

Student Affairs and Campus Life Advisory Committee
Minutes 4/8/14

Members present: Anand Rao, Robert Rycroft, Jon McMillan
Guests: Margot Jebb, Bethany Friesner

The committee chair, Suzanne Houff could not be present, so Anand Rao sat in as chair for the day.

As a preface, Anand communicated the Chair's thanks to current members, officers and those who rotate off the committee this year.

The meeting started with a recap of the previous year:

1. Bethany Friesner and Margot Jebb updated the group on the status of next year's Living Learning Communities
 - 9 LLC's are slated for next year, 5 returning and 4 new (see previous month's minutes for a description of each)
 - More faculty are interested in developing LLC's, but have been asked to wait until next year since they were already past this year's deadline
 - The process of selecting PA's has begun
 - The Residence Life website has been updated with new descriptions of current LLC's (students.umw.edu/residencelife/lc/)
2. Anand asked about the orientation for LLC members, and the process by which students elect to be involved in an LLC

Bethany responded that students fill out a questionnaire once they accept admission to UMW that allows them to indicate interest in an LLC and the linked course that goes with it. The courses (and thereby the LLC's) are filled on a first come/first served basis.

Students participating in LLC's have a separate orientation in June, and also move in to their campus housing earlier than other freshmen. They also participate in a field trip (with their LLC) to start off the year.

3. The trip to the University of Richmond to tour their LLC program was postponed until the Fall. Margot is working on scheduling the trip early in the next semester.
4. Bethany and Margot detailed plans for the Fall semester's LLCs including the integration of leadership oriented activities integrated with a group trip to Mt. Vernon and the assessment of the summer orientation sessions
5. Discussion leading up to next year's goals began with an agreement on the positive direction that LLC development has taken during the past year.

6. The committee then developed the following list of goals for the next academic year.

- Work towards developing an assessment system for the LLC program at UMW. Anand suggested starting with the NSSE survey as a starting point. Margot will also email copies of the questionnaire that U of R uses to assess their LLCs to the committee.

- Continue to advise Residence life on the formation of new LLCs and the promotion of current programs. The committee will also continue to give the committee feedback on the new Faculty in Residence program, and help evaluate LLC proposals for 2015/16.

- Potentially attend the ACUHO-I conference on LLCs in late October in Kansas City, MO.

- Continue to work with Vice President Searcy to advise on matters that he deems important.

7. Officers for next year were nominated:

- Anand Rao nominated Jon McMillan to be Chair and Robert Rycroft seconded
- Jon accepted the nomination and will serve as Chair next year
- The group then decided to wait until the first meeting in the Fall to determine the new Secretary

8. Lastly, the group discussed the new Faculty member in Residence program, in which a faculty member lives in a campus apartment for one year and interacts with students in that Hall on a regular basis.

- So far, the Office of Residence life is waiting for official approval to post the position.
- The group agreed that the position is probably best suited for a lecturer or visiting professor who is transitional, on a term contract, and has less service requirements than full time faculty. This also assumes that such faculty would be new to the area.
- Jon mentioned that the benefits of the position (eg. free rent) could be accented or played up to make the position more desirable.
- Anand suggested that the term be shortened to one-year from two to better accommodate transitional faculty.
- The current plan is to offer an apartment in Willard Hall. The F.I.R. will work primarily with students in Virginia Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted by Jon McMillan, Secretary