

**D. Student Affairs**

Mrs. Ramos, chair, will report on the committee meeting of January 22, 2016.

**Student Affairs Committee  
Meeting of January 22, 2016**

**Minutes**

**Present:** E. Broner, D. Fecher, A. Goyal, B. Montgomery, C. Moore, R. Pignatiello, G. Ramos

**Guests:** D. Abrahamowicz, M. Ashley, K. Barrett, D. Bertson, J. Brown, D. Burnworth, G. Dickstein, G. Doll, J. Keferl, D. Kimpton, N. Lasky, K. Morris, K. Muncie, T. Murray, S. Polk, K. Sobolik, T. Sudkamp, R. Sweeney, C. This

Ms. Grace Ramos called the meeting to order at 9:35 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 programs taking place during the spring semester of 2016, including Parents and Family Weekend, the Omicron Delta Kappa student leadership conference, and Academic Integrity Week. The Nutter Center will host performances by major artists Lil Wayne and Fall Out Boy.

The Adventure Summit, presented by the Student Union and Campus Recreation in partnership with Five Rivers MetroParks, will welcome thousands of visitors to Wright State from across the region. Paralympian Amy Purdy will be the featured speaker, presented in partnership with the Presidential Lecture Series.

In Athletics news, Kim Demmings recently became the all-time leading scorer in Horizon League history for women's basketball.

Ms. Simone Polk, assistant vice president for student services, presented information on the Bias Incident Response Team (BIRT). BIRT was established in 2006 as an interdivisional team to foster civility, student development, diversity, freedom of expression, and personal empowerment in response to concerns regarding speech and other forms of expression. Through BIRT, students have the opportunity to submit reports on situations that that may be hurtful but are not violations of student conduct or university policy. BIRT works to help the university balance First Amendment rights with students' wishes for civility and community by offering a safe process for students to voice their concerns. This facilitates conflict resolution and offers education and training to the campus community.

## **Student Government Report**

Student Government (SG) president Gavin Doll and SG vice president Kayla Muncie provided updates on current initiatives. The new Student Organization Achievement Recognition (SOAR) program provides additional resources to student organizations and removes barriers to receiving support for their activities. Recent events such as Raider Roundup and the Student Government House Party introduced students to the various student organizations and offered outlets for entertainment on campus.

In anticipation of the Presidential Debate to be held on Wright State's campus, SG will collaborate with the deans of the colleges, College Democrats, and College Republicans to host a Student Government Presidential Debate and several "Meet the Candidate" events to introduce candidates for SG senator positions.

Student Government plans to work with various campus units to initiate a Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee. SG will work with University College and First Year Programs to offer a week of programs to familiarize undecided students with the various majors and programs.

Ms. Muncie and Mr. Doll also reported on two new universal restrooms available on campus and a trial run on vending machines offering an expanded selection of healthy snack options.

## **Updates**

Dr. Daniela Burnworth, associate director of clinical training for Counseling and Wellness Services (CWS), discussed state mandates for suicide prevention and mental health education programs. House Bill 28 requires all Ohio higher education institutions to have direct services, multi-media services, and student communication plans in place to educate students about suicide prevention and mental health resources available on campus and in the local community.

Required services include on- and off-campus counseling, telephone hotlines, mobile applications, and a comprehensive website listing all available services. Wright State currently offers counseling through CWS and access to "Raider Cares", a 24-hour crisis hotline. CWS conducts outreach activities for students across campus and is designing a bystander intervention program that is scheduled to be implemented in March. A comprehensive website listing all suicide prevention and mental health services still needs to be developed.

Last year, CWS saw 770 clients and made 7,000 clinical contacts. Of the students who have utilized their services, 38% reported seriously considering suicide, and 12% reported a past suicide attempt. Of the students on the wait list for services, 50% reported suicide ideation, and 15% reported a past suicide attempt.

Dr. Gary Dickstein, assistant vice president for student affairs, discussed several collaborative efforts within the Division of Student Affairs that are designed to address the needs of students with mental health and behavioral concerns. The Student Concern Committee, Health and Wellness Conferences, and Care and Concern Meetings are three

systems in place that are designed to identify students of concern, evaluate their behavior, assess their needs, and refer them to the services they need to be successful.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Twila Murray