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

Meeting time, place and date:

October 6, 2021, 4:00 pm

Held Virtually

Committee members present:

* Christopher Ryder (Chair)
* Veena Ravishankar (Secretary)
* Cate Brewer
* Ginny Morriss

Ex-officio:

* Cedric Rucker, Associate Vice President & Dean of Student Life
* Juliette Landphair, VP for Student Affairs, Student Affairs

Nonvoting student members:

* Kaylee Deardorff

Introductions

Timothy Saulnier, Director of financial aid

Leslie Martin, Director of center for community engagement

Approval of Minutes

September- Approved

Items of Business, including Motions

* Students’ financial situation (covid related, students who are having increasing crisis and staying in school):
  + All across higher ed, high need students a high majority of them are not back
  + CARE/CRRSA and American rescue plan have been beneficial to the institution and help students who have filed FAFSA and eligible.
  + University has been able to manage needs from funding. For example, $290 given to student who filed for FAFSA. Technological support provided.
  + Kinds of challenges faced by our students: Housing, food, affording educational materials. Income or job loss.
  + Some of this may not be able to be repeated later like help with filing food stamps. The reason for this is because federal govt gave us $1.4mn and $3.8mn for current year and during pandemic. They have to be used up this year and ask for waivers to be used for next year. Suddenly stopping may not be the best thing.
  + Higher ed financial trends: worsened during covid. There was income change in some demographics and a lot has to be recalculated in terms of financial aid and effects have not been seen yet as many did not file. It can get worse before it gets better as federal support will reduce after this year. But it will get better.
  + We switched from a high income, low need to a significantly high need (up to 22%) currently. We’ve switched places with CNU.
  + The challenge lies in the first in policy by state and hence we are not getting as much we would have to support these students.
  + HEERF is another source which won’t continue
* University alone is not able to support all high need students and community support and help is the key
* Survey created to ask about last academic year, had 1653 participants.
  + Half lived on campus, other half off campus.
  + Work experience during covid: 48%
  + Housing stability: vast majority did, a notable minority had issues.
  + Food insecurity: 20-25% did have it, levels are different though. 11% had high insecurity
  + Racial and sexual minorities had a higher level of insecurity
  + Off campus food insecurity reasons: Mobility restrictions, time and subscribing the minimum meal plan which did not necessarily meet the dietary needs.
* Ideas were discussed about how community development can be combined with university efforts by recruiting students or individuals who could support these efforts.
* What faculty could do to be more aware and support them?
  + Put the materials on your syllabi- basic needs statement and point them to resources.
  + Teaching center has workshops which can include this information
* Sodexo is starting a swipe up hunger program to support students
* Immediate points needing attention by faculty and members of community to help:
  + Food insecurity
  + Changing policies to allow eating in class and being cognizant
  + Sharing all the information to state and asking for funding will be beneficial
  + Expand institutional understanding
* Brianna won’t be able to be a student rep anymore, but she can recommend some.

Adjournment and next meeting details

* Next meeting ideas: Tally center personnel, Jennifer walker- mental health during pandemic, Dr. Wilson- safe zone. Student and RA perspective.
* The meeting adjourned at 5:11 pm.
* Next meeting time, 4pm, November 17th.