

D. Student Affairs Committee

Ms. Ramos, chair, will report on the committee meeting on April 15, 2016.

**Student Affairs Committee
Meeting of April 15, 2016**

Minutes

Present: H. Billing, M. Bridges, D. Fecher, B. Montgomery, R. Pignatiello

Guests: D. Abrahamowicz, M. Ashley, D. Bertson, J. Brown, G. Doll, Z. Fadel, D. Finnie, D. Hopkins, D. Kimpton, D. Krane, A. McLemore, K. Muncie, K. Morris, T. Murray, J. Myers, T. Ortiz, S. Polk, R. Rando, C. Stuart, T. Sudkamp, R. Sweeney, J. Ulliman, C. Verlin, L. Wenrick,

Ms. Hailey Billing called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. and read the following conflict of interest statement.

It is of utmost importance to ensure that all university decisions are free from any real or perceived conflicts of interest.

Therefore, please be mindful of all obligations with which you have been charged as a Trustee of Wright State University, and take the steps you deem appropriate to perform your duties fairly and impartially.

Vice President's Report

Dr. Dan Abrahamowicz provided updates on activities and recognition ceremonies taking place during the end of the academic year. The annual April Craze event, as well as numerous programs and ceremonies highlighting outstanding students and their accomplishments have taken place. Ms. Kathy Morris, associate vice president for student affairs, introduced the recipient of the Distinguished Senior Leader award, Ms. Zena Fadel. Ms. Cheryl Stuart, director of the career center, presented the Student Employee of the Year, Mr. Justin Myers.

Ms. Simone Polk, assistant vice president for student services, discussed the unique support system that the Independent Scholars Network (ISN) offers to former foster youth matriculating through Wright State University. She introduced Mr. Adrian McLemore, who discussed how the ISN program propelled him through his challenging 12-year journey to graduation.

Student Government Report

Student Government Association (SGA) president Gavin Doll and SGA vice president Kayla Muncie provided updates on SGA's initiatives from the past year. The university has allocated funds to support the relocation of the "Visions" (aka "bacon") statue currently located in the outdoor amphitheatre. Two external organizations are competing for the opportunity to house it. Future plans include utilizing the outdoor space for performing arts, outdoor classes, and student events.

Mr. Doll and Ms. Muncie reported that SGA worked with various stakeholders to increase the value residential students receive when purchasing required meal plans. SGA is pleased to report that more flexible and reasonably priced options will be available next year.

Mr. Doll announced the election of Mr. Lukas Wenrick and Mr. Dakota Johnson as next year's president and vice president of SGA. Mr. Wenrick provided updates on the student-led Alternative Spring Break initiative, through which over 50 students provided 200 hours of community service for three organizations over spring break. He also discussed some of his administration's plans for next year.

Recognition of Student Government President and Vice President

Student Trustee Hailey Billing expressed the Board's appreciation and read a resolution recognizing Gavin Doll and Kayla Muncie for their exemplary work and leadership in their roles as president and vice president of the Student Government Association. The students also received plaques honoring their service.

Resolution 16-

Whereas, Gavin Doll and Kayla Muncie were selected by the Wright State Student Body to serve as their president and vice president for the 2015-16 academic year; and

Whereas, Gavin Doll and Kayla Muncie have demonstrated exemplary leadership skills in their roles in the Student Government Association; and

Whereas, Gavin Doll and Kayla Muncie have served with distinction as advocates of the Wright State Student Body; therefore

Be it resolved, that the Wright State University Board of Trustees recognizes the achievements and contributions of Gavin Doll and Kayla Muncie.

I offer this motion:

Do I have a second:

Voice Vote:

Updates

Ms. Simone Polk, assistant vice president for student services, and Ms. Carine Verlin, graduate student in the Student Affairs in Higher Education Program and coordinator of the Friendship Food Pantry, provided updates on the food pantry at Wright State.

Established in 2011, the Friendship Food Pantry (FFP) provides emergency food and referrals to students in time of need, helping them stay in school and meet their educational goals. The Food Pantry provides perishable and non-perishable food items, non-food items, and basic infant necessities to students who are currently enrolled at Wright State. The FFP has collaborated with numerous departments and organizations on- and off-campus to raise donations. Off campus partnerships have included Walmart,

the Dayton Food Bank, and Kroger. The Kroger partnership has provided significant support to the program's operating expense fund, which has increased from \$193.93 in 2014 to \$2,902.27 in 2015.

In 2015, 304 unique students used the food pantry for a total of 525 visits and 6,966 total meals served to students and their families. Students cited various reasons for visiting the FFP. Of those who visited the food pantry last year, 71% were unemployed; and 23% were employed but could not always afford to buy food either due to an emergency situation, running out of funds on their meal plans, or running out of food stamps. International students made up the greatest share of visitors. The FFP is supervised by a graduate student and operated by student, faculty, and staff volunteers. Last year, 34 volunteers provided a total of 614 hours of service.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Twila Murray