

Student Affairs and Campus Life Advisory Committee Minutes

November 16, 2020, 1:00 pm

Held Virtually

Committee members present:

Patricia Orozco (Chair)

Jason Robinson (Secretary)

Veena Ravishankar

Christopher Ryder

Ex-officio:

Juliette Landphair, Vice President for Student Affairs

Cedric Rucker, Associate Vice President & Dean of Student Life

Introductions

Chris “CJ” Porter, Director of Transfer and Off-Campus Student Services

Impact of COVID-19 on Off Campus/Commuter Life

- **Types of off-campus students**

- “transitioner”

- “never on-campus”

- Non traditional

- NEW during COVID – Previously on-campus students who do not have to be on campus due to all virtual classes

- **Never On-Campus COVID Challenges**

- Communication

- Economic challenges

- loss of employment, food insecurity, housing insecurity

- Stressors

- Contact with others outside the home and potential risk for at-risk family members

- Additional work stressors (limited staffing, COVID risk)

- Dealing with the transition to online learning

- Getting connected to faculty, staff and students

- Getting involved in student activities and organizations

- **“Transitioner” and “newly off-campus” COVID Challenges**

- Communication

- Confusion over access to campus resources

- Testing

- Quarantine and Isolation

- Meals/Food

- Off-campus gatherings

- Feelings of loss and disappointment over how different things are

Isolation (keenly felt by the newly off-campus – V Zone)
Fear of bringing the virus home to their families
Adjusting to online classes, especially asynchronous classes

- **COVID Concerns Veterans and Adult Students**

Isolation – Veterans Resource Center not open for student gathering
Communication from VA is challenging and confusing
 Funding is different for students taking classes virtually rather in person
Children at home doing virtual learning – balancing their academics with helping their children
Economic concerns similar to the Never On Campus population
High stress trying to balance everything
Programs, supports and resources for off-campus students
Resources available on Off-Campus webpage
 What to do if I think I have COVID?
 What is the difference between quarantine and isolation?
 What are the symptoms of COVID?
 What resources are available at UMW?
 Links to official websites such as VDH and CDC
Monthly newsletter with important information
Monitoring of social media and responding
Reports from faculty, staff, fellow students

Most support at this time involves one-on-one interaction (virtually) to discover the challenge and bring in resources to support the students.

Fredericksburg Campus Student Representative

Appointment of student - Student contacted, offered, pending confirmation

UFC Request of Committee

Addition of staff members

Next agenda items

Spring committee meeting times TBD

The meeting adjourned at 1:59 pm.