

D. Student Affairs and Athletics Committee

Ms. Ramos, chair, will report on the committee meeting of January 19, 2018.

**Student Affairs Committee
Meeting of January 19, 2018**

Minutes

Present: D. Fecher, S. Fitzpatrick, S. Green, B. Langos, C.D. Moore, A. Rains, G. Ramos

Guests: J. Acosta, D. Baugham, D. Bertso, W. Branson, J. Brown, L. Chan, E. Corbitt, G. Dickstein, K. Ferguson-Scott, J. Giles, B. Grant, D. Kimpton, M. Larsen, H. Mapel, T. Murray, C. Schrader, T. Sudkamp, J. Ulliman

Ms. Grace Ramos called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m.

Student Government Report

Student Government Association (SGA) president David Baugham and vice president Holley Mapel provided updates on SGA's upcoming campus initiatives. The college representative recruitment challenge is a student led initiative to develop new enrollment management strategies. For example, the College of Education Dean's Student Advisory Board is offering a "Meet Your Major" program for their college.

SGA is also partnering with the Division of Student Affairs to offer the Wright Impact project pitch competition on March 20. This event challenges the Wright State community to deepen its commitment to equity and inclusion. The winner of the competition will receive \$1,000 in seed money to support their initiative.

SGA invited trustees to participate in the Trustee Shadow Program. This program pairs Board of Trustees members with student leaders and includes a specialized tour designed to give trustees greater insight into life as a student.

Athletics Report

Mr. Bob Grant, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, provided an update on the department's budget and the academic performance of student athletes. The Athletics department is tracking their budget weekly. In terms of revenue, Athletics is experiencing a 27% increase in corporate sponsorship, which is \$1,000 over the target. Foundation contributions were expected to be flat, but are up 4% as of January 15. Basketball season ticket sales are down 10%, but the team's excellent performance is expected to bring the total sales close to flat. Expenses are tracking as expected; however, Mr. Grant noted that weather impacts the budget for outdoor sports.

Wright State's student athletes are continuing to perform well academically. Student athletes overall have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for 47 straight terms. Notably, the Women's Cross-Country team earned a GPA of 3.86 for Fall 2017. Student Athlete graduation success rates have been at 87 and 88% recently.

Mr. Grant invited three student athlete leaders—Ms. Chelsea Welch from women’s basketball, Mr. Chris Rodriguez from baseball, and Ms. Megan Hopkins from volleyball—to share their distinctive journeys to Wright State and their experiences since enrolling.

Vice President’s Report

Dr. Gary Dickstein, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs, presented an update on Student Affairs. The Bolinga Black Cultural Resource Center celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. day by holding the Social Justice Awards recognition event. Wright State was represented at the “I Am My Brother’s Keeper” event the City of Dayton held in honor of MLK.

The Wright State Police Department is engaging in outreach to the campus community through the “Donuts with the Chief” event to enhance communication and foster positive relationships. The Women’s Center celebrates its 25th anniversary on January 25th; and the Latino, Asian, and Native American Center celebrates its grand opening on January 23. Also, the Adventure Summit will be held on February 9th and 10th and will welcome close to 6,000 visitors to campus.

Dr. Dickstein shared information about current initiatives taking place in Student Affairs. A comprehensive package of online educational programs is being finalized for all incoming students. The program will consist of four content areas: gender based violence and harassment, academic integrity, suicide prevention, and drugs and alcohol. Also, the Social and Racial Justice Task Force is currently meeting and will work to recommend cultural competency training for students and staff in the Division of Student Affairs, identify macro and micro level diversity activities to create tradition in that area, and help meet the needs that exist in our community to facilitate positive change on our campus.

Dr. Dickstein provided data from Residence Life and Housing and the Student Union regarding student retention rates. For the 2014 cohort of students, 63% of residential students returned from first to second year as compared to 57% of students who lived off-campus and not with their parents. For the 2015 cohort, 64% of residential students returned as compared to 56% of non-residential students who did not live with their parents. Figures for the 2016 cohort are not yet available. Nationally, students who work on campus have a higher first to second year retention rate. The Student Union and Campus Recreation department is the largest employer of student employees, employing 119 students. Of those students, 100% completed fall semester, 95.6% returned for spring semester, and 93.8% also returned to their jobs.

Dr. Dickstein also shared a proactive student life initiative regarding Greek Life. Wright State has not been plagued by the tragic events associated with Greek life activities that numerous other universities across the country have faced. Wright State will continue to support our fraternities and sororities in creating a positive environment on campus.

Dr. Dickstein announced that Interim Associate VP for Student Affairs, Dr. Kimberly Scott, will lead a group of students and staff through a process of reengineering the goals of the

cultural and identity centers. The group will identify models of a centralized destination for an inclusive environment of excellence, while maintaining the unique identities of each center. The goal will be to increase student engagement within those centers, not only for those who use the centers for support, but to also to increase the cultural competency of majority students as well. The centers will promote dialogue and interaction and will continue to create a welcoming environment that celebrates all students and reaffirms our commitment to diversity.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Twila Murray