

Meeting Minutes:

1. Introductions – Student Town Hall – purpose, expectations, and format
 - The Town Hall Meeting is an opportunity to maintain an open dialog between students and administration throughout the course of each semester. It will generally last an hour with posted set agenda, and meeting minutes will be posted. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.
 - Senior administrators present in alpha order: Dennis Craig, Steve Dorso, Jean Kim, Ed Musal, Judy Nolan, Barry Pearson, and Elizabeth Robertson.
2. Update Concerning Tuition and fees for 17/18 Academic Year
 - Judy Nolan- There is a moratorium on all broad based fees and course fee increases for the next 2 year budget cycle. Course fees include things like music lessons related to a music class or lab fees associated with a science class. Broad based fees include things like technology or orientation fees. It excludes room rates and meal plan rates. Meal plans are pass through fees, set by Chartwells. There may be a small increase in room rates since outstanding bonds need to be repaid, but we are working on keeping it as low as possible.
3. Drinking Water Safety on campus
 - Judy Nolan- We all want to drink healthy water. We have regular testing and flushing. If there is a problem like the lower level of the library which, due to lack of use caused stagnant water causing higher levels of lead to form. we will find alternate preferred sources.
 - Concern from students was that they are not being informed enough about test results from water testing going on. Ed Musal replied that, not always easy to find on the web, all testing is made available posted to our website within 5 business days. He assured students that children are most effected, noting neuropathy as one of the final effects of lead poisoning in adults.
 - How will Alumni from the college know lead might have been a concern? How do we get the word out to them?
 - Elizabeth Robertson- We have Alumni channels. One is Facebook.
 - Dennis Craig asked how we can better communicate results of water testing with students. Replies were:
 - Set up table at CCN
 - Info to handout
 - Link to website more accessible in PDF form
 - Bulletin boards in residence halls
 - Senior staff attend Green fee group to communicate with students

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The administration agreed to make test results available in their original format and will do so by Email with a link.

Other students to communicate green issues with:

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4. Updates on Diversity Plan

- Jean Kim- The President's Task Force on Diversity Hiring and Mentoring met 4 times this year.
- Task force is divided into three sub-committees;
 - Recruitment- Hiring of faculty and staff with attention to diversity in positions. Diverse candidates must be aggressively recruited from institutions with graduate and PhD programs. Housing is expensive in the area so staff and faculty of color may need to live far from campus. A recommendation is to take that into consideration and provide telecommuting or other means of flexible work schedule.
 - Retention- Formal recognition for diverse staff for extra work they do since they are sought out by students of color beyond those assigned to them. Development opportunities made available to faculty and staff. International faculty has additional needs so it is recommended that a special workgroup be formed to address their unique needs.
 - Mentorship- Program needs to be developed to provide mentors when the chief diversity officer position gets filled. Joel Aure, Affirmative Action/Chief Diversity Officer and Title IX Coordinator, left the college at the end of December. To replace one part of his work, we created a new position, Title IX Investigator who will be reporting to the Title IX Coordinator. This search is currently underway. The job

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description of a Chief Diversity Officer/Affirmative Action Officer/ Title IX Coordinator reporting to the President is being drafted to be reviewed by the College Senate, and once finalized a search to fill the position will begin. Ricardo Espinales is the acting Affirmative Action Officer until the position is filled.

- Diversity Task Force will share their report with the student body.

Concern from students:

- Answering to poster of “*Where are Professors of Color?*” Barry Person replied that there was no one to reach out to directly since the poster was from an anonymous source, but he reached out to faculty in each building to ask if there were students to whom he might respond directly. There is a Global Black Studies minor in place and remains in place. Looking at 2 new faculty in History and Art History to offer needed courses. There will be more faculty recruiting, but the curriculum has to adjust as a means to remain attractive to faculty of color.

5. Discussion – Suggested Agenda Items for March Meeting

Next meeting suggestion to be at 6:30 on a Wednesday.

- More info on Diversity Plan-More numbers, actions giving students a feeling of confidence. Materials to be produced. How process for Title IX is going.
- Tobacco Free Campus- Why and how, not if of implementation since this gradual implementation has been taking place for the past 4-5 years.
- What PSGA is paying for and what the school is paying for.
- Bike policy for the mall.

Student Resources- Students wanted minutes posted with instructions to the PDF link as to where it can be found on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00PM