

Minutes approved Nov. 17 2017

Minutes of Student Affairs Committee of UWG Faculty Senate Meeting October 4, 2017 – 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm – Coliseum 2114

Meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm.

Members Present: Markesha Henderson (COE), chair, Keith Bohannon (COAH), Rahmel Cowen (Graduate School rep), Xiaofeng Gu (COSM), Dena Kniess for Ryan Bronkema (COE), Elaine MacKinnon (COAH), Patty Moran (THSSON), Miriam Nauemburg (LIBR), Denise Overfield (VPAA rep), Lynn Pazzani (COSS), Gabrielle Perez for Lucas Elmore (Graduate Student Rep), Elizabeth Youdell (SGA rep)

Guests: Tom Succenti, UWG Chief of Police, Jami Sailors, Captain, Carrollton Police Department

Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted with no corrections.

Introductions

- Committee members introduced themselves and new members were welcomed.
- Appointment of Committee Secretary – committee agreed to rotate the responsibility and delegate someone at the start of the meeting.
- Appointment of SAFBA representative – A faculty member of the committee must serve on the Student Activity Fee Budget Allocation committee. Traditionally it had been the chair, but is open to any faculty member. No one expressed interest so Markesha Henderson will serve in this capacity. The first meeting is Thursday, October 12 at 2:00 pm.

Review of committee Responsibilities and Charge

- The committee responsibilities were reviewed and encompasses numerous areas on campus. A priority list was made last academic year that included student prices for Dine West and campus security. Security was put on hold because the police chief search had not been finalized and will be addressed this academic year (the current meeting). Each month a call for agenda items for each priority area will be placed. If there are no agenda items the meeting will be cancelled.
- Markesha Henderson met with Scot Lingrell, VP of Student Affairs, and was asked to discuss campus demonstration policy.

Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- The minutes from the meeting on 4-14-17 were presented and reviewed. An addendum was also included in response to the action items from Dine West. The minutes were unanimously approved with no corrections.

Guest Speaker – Tom Succenti – Chief of Police, UWG

- New UWG Police chief was introduced. He was accompanied by Captain Jami Sailors of the Carrollton Police Department because they work closely together.
- Mentioned that an area that is currently lacking in the department is the relationship with neighboring apartment communities.
- Nine new police officers were hired within the last year.

- To work on next year: The alerting system is currently in opt-in mode. Needs to be revamped so that it is an opt out system and everyone is automatically included.
- The current safety app (Rave Guardian) is under-utilized.
- Working on implementing an “Adopt a police officer program” to create a more substantive relationship with the various departments.
- Ken Hilderhoff asked if a safety button could be or currently is installed in classrooms. Chief Succenti advised the safety app (Rave Guardian) has an emergency button, which allows police officers to track a person’s location using phone GPS. Looking into other platforms for next year.
- Keith Bohannon asked about the use of tasers with the campus carry legislation. Chief Succenti informed us that tasers are permitted.
- Markesha Henderson asked about the Stanley Security grant and if the money went to purchase more cameras and whether there is a need for more camera surveillance? Chief Succenti informed the cameras are not constantly monitored but record activity that can be used in an investigation.

Campus Demonstration Guidelines

- Markesha Henderson distributed the Board of Regents Policy – Freedom of Expression guidelines.
- A discussion about the public demonstration space mentioned in the BOR policy ensued.
 - *Areas for public demonstration:* The consensus was the area in front of student center, where the fountain is makes the most sense. Chief Succenti suggested a demonstration area or buffer zone needs to be designated as well to give guidelines for those engaging in counter protests. He also raised concerns that come along with enforcing designated spaces.
 - He mentioned universities that currently have good demonstration policies to review are NC State, FSU, and Appalachian State
 - A question was raised on how the campus carry legislation may factor into campus demonstration policies. Chief Succenti concluded the data in other states with similar legislation does not suggest that this is a problem.
 - Chief Succenti also suggested we may want to consider rules concerning amplified sound. Captain Sailors mentioned the city of Carrollton has a policy so not to disrupt residents. On campus, what is considered a disruption to the learning environment?
- Markesha Henderson will do additional research on this topic and meet with campus officials and report back to the committee to determine our next course of action.

Future Meeting Dates and Topics

- A spreadsheet was circulated to find the time that works best for the committee. Friday afternoons appeared to be the best option. Markesha Henderson will send a doodle poll for the next meeting dates and only include Friday as the option.

Announcements

- There were no announcements.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:18 pm.