

**E. Student Affairs and Athletics Committee**

Ms. Ramos, chair, will report on the committee meeting of September 15, 2017.

**Student Affairs Committee  
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**Minutes**

**Present:** M. Bridges, S. Fitzpatrick, J. Large Kingsley, B. Langos, W. Montgomery, C.D. Moore, A. Rains,

**Guests:** D. Baugham, S. Bauguess, A. Bautista, D. Bertson, W. Brannon, L. Chan, V. Borelly Vega, G. Dickstein, T. Doon, B. Grant, J. Hensley, J. Keferl, D. Kimpton, H. Mapel, C. Schrader, A. Steele-Middleton, T. Sudkamp, J. Ulliman

Ms. Grace Ramos, committee chair was out of town. Mrs. Jordan Large Kingsley chaired the meeting in her absence and called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. with the reading of the conflict of interest statement.

**Student Government Report**

Student Government Association (SGA) president, David Baugham, and vice president, Holley Mapel provided an overview of the Student Government's launchpad principles which included being solution – oriented, seeking transparency, and exhibiting excellence. The organization's mission to engage the student body, advocate for students' concerns, empower student leadership, and connect with community were also reviewed.

The Textbook Affordability Initiative was discussed, as Student Government has been an integral part of the Textbook Affordability Task Force. This task force has been focused on steering the university towards greater textbook affordability and accessibility. The SGA will also be lobbying at the state level for Inclusive Access to textbooks, which would provide the university the ability to negotiate more directly with textbook publishers.

Collaboration was also a facet stressed by the SGA. The organization seeks to collaborate with various Dean Student Advisory Boards to hold a student leadership summit, which will address the University's State of the Union from a student perspective. The SGA also plans on remaining an active partner in the Student Trustee Selection process in order to ensure the process remains well-documented and highly publicized.

Finally, the SGA will continue to enhance and grow the Freshman Internship Program, which aims to connect first-year students with student life on campus. The program, founded in 2015, provides a pipeline of future student leaders in organizations such as SGA.

## **Athletics Report**

Mr. Bob Grant, director of Athletics, began his report with an update on Ryan Custer, former Wright State student athlete who suffered a tragic accident in the spring. After undergoing several medical procedures, Mr. Custer has regained some large motor skills in his upper body and hopes to return to Wright State by January 2018.

The Wright State Swim Team was able to continue their season this year following the completion of several successful fundraising initiatives over the summer.

Handouts were distributed to the Trustees providing an overview of the Athletics department. Mr. Grant stressed that when it comes to spending for Division 1 athletics, Wright State University ranks nearly at the bottom when compared to other Horizon League schools. Expenses are half of the national average, while student athletes contribute nearly 1.5 million dollars in tuition and fees to the University. Overall, Wright State's Athletics accounts for just 3% of the University's total expenses, compared to a peer average of 6%.

Basketball, Wright State's lone revenue generating sport, has the highest game attendance in the league. Athletics generates over \$880,000 annually in sponsorship deals, but while most peer institutions keep the whole amount, Athletics revenues are divided between Athletics and the Nutter Center.

Wright State athletes completed 46 straight terms of academic excellence, where they achieved a 3.0 GPA or better with a graduation success rate of 87%. This success is due in large part to Athletics' vision of "people first, students second, and athletes third."

## **Vice President's Report**

Dr. Gary Dickstein, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs, highlighted the Division of Student Affairs' many accomplishments spanning the first few weeks of the academic year. Those successes included a Welcome Back Barbecue hosted by the Bolinga Black Cultural Resources center attended by almost 300 students. Almost 100 new women joined our Greek system, and approximately 200 students attended an Ice Cream Social hosted by the University's Cultural and Identity Centers. The division's pre-college programs saw an increase of 150 students in its summer programming, with the collaborative Raj Soin College of Business and STEM programs reaching full capacity. The Student Union booked almost 1,000 events to date, with two-thirds of those events organized by student organizations or departments within the division. The division also had three staff members (Lisa Burke, Mia Honaker, and Wray VanVoorhis) and one unit (the Crime Prevention Unit) who receive the prestigious President's Excellence Award. Finally, Move-In Day, an event that saw 1,300 students move on to campus with the help of 500 university volunteers, was met with overwhelmingly positive reviews.

All of these achievements culminated to produce a first-rate student experience that is important to the vibrancy and retention of our students. Further updates regarding the

division were postponed due to time constraints.  
The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vanessa Borelly Vega