

**D. Student Affairs**

Mrs. Ramos, chair, will report on the committee meeting of November 20, 2015

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**Minutes**

**Present:** H. Billing, M. Bridges, E. Broner, D. Fetcher, A. Goyal, L. Klaben, B. Montgomery, C. Moore, R. Pignatiello, G. Ramos

**Guests:** D. Abrahamowicz, D. Bertsos, G. Dickstein, G. Doll, D. Finnie, J. Giles, B. Grant, C. Hogan, D. Kimpton, M. Larsen, N. Mattison, K. Morris, K. Muncie, T. Murray, S. Polk, R. Rando, K. Sobolik, T. Sudkamp, R. Sweeney, C. Taylor, C. This

Ms. Grace Ramos called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

**Vice President's Report**

Dr. Dan Abrahamowicz shared updates on recent activities and initiatives within the Division of Student Affairs. Chief David Finnie and Officer Nelda Mattison of the University Police Department introduced Jenkaa, the new narcotics canine. The Wright State Raiderthon dance marathon, held on November 21, 2015 marks the third anniversary of this event. Over \$100,000 has been raised for Dayton Children's Hospital in its first two years.

Wright State will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nutter Center with a full week of events starting with a reception on December 2. Mr. Jim Brown, executive director of the Nutter Center, provided an overview of the activities. Sixteen students were inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa, one of the nation's most prestigious leadership honor societies. Inductees included Student Trustee Ryan Pignatiello, Student Government President Gavin Doll, and Student Government Vice President Kayla Muncie. Student Trustee Hailey Billings is also a member of the society.

Mr. Chris Taylor and Mr. Christopher Hogan reviewed the Office of Community Standards and Student Conduct. They discussed the Code of Student Conduct and the training provided to staff and students who hear student conduct cases. They also discussed the Title IX investigation process pertaining to situations involving allegations of sexual misconduct. In recent years, 7-8 of the 800-900 conduct cases per year have involved sexual misconduct, with 7 such cases this year to date.

In intercollegiate athletics news, a women's basketball record was set by Ms. Kim Demmings, who became the new top scorer in Wright State University women's basketball history.

**Student Government Report**

Student Government president Gavin Doll and SG vice president Kayla Muncie provided

an update on Student Government's initiatives. SG took a stand against the Safe-Campus Act of 2015, which required victims of sexual assault to file a formal police report before on campus proceedings could occur. Student Government supports Ohio Senate Bill (SB) 205, which seeks to ensure exterior means of egress from upper floors in certain residential buildings.

Student Government revisited their recommendations pertaining to healthy vending. Using standards from the American Heart Association, they aim to increase the number of healthy options in vending machines.

Other current SG initiatives include relocating the "Visions" (aka "bacon") statue in the amphitheater outside of the Medical Sciences building to enable students to use the space for outdoor performances; working toward the goal of endowing the Student Government Scholarship; and participating in Open Mic Night at W.O. Wright's to raise funds for College of Liberal Arts scholarships.

### **Updates**

Mr. Bob Grant, Director of Athletics, discussed the role of the Athletics Department in supporting student-athletes and the challenges of maintaining a Division I program. The culture of the Athletics Department at Wright State focuses on student-athletes as people first, students second, and athletes third. Some of the department's unique practices to build emotional investment among athletes were highlighted in a recent NCAA magazine article.

Whereas the Athletics staff faces some hurdles in recruiting students to Wright State, the annual student-athlete survey revealed that 90% of all athletes would choose Wright State again. Wright State's student-athletes have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher for the past 36 academic terms. Additionally, athletes and coaches frequently engage in community service and outreach.

Wright State has the smallest athletic budget of the 11 public universities playing Division I sports in Ohio. An internal audit found that expenses fall below NCAA and Horizon League benchmarks by 16% and 7%, respectively. Average Athletics expenditures for NCAA Division I-AAA (non-football schools) represent approximately 6% of total institutional expenses; whereas, they represent 2.9% at Wright State.

The value of the publicity generated by Wright State Athletics that appearances in print and online newspapers typically ranges from 7 to 10 million dollars. Last year's valuation, however, was 20.5 million dollars due to the extremely successful baseball season.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Twila Murray