

Student Affairs and Campus Life Advisory Committee Minutes

February 22, 2020, 3:30 pm
George Washington Hall 106

Committee members present:
Patricia Orozco (Chair)
Jason Robinson (Secretary)

Ex-officio:
Cedric Rucker, Associate Vice President & Dean of Student Life

Introductions

Dave Fleming, Residence Life

Residence Life

- The mission of Residence Life and Housing is to build and sustain a developmentally-based, socially just, and research-informed program that will encourage students' growth and development, build interpersonal relationships, and integrate student learning opportunities across their college experience.
- Current issues affecting students, e.g. safety and support, programming, and engagement.
- Students spend about 75% of time outside of classroom
- 75 Resident Assistants
- 6 Student Office Assistants
- 15 Eagle Landing Desk Assistants and one Lead Attendant (Wage)\
- 17 Residence Halls, 2508 Beds
- Fall Occupancy rate 97%
- Spring Occupancy rate 89%
- Number goes down due to graduation and academic issues
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SAFETY IS #1 PRIORITY

- Safety Measures
- Access Control
- Propped Door Alarms
- Locks and Key Management
- Cameras - Cameras cover a lot of spaces but are mindful of creating an overly monitored campus that feels unwelcoming
- Fire Safety Systems

- Human Resource
- RAs on Duty
- 24/7 Professional On-Call
- Community Policing

Residence Life staff are here during all breaks. 200-400 students over winter break. Very few will stay all break but they are able to if need

- Campaigns and Training
- Bike and Computer Registration through UMW Police
- Lock Your Door Programs - Evaluating the possibility of storage room locks that lock behind you

- Fire Drills
- Bystander Training
- Assessment - students feel like buildings are secure
- Skyfactor Student Satisfaction
- Safety Meetings with UMW Police

RESIDENCE LIFE SUPPORTS STUDENTS through

- Student Welfare Checks – triggered by a report submitted by a UMW community member
 - Roommate Mediations
 - Crisis Management and Incident Response
 - Mid-semester Progress Reports – interventions at individual and community levels
- Monitoring students going home, especially in first 6 weeks, encouraging them to get involved and form bonds with their campus community

Eagle Chats

- Intentional Conversations held quarterly by RAs with residents
- Topics Include:
- Engagement in Communities and Leadership Development (includes academic engagement)
- Cultural Competence and Critical Conversations
- Major Exploration (first years) and Career Development (upper-class)
- Future Goal Setting and Stress Management
- Completion Rates: Q1 – 88%; Q2 – 86%

CHALLENGES AND PRIORITIES

- Ongoing deferred maintenance
- Virginia Hall Renovation
- Accessibility of Special Programs within Residence Halls
- Themed Living Communities – Eco Village, Substance-free Living, Intercultural Living Community
- Programs in Residence- Language Community, FSEMs
- Affinity Living- LGBTQIA+ Supportive Community, All-female communities
- Evolution of RA role and compensation

Minutes from 01.22.20 meeting-*delayed*

Next agenda items

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 pm.