

D. Student Affairs and Athletics Committee

Ms. Ramos, committee chair, will report on the committee meeting of March 29, 2019.

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Minutes

Present: M. Bridges, D. Fecher, S. Fitzpatrick, S. Green, B. Langos, C.D. Moore, A. Rains, S. Wenrick

Guests: J. Brown, L. Chan, S. Christy, G. Dickstein, T. Doom, G. Keucher, D. Kimpton, A. Lemming, D. Palmer, B. Peed, R. Ray, A. Williams

Mr. Austin Rains, Student Trustee, called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. in the absence of Committee chair, Ms. Ramos, and read the conflict of interest statement.

Chair's Comments

Mr. Rains thanked the students, staff, and faculty who persisted at Wright State through the recent challenges and expressed confidence that a bright future for everyone is on the horizon.

Student Government Report

Trustee Raines conveyed the Board's appreciation and read a resolution recognizing Mr. Daniel Palmer and Mr. Adrian Williams for their exemplary work and leadership in their roles as president and vice president of the Student Government Association (SGA). The students also received certificates honoring their service.

1. Recognition of Daniel Palmer and Adrian Williams

RESOLUTION 19-

WHEREAS, Daniel Palmer and Adrian Williams were selected by the Wright State Student Body to serve as their president and vice president for the 2018-2019 academic year; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Palmer and Adrian Williams have demonstrated exemplary leadership skills in their roles in the Student Government Association; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Palmer and Adrian Williams 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 Daniel Palmer and Adrian Williams.

I offer this Motion:
Is there a Second:
Voice Vote:

Mr. Palmer and Mr. Williams expressed gratitude to Mr. Austin Rains for his service as a Student Trustee and provided updates on SGA's major projects this year.

Mr. Williams spoke about the "Retain the Nine" initiative to increase retention for underrepresented students. The goal is to develop a holistic approach to address the main reasons that students do not return to Wright State, namely, personal, financial, cultural, and academic.

Mr. Palmer discussed recent progress on the referendum to build a stand-alone recreation facility. He reviewed statistics that correlate increased participation in student recreational facilities and services with increased retention, GPA, and graduation rates. The referendum requires 10% of the student body to participate, and a majority to vote yes. The projected cost of the project is approximately 92 million dollars, which includes ongoing operations and equipment for the Center as well as one time funding for renovations to the space that would be vacated in the Student Union.

Mr. Palmer introduced next year's SGA president Ivan Mallet, and announced that Mr. Adrian Williams will serve a second year as the SGA vice president.

Vice President's Report

Dr. Gary Dickstein recognized Ms. Katie Deedrick, Director of Student Support Services, for over 40 years of service at Wright State University. Ms. Deedrick has worked to remove barriers and identify resources for thousands of students who faced challenges.

Ms. Gina Keucher, Program Director in the Office of Student Activities, provided highlights from Fraternity and Sorority Life. Last year, 525 students delivered 32,000 hours of service and raised nearly \$30,000 for philanthropy. These students consistently rank above the all-men, all-women, and all-university average for GPA; fall-to-fall retention; and 6 year graduation rates. Recent interest has been shown in more diverse organizations, and a Diversity and Inclusion Director has been appointed. Ms. Keucher also recognized outgoing Fraternity and Sorority Council president Sarah Christy and incoming president Bentley Peed, who discussed benefits they received from their experiences in Fraternity and Sorority life.

Athletics Report

Ms. Joylynn Brown, assistant director of Athletics and senior women's administrator, provided highlights on the end of the basketball season. The women's basketball team participated in the NCAA tournament, and the men participated in the National Invitation Tournament (NIT). Wright State had 10 nationally televised games: 2 for women and 8 for men and led the league in attendance with 65,000 fans.

Ms. Brown remarked on the unique organizational structure at Wright State, in which she supervises men's basketball, men's soccer and cross country. This helps athletes understand that it is normal to have women in leadership roles. Wright State is also

distinctive for having an all-women's coaching staff for women's basketball. Ms. Brown was pleased to note that the women's NCAA experience was equitable to the men's NCAA experience last year.

Mr. Robert Ray, coordinator of Academic Success Programs, discussed the Academic Progress Rate (APR) metric used by the NCAA to hold institutions accountable for the academic progress of their student-athletes. For 2017-2018, 8 of 13 Wright State athletic teams received perfect single APRs of 1000 points. Three teams had 4-year averages of 1000. The Athletics Department had an overall average of 987 or 98.7%.

Ms. Alannah Lemming, member of the volleyball team receiving a perfect APR, spoke of how the coaching and advising from the athletic department assisted her with focusing on academic accomplishments and expanding her resume with various experiences.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Twila Murray