Student Affairs and Campus Life (SACL) Advisory Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Time: Oct. 9, 2024, at 4 p.m.

* Location: CRUC Capitol Room

Attendees:

* Ashe Laughlin, Assistant Professor of Painting and Drawing, Chair of Committee
* Melissa Jones, Dean of Students/Associate VP of Student Affairs (ex-officio Committee Member)
* Juliette Landphair, Ph.D. Vice President for Student Affairs (ex-officio Committee Member)
* Randall Reif, Associate Professor of Chemistry and Physics, Committee Member
* Sushma Subramanian, Associate Professor, Communications & Digital Studies, Secretary of Committee
* Antonia Delgado-Poust, Associate Professor, Modern Languages and Literatures, Committee Member
* Sarah Morealli, Senior Lecturer, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Committee Member
* Rachel Nolan, Studio Art, Student Committee Representative
* Maya Schram, Conservation Biology, Student Committee Representative

1. Guest speakers – Melissa Jones, Dean of Students/Associate VP of Student Affairs (ex-officio Committee Member) and April Wynn, Associate Professor Biological Sciences

The coordinated care and behavioral intervention programs are made up of individuals from academic services, faculty, Residence Life, Student Transition Program, etc., whose goal is to intervene early to address students’ academic and behavioral issues and provide support.

Coordinated care

* This group meets weekly and is focused on first-year students, which is interpreted broadly to mean freshmen and transfers
* Information is collected before students even attend class, so many students are receiving interventions before they start
* FSEM instructors send progress reports in the first couple weeks, before they have any grades, to see how students are adjusting
* If faculty provide input through EAB and midterm progress reports, that gets considered as plan for intervention is formed
* Types of issues include irregular class attendance, failure to turn in assignments, unusual behavior
* FSEM peer mentors help build connections and provide additional support for students
* Betsy Southern, Dean of Students Non-clinical Case Manager, collects this information and works with team to coordinate a response
* Primary database is Maxient, which was initially a conduct database, but is now used more broadly. Some reports may show up on EAB, but that’s incomplete, so the suggestion is to take it with a grain of salt.

Behavioral intervention

* This group also meets once a week to discuss students who need help beyond the first year or whose cases are more serious
* Team is more compact but also includes the police department and Talley Center director
* Cases sometimes involve repeat offenses or significant mental health concerns, inappropriate behavior, disruption to the larger community
* Reports can be filed by parents, residence life, staff and students
* Can be done anonymously as well

Guest Recommendations:

* Emphasized importance of faculty and staff support in identifying and addressing student issues early
* Some faculty have said they don’t know what happens after the report is filed. If curious, it’s possible to call the Student Affairs office and ask.
* Sometimes faculty get emails from Betsy Southern asking for input on students, so being aware of her role is useful
* Suggestion from April to move up midterm progress reports, which would provide more time before registration advising to intervene with students
* On EAB, SACL members requested an option to report personal issues, not academic, so it doesn’t send an alert to the student.

2. Future guest speaker - Melina Patterson, Associate Professor Geography, Vice Chair UFC.

Topic: treatment and arrest of students in April of 2024, revised protest and chalking policies

Others to be finalized. Ashe asked for more suggestions for future meetings.

3. Approval of September minutes – Approved by unanimous consent