

## **Student Affairs and Campus Life Advisory Committee Minutes**

March 19, 2020, 3:30 pm

*Held Virtually*

Committee members present:

Patricia Orozco (Chair)

Jason Robinson (Secretary)

Christopher Ryder

Laura Wilson

### **Introductions**

Chris "CJ" Porter

Director of Transfer and Off-Campus Student Services

### **Off-Campus Students at UMW**

#### Office of Transfer and Off-Campus Student Services

- The Office of Transfer and Off-Campus Student Services is committed to serving transfer, off-campus and other nontraditional student populations by helping them prepare for rewarding academic experiences, assisting them as they transition to the University of Mary Washington, providing opportunities for connection to the community through programming and promoting their progress toward graduation.
- Commuter Student Services was part of the Office of Residence Life until May 2017. Office of Transfer and Off-Campus Services was established in June 2017
- They work with transfers, off-campus students, veterans and military connected individuals, and non-traditional students
- Spring 2020 2310 off-campus students

#### Off-Campus vs Commuters

- Students were confused and had separated themselves into off campus (College Heights, College Terrace, Fredericksburg) and Commuters (Stafford, Spotsy, NoVA)
- Many important messages were being skipped by 'off-campus' students because they were sent to 'UMW Commuters'
- Instead everyone is either on-campus (lives in UMW housing) or off campus (anywhere – even right across the street from the University Center)

#### Two types of "traditional-age" off-campus students

- A "transitioner" is a student who lived on campus for a portion of their undergraduate academic career. Most of these students lived on for two years. (UMW housing policy)
- A "never on-campus" student is someone who was accepted to UMW as an off-campus student and usually lives within 30 miles of the University.

- Transitioners often live somewhere in Fredericksburg within walking distance of UMW and usually live with a group of people, often in defiance of Fredericksburg's "no more than three unrelated individuals allowed to live in one domicile" rule
- They are approximately 75% of the traditional age off-campus population
- Never On-Campus (NOC) Students can live anywhere in a 30 miles radius of the campus (sometimes a little more). Almost all live with parent(s)
- Reasons for not living on-campus vary: Economic savings, Religious/family reasons, Not ready to be on-campus/Think on-campus life is too distracting, Employment
- Challenges for NOC students: Communication, Culture (faculty/staff assumption that all students live on-campus), Balancing home, work, school work, travel time, involvement, Getting connected to faculty, staff and students, Getting involved in student activities and organizations, Parking, Study groups/group projects planned at a time of night that is not convenient or possible

### **Programs, supports and resources for off-campus students**

First-year OC mentor program

Off-Campus Living Guide

Off-Campus Coffee Hours

Talon Off-Campus Student Lounge

Mid-semester NOC follow-up

Off-Campus Behavioral Intervention

Off-Campus Conduct Hearings

Off-Campus Student Association Graduate Assistant

Open house

Open door

Monthly Off-Campus Newsletter

### **Minutes from 02.20.20 meeting-approved**

### **Next agenda items**

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 pm.