

Student Affairs and Campus Life Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 1 PM

Location: 212 in the ITCC

Committee Members in Attendance: Jon McMillian, Kashef Majid, Kate Haffey, Antonio Causarano, Maysoon Al-Sayed Ahmad

Guests in Attendance: Sushma Subramanian

Meeting Called to Order 1:05

- Jon introduces Sushma Subramanian, current faculty-in-residence and assistant professor of journalism in ELC department. Sushma is here to give the committee an overview of her experience as faculty-in-residence.
- Our meeting will consist of two parts:
 - Sushma's overview of the faculty-in-residence position
 - A run down of the committee for our two new members and discussion of what we might do next
- Sushma explains her experience as faculty in residence and the committee asks questions.
 - Sushma discusses some concerns about the housing situation for faculty-in-residence (the apartment was quite drafty).
 - She explains that the position required her to hold at least one event a month. Some of these events included a trolley tour for freshman, an open forum for student groups, and faculty-student dinners. She is also going to be leading a yoga class at the gym. In some cases, the turnout for such events was poor and Sushma wonders if the events were adding value for the university.
 - Sushma suggests that it might be better to have two faculty-in-residence positions so that the two could plan events together.
 - The committee and Sushma brainstorm about ways to improve this position. Ideas posited include front-loading the events at the beginning of the semester, limiting the amount of events, more outreach and promotion, and housing the faculty-in-residence in different apartments.
 - Sushma mentions she has already written a letter to the provost about some of what we've discussed here and that she will pass along her experiences to the next person to take the position.
- Jon explains to the new members that this is an advisory committee. In past the committee has often worked directly with the VP of Student Affairs to help with what they need. This year we have a VP who is new to the university so we met with her in the fall but have been waiting to see what she needs from the committee going forward.
- Our next endeavor will be to meet with VP Juliette Landphair, Dean Cedric Rucker, and Tevya Zukor (Director of the Talley Center for Counseling Services) in order to give feedback for a database they are creating as a resource to find how what problems students are having.
 - There will be homework for our next meeting. Jon will Email the link to website so we can look at it and come back with suggestions as to what needs to be done next.

Meeting Dismissed at 1:53