Student Affairs Committee
Tuesday, April 19, 2016
1:00 pm

Minutes


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