it is hard for these folks to know what to do in situations like this. Who can help? The Registrar's office fields a lot of such calls because they answer the University's main number.

It was suggested that the new task force take this into consideration. How do we handle this type of communication / harassment / threats? It was also suggested that the Emergency Management (which is part of Public Safety) be notified in case they are not aware that this is happening.

The Dean of Students is working with Public Safety on event review procedures for student organizations. When these procedures are complete, they will be shared with the SWC.

5. Impact on graduate students if federal tax bill passes with new tax on grad tuition waiver. Michael Morrill worked with the Bursar on a short gap measure: fee bills will be dated 12.31.2017. President Herbst is working on the issue with other land grant presidents.

#### Next meeting:

- January 17, 2:00 pm