SENATE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT LIFE
Meeting #4, January 28, 2014

Members Present: Steven Andelin, Brian Aynardi, Brenden Dooley, Barrett Lee, Katelyn Mullen, Alexei Novikov, Nonny Schlotzhauer, Lisa Sherwood, Bradley Sottile, Careen Yarnal

Administrators: None

Invited Guests: Anand Ganjam and Anthony Panichelli, UPUA, Sexual Violence Roundtable

Members Absent: Brandon Hunt, Sarah Rhodes

OLD BUSINESS: None

HANDOUTS and ATTACHMENTS
January 28, 2014 Agenda
Minutes from the December 10, 2013 meeting
Student Life Engaged Scholarship Informational Report

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Greeting from the Chair, Nonny Schlotzhauer

Officers and Chairs Meeting Update – Brian Aynardi

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Update from Anand Ganjam (UPUA Representative – Sexual Violence Roundtable)
   - Hosting “Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention” month (April)
   - Looking for administrative and borough support
   - This year administration (Damon Sims) has worked with the group
   - Meeting with social media/marketing representatives from Penn State
   - In process of seeking a proclamation for support from Mayor Gorham
   - Seeking advocacy through Chair Brent Yarnal and Chair-elect Jonna Kulikowich through academic programming
   - UPUA would bring in speakers using allocated funds
   - Would like a public re-affirmation statement from Old Main
   - UHS, CAPS, Centre County Resource Center, etc. will provide educational events
   - Majority of activity in April will be educational workshops on prevention and awareness
   - Dept. of Psychology “PRISM” will be assisting and Rock Ethics Institute
   - Penn State is right on national average for actual number of sexual assaults

   - “Safe Ride” program is currently offered by police, but potentially could be funded through additional fees from student activity fee or health fees
   - Potentially looking for a referendum from the Borough Council to allow for one “2-year” seat on the Borough Council
***Recommendation from Careen Yarnal: Students from the Sexual Violence Roundtable should have a seat(s) on the downtown Partnership and vice-versa
- Faculty Senate should assist in raising awareness through an Informational Report to faculty to educate them on the issue
- Look for best practices in educating students on the subject
- Potentially an Informational Report for fall 2014 for carryover with next UPUA administration

***Recommendation from Brian Aynardi: Potential metric gathering with Adam Christensen and Andrea Dowhower for a survey including three components: Sexual violence, diversity, and alcohol

- Potentially working with New Student Orientation to engage students when they arrive at Penn State

Annual Alcohol Assessment Discussion
- Good news and bad news in report
- Metrics for use in report:
  - # of trips to Mt. Nittany and average BAC
  - % of students who self-report as “Heavy Drinkers”
  - # of drug charges
  - Significant increase in the number of women who engage in “High Risk” drinking behavior
  - Look at statistics from this year’s State Patty’s Day versus last year’s statistics when the establishments were closed
  - Increase in the number of drugs
  - Are visits to Mt. Nittany ONLY alcohol, or a combination of drugs and alcohol?

- Request for speaker(s) to discuss drug and alcohol issues and legal matters
  - Representative from Mt. Nittany, Linda LaSalle, and Student Legal Services

OPEN DISCUSSION

Meeting adjourned at 10:50am.

Minutes submitted by Nonny Schlotzhauer, Committee Chair