

University Committee on Student Affairs (UCSA)
Friday, October 18, 2013
150 Student Services Building
8:30-10:00am
MEETING SUMMARY

Voting Members: **Ronald Fisher, Jim Smith**, Nora Rifon, Tracey Covassin, Teresa Bitner, **Jessica Leacher**, Mike Mozina, **Claire McCarthy, Kathryn Maass**, Christie Teske, Parrisa R. Brown, Miles Armaly

Non-voting Members: **Denise B. Maybank, Allyn Shaw, Robert Caldwell**, Rick Shafer

Agenda

Quorum not reached

~~I. Approval of Agenda~~

~~II. Approval of Minutes~~

III. Reports

a. Steering Committee

b. Faculty Council

III.b.1. RF- not much change occurred; only thing talked about was when committee on media will meet soon and graduate student added to the committee

c. COGS

d. ASMSU

III.d.1. JL- GA last night; website update to come, passed a bill to allocate money for a scholarship and partnering with Alumni Foundation; Sportsmanship Task Force on point

e. Vice President for Student Affairs and Services

III.e.1. Maybank- had opportunity to attend COGS group and present plan for reorganization for student affairs, effort to align aspects of the functions associated with student affairs in a useful way and reach out to community to support those alignments; Halloween and U of M game coming within next week, celebrations committee has been discussing what needs to be done to have a safe and spirit filled weekend; Dayglow

also occurring so another concern with pain and impact of the experience

IV. Clery Act

- a. Assistant general counsel Radhika- prepares annual security report; report required by federal law under the Clery act; required to prepare this report by October 1st; includes information about crime and fire safety regarding to incidences in the residence halls only; describes frequency of crimes on campus; surveyed East Lansing campus, Grand Rapids campus, campus in Dubai, and campus in Troy; only report on crimes that occur on campus, not crimes that occur across lines; in 2011, edited the Clery Act, now underage students caught with alcohol included in liquor law disciplinary referrals; more changes to Clery act once Violence Against Women comes into play
- b. Maybank- how are you going to collect info in a way that still protects the security of the victims?
- c. AGC- privacy will still be maintained, contact police and can't obligate anyone to report an incident; under the law, just have to make the inquiry
- d. JS- can you speak to illegal weapons?
- e. AGC- not sure of specifics, can be any type of weapon; only needs intention to be used as a weapon
- f. Maybank- recent problem with air guns
- g. JS- categorized as illegal weapon if not a illegal weapon, like a baseball bat, but with intent for violence
- h. Maybank- residence of a airgun and had conversation about that "weapon" will be reported
- i. JL- how does MSU use this information collected?
- j. AGC- Could help enact new programs and affects new practices and policies

V. AFR

- a. JL- first sub committee met yesterday and identified key issues such as hearing board composition, articles 4-7 and technology in the classroom within student to student and teacher to student; meeting weekly from here on Thursday mornings; bring questions to anyone on committee if concerned

- b. RF- according to AFR, students beliefs may not be disclosed by the university; article 2, number 8; policy that we can't disclose students beliefs, values, or health improperly, does that imply to students revealing that to other students or just teachers and staff? Or is it just improper disclosure?
- c. JS- came from a time when the concern was that the university should not disclose this information, this section may need to be more explicit
- d. Maybank- need to think how our AFR protects students in our environment, don't have policy ordinances or regulation associated with social media but have a acceptable use policy but not how you use it against people policy; need to deliberately address that issue now in our new AFR
- e. JS- issue of defining the connections between the university and the students, outside of student to student contact
- f. RF- if professors record their own classes, have they consented to have their beliefs shared even if they do have knowledge of the recording?
- g. JS- issues needing to be addressed by subcommittee

VI. Provost Search

- a. Teresa will update at next meeting

VII. Roundtable

- a. RF- faculty senate entertaining story- had a person from the MSU police talk with them about what happens if someone comes into a classroom and threatens violence, what to do? Suggests 15 min of class at start of every class at semester about what to do in an emergency; also a suggestion to practice "duck and cover" drills with students; not a big appeal to the faculty; if opportunity presents itself, take the person out; faculty members should be paying close attention to this
- b. JL- trained to set yourself up in a position to take the person out because catches them off guard
- c. Maybank- since Columbine, people are more conscious and need to have plans in play but drills are a whole other level
- d. RC- an intense training is a little drastic; most dangerous thing for me is crossing Grand River

- e. RF- bringing weapons to class is not realistic, have been sharks in Red Cedar, but low probability of crime, idea that faculty members will spend a significant amount of time addressing crime rather than course goals is not entirely realistic
- f. JS- includes tornados, earthquakes, etc, not out of realm to say to students that low probability events can occur, emergency's can occur, and if that happens here is where we go, address quickly
- g. RF- but that is a dangerous thing to say because action could be misinterpreted; incidence that one student thought another student was holding a gun, a real danger exists in telling students to assault others
- h. RC- want students to feel like they are in a safe place
- i. Maybank- want to protect that security of the environment atmosphere
- j. RF- should prepare for health issues rather than low probability violence issues
- k. RC- violence not on my list
- l. Maybank- want faculty to be informed incase situation does occur
- m. CM- taught to recognize exits in every situation incase of emergency
- n. RF- presentation by police was strong and a little one sided
- o. JC- concerned about lack of quorum, maybe a guilt email the day before to get people's attention, if people are going to make the commitment, they need to have a priority
- p. JL- will send out a reminder the night before

VIII. Adjournment