

Student Affairs Committee

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

1:00 pm

Minutes

Present: **S. Ohannesian (chair), R. Risam (vice chair), C. Sullivan, W. O'Neill, J. Kelleher, R. Kasman, R. Carducci, J. Ranga**

1. Minutes from March 22, 2016

J. Kelleher motioned to approve minutes, R. Carducci second.

2. Rules for Student Clubs

-S. Ohannesian introduced student club rules charged to SAC to review by All-University.

-C. Sullivan noted that SAC needs more information to proceed.

-S. Ohannesian proposed that a sub-committee be formed to solicit more information to be presented at the next SAC meeting to determine whether this is a SAC issue to be pursued further.

-C. Sullivan and R. Risam will find information on the Student Clubs to report back at May SAC meeting.

3. Annual Review of University Advisory Committees

-S. Ohannesian identified requirement for annual review, due May 20th. Asked for major accomplishments.

-C. Sullivan: Sophomore experience research

-R. Carducci: Preferred name policy

-J. Kelleher: SAC request for more gender inclusive language in conduct code was adopted.

-S. Ohannesian: asked for reflection on charge

-C. Sullivan: attempted to reach out to SGA with initiatives but students were not interested.

-R. Risam: concern that our charge is unclear and we are, annually, looking for areas to advocate

-S. Ohannesian: asks about appropriateness of membership

-R. Risam: It's contractually mandated

-C. Sullivan: Student participation has been challenging

-R. Carducci: Challenge of not hearing student perspectives.

-S. Ohannesian: should the call for committee members be given a firm meeting time

-R. Risam: the call has already gone out

-R. Kasman: Value to not having a schedule set in advance and that variable dates be considered.

-S. Ohannesian: Goals for next year. Student group rules?

- J. Ranga: Working on promoting internship awareness/participation among students
- S. Ohannesian: Asked about whether or not the committee should examine textbook costs
 - D. Veira: MassPIRG is examining this issue.
 - C. Sullivan: expressed interest in examining textbooks
- R. Carducci: Raised issue of emergency loans
- D. Veira: Would like to see the committee examine funding of intramural and club sports. Student Government is also examining this issue.
- D. Veira: Updated the committee on Student Government "Pay it Forward" project.
- C. Sullivan: Asked D. Veira to consider ways that the Committee could work more closely with Student Government
- S. Ohannesian: Solicit feedback to last prompt: "Please offer any other information or suggestions you think would be helpful to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of your committee work."

4. Student Conduct Code Discussion

- C. Kao reviewed proposed changes to student conduct code. Changes circulated in advance of meetings.
- J. Kelleher: Asked about how the proposed rule change regarding motorized vehicles in section 28 will affect students who use motorized vehicles for accessibility.
- J. Kelleher: Explained that the university cannot require students to register with the Office of Disability Services.
- J. Kelleher: The policy cannot create an undue burden for students.
- C. Kao: Suggested a wording change "Recreational motorized vehicles...
- The committee agreed with this suggestion
- S. Ohannesian moved to approve the proposed changes to the conduct code
- The committee approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roopika Risam and Rozana Carducci

