

E. Student Affairs and Athletics Committee

Mrs. Ramos, chair, will report on the committee meeting of November 16, 2018

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Minutes

Present: D. Fecher, C.D. Moore, G. Ramos, S. Wenrick

Guests: L. Bradfield, W. Branson, L. Chan, K. Deedrick, G. Dickstein, T. Doom, J. Evans, B. Grant, M. Gray, M. Heckman, E. Hutton, D. Kimpton, I. Mallett, D. Palmer, C. Schrader, C. Adrian Williams

Ms. Grace Ramos called the meeting to order at 10:44 a.m. and read the conflict of interest statement.

Student Government Report

Student Government Association (SGA) president Daniel Palmer and vice president Adrian Williams reviewed SGA's mission and highlighted the many initiatives underway this year. SGA is exploring the possibility of a campus-wide "Common Hour", implementing a winter shuttle service to housing with the "Raider Ride Project", and revitalization of the Commuter Student Association. Other projects include posting a Thanksgiving banner for students to memorialize what they are thankful for, a "Raiders Hands Don't Haze" pledge opportunity, and a Coat Drive for students in need.

With an objective to strengthen connections between the military student population and traditional students. Mr. Ivan Mallet, SGA chief of staff and a sergeant in the U.S. Army, has been working in partnership with Athletics and the Nutter Center to establish a POW/MIA Chair of Honor. Housed in the Nutter Center, this veteran recognition will be dedicated in a ceremony on January 26, 2018. Mr. Mallet thanked Dr. Seth Gordon of the Wright State Veteran and Military Center and the 18th Intelligence Squadron Wright Patterson Air Force Base for funding this project.

SGA will host the Ohio Student Government Association Annual Summit on December 1. Student Government Associations from all 14 Ohio public universities will meet to discuss best practices.

Mr. Williams highlighted other SGA projects which include developing an undergraduate EMS Program to provide Emergency Medical Services training for interested students, a Mentorship program in the College of Business, and a mid-semester survey of University College students to ensure they have the necessary tools for selecting a major.

Work to improve the retention rate of minority students is ongoing and SGA is exploring the feasibility of a new free-standing Campus Recreation Facility for students.

Student Government has been active at the state level with Mr. Palmer and Mr. Williams offering legislative testimony on behalf of textbook affordability, on support for the waiver

of the 12 month residency requirement for military students, and support for the sales tax exemption for college textbook purchases.

Lastly, Student Government is working to encourage women interested in STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and Medicine) careers through their support of the “Women in STEMM Symposium”. Both President Schrader and Provost Edwards were panelists for this event. SGA also partnered with Lambda Chi Alpha to host the OXFAM Hunger Awareness Dinner that highlights how wealth inequality affects poverty across the world.

Vice President’s Report

Dr. Gary Dickstein, interim vice president for Student Affairs, updated the committee on recent events in the Division of Student Affairs. Student Activities partnered with the Career Center to host a “Suit Up” event in collaboration with J.C. Penny where over 200 students and alumni received wardrobe advice and discounts on professional attire.

Residence Life & Housing planned and hosted a regional conference for student residential leaders this past weekend. This very successful six state conference was attended by 320 students from over 40 institutions.

Dr. Dickstein shared a few data points highlighting the impact of various departments in the Division of Student Affairs. Student Activities registered 222 student organizations this year serving nearly 9,000 student members. A Residence Life satisfaction survey showed that 88% of residential students felt that living on campus has contributed to their learning.

In a recent Counseling and Wellness Services survey, 48% of students reported that their academic performance improved due to the services they received from this office.

Wright State’s Friendship Food Pantry

Ms. JoAnna Evans, Social Work graduate assistant and Friendship Food Pantry coordinator and Ms. Monica Gray, student intern, spoke on the mission of the food pantry and its importance to students. Established in 2011, the pantry provides emergency food services to students experiencing food insufficiency and a case management approach to connect student needs with other campus services. Currently 617 students have been served and with increasing usage, the food pantry is moving in January to a larger space in the Student Union. Several fundraisers and events are planned throughout the year including the Thanksgiving basket drive, “Adulthood on a Dime”, and various food drives.

Mr. Fecher recognized the importance of the Friendship Food Pantry and encouraged his fellow trustees to support its efforts with their donations.

Athletics Report

Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, Bob Grant, reported on some recent highlights from the Athletic Department. Under their student focused model, Wright State student athletes

had an 86% graduate rate (highest in Wright State history) and earned a 3.0 GPA or higher for the 48 consecutive term.

The Men's Soccer team had a stellar year. Consistently ranked in the top 25 nationally all year, they competed for the championship in the Horizon League Championship game. Women's Soccer had the "player of the year" for the conference and Volleyball made it into the Horizon League Tournament. Women's Cross Country finished 2nd in the Horizon League for the second time in Wright State's history and Women's Basketball has now played in five straight post season tournaments.

Wright State's success is continuing to gain more national exposure. This year, Men's Basketball will have four games nationally televised on ESPN for the first time in our history. CBS Sports has ranked Wright State Men's Basketball as 4th among Ohio universities which now places them above the University of Dayton.

Mr. Grant introduced two student-athletes, senior soccer player Eric Hutton and Maria Heckman who is a senior pole vaulter on the track team. Mr. Hutton remarked on his role as President for the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and how it has enhanced his leadership skills. SAAC has two athletes from every team meeting monthly with the Athletic administration to develop life skill training, community service events, and personal and career development opportunities. As Vice President of SAAC, Ms. Heckman expressed her appreciation for Wright State's closely knit student athlete community and its emphasis on people first, students second, and athletes third.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Kimpton