

**Minutes of the Student Affairs Committee of Faculty Senate
November 17, 2017 – 11:00 AM – UWG Coliseum Room 2113
Approved, February 9, 2018**

Members Present: Markesha Henderson, chair (COE), Ryan Bronkema (COE) Rahmel Cowen (Graduate School rep), Lucas Elmore (Graduate Student Rep), Ken Hilderhoff (RCOB), Elaine MacKinnon (COAH), Emily McKendry-Smith for Lynn Pazzani (COSS), Patty Moran (THSSON), Miriam Nauemburg (LIBR), Elizabeth Youdell (SGA rep)

Guests Present: Tyler Petty (SGA), Jane Simpson (Legal Counsel)

Meeting called to order at 11:01 am

ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Henderson requested an amendment to the agenda to include SAFBA report after approval of minutes since they met the day prior to committee meeting

Agenda was adopted (unanimous)

Minutes were approved (unanimous)

SAFBA Report

The SAFBA committee met on November 16, 2017. There were several proposed fees and actions the committee approved:

- An increase of athletic facility fee
- An increase of student center fee
- An increase of housing fee
- The activity fee remained the same
- Voted to reallocate funds for spring concert (\$20,000)

A question to whether funds are available for student travel. Henderson indicated there is some money available for departments and student organizations to make a request for SAFBA consideration.

OLD BUSINESS

UWG Procedure 3.8.1 Free Speech and Public Demonstration Policy Feedback

Jane Simpson, UWG Legal Counsel was present to share the background on how and why the free speech and public demonstration policy came into existence.

There were also questions regarding how the university deals with facility use of groups that present content or protected speech that may be inflammatory. Simpson contended their speech is protected and there is little we can do to prevent them from renting space without facing a lawsuit, but the best

way to counter those types of instances is to ignore it and avoid actions that would garner attention or become newsworthy (i.e. a lawsuit filed, etc.) because ultimately these groups are seeking attention and a larger platform for their agenda. It was recommended that all requests involving public demonstrations be automatically forwarded to University Police. It was unclear whether or not this is current procedure. Henderson will provide this recommendation to the Vice President of Student Affairs. No further action on this item is required.

NEW BUSINESS

UWG Procedure 3.8.2 Bullying Involving Students

The Bullying Involving Students policy was also implemented around the same time as the demonstrations policy and the committee. Simpson presented the rationale for the policy and answered questions regarding the scope. There was a discussion regarding language or actions that address a groups vs individuals. The committee felt the policy adequately addressed students who may be targeted by bullying. No further action on this item is required.

House Bill 471

House Bill 471 recommends the establishment of free speech policies for institutions of the university system and to prohibit the mandatory payment of certain student activity fees. Simpson believes this bill did not pass so there is nothing for this committee to deliberate on this matter. No further action on this item is required.

FUTURE MEETING DATES AND TOPICS

An availability poll will be sent to the committee for future meetings and the senior student affairs officers will be consulted on the topic for our next meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 am