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Mrs. Ramos, chair, will report on the committee meeting of January 20, 2017.

Student Affairs Committee Meeting of January 20, 2016

Minutes

Present: M. Bridges, D. Fecher, S. Fitzpatrick, J. Large, R. Pignatiello, E. Broner, A.

Goyal, W. Montgomery

Guests: V. Borelly Vega, L. Chan, G. Dickstein, D. Hopkins, K. Johnson, D. Kimpton,

T. Murray, K. Ralston, R. Rando, C. This, J. Ulliman, L. Wenrick, E. Corbitt, D. Corbett, L. Stellar, S. Bauguess, D. Bertsos, R. Sweeney, B. Willis, M.

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Mr. Sean Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and read the conflict of interest statement.

Student Government Report

Student Government Association (SGA) president Lukas Wenrick and vice president Koty Johnson provided updates on SGA's major initiatives for the current year. One of SGAs most successful initiatives has been increasing its student awareness. This year Student Government collected applications from over 300 students wishing to participate in committee/leadership roles. Student Government's social media engagement has increased by 500% and SGA members have received positive feedback from numerous deans, vice presidents and departments across campus.

SGA has also begun to live stream their weekly meetings and hosting open forums in an effort to provide more access and transparency to the student body. Of note was the recent Budget Forum featuring President Hopkins, Provost Sudkamp, and CFO Jeff Ulliman, which was attended by over 75 students and live streamed to over 1,500 viewers.

In the upcoming weeks, Student Government will be holding a student referendum where students can vote on initiatives that they would like to see brought to the attention of the university administration. This process allows for the student body to have input in the future of Wright State and its operations. Finally, SGA elections will be held the week of March 19 – 23, with the results being announced on March 24.

<u>Updates</u>

Mr. Eric Corbitt, director of the Student Union and Campus Recreation, presented updates on an initiative to create a more bicycle friendly campus. Wright State Way is currently part of the Nation's Largest Continuous Paved Trail System (330 miles), but it has not translated to a more bicycle accessible campus. By pursuing this initiative, benefits include a decrease in parking congestion, reduction of our carbon footprint, and it has the ability to improve the overall health of the campus.

Mr. Corbitt suggested implementing a campus bike coordinator and advisory board to move the initiative forward. Infrastructure updates such as signage and enhanced bike parking will also help in achieving a bicycle friendly campus.

Mr. Drew Corbett, associate director of Campus Recreation, spoke about the services and benefits of the Campus Recreation department. The adapted recreation program was a highlight in that it services 40+ students with accessibility needs as well as providing 2,000 community members with outreach programs such as disability awareness and adapted sports. The fitness and wellness program has also proven to be popular, providing 35-40 group exercise sessions that service over 8,900 participants annually.

Additionally, Campus Recreation is home to 24 active sports clubs with over 400 members. Other facets include intramural sports, outdoor recreation programs, and recreation services such as the fitness center. Annually the Fitness Center sees 173,000 visits. Research has shown that Campus Recreation programs have led to students faring better academically, providing leadership and employment opportunities, and ultimately improving student retention efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Vanessa Borelly Vega