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STUDENT RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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**Friday, January 22, 2021
11:30 AM - 12:45 PM
Virtual via Zoom**

Invited: Gina Cervetti, Harish Ganesh, Helen Look, Jeannie Moody-Novak, Judith Beck, Mariah Fiumara, Yaacov Ritov, Amanda Peters, Kentaro Toyama, Jill Esau, Cindy Leung, Dunham Clark, MaryJo Banasik, Noah Zimmerman, Vincent Alessi, Jennifer Schrage, Martino Harmon, Charlie Koopman, Colleen Conway
Administrative: Pam Morris

Guests:

- Dr. Rob Ernst, Associate Vice President of Student Life for Health and Wellness, Executive Director of University Health Service and Director of COVID-19 Campus Health Response Committee
- Will Sherry, Chair, Winter Semester Student Engagement Task Force

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Chair Cervetti called the meeting to order. Agenda approved as distributed.

November 20, 2021 minutes were corrected and approved with the following addition:

It was suggested by Helen Look to reach out to the organizers of the 2019 Young, Gifted, @Risk, & Resilient national conference organizers, Co-sponsored by The Steve Fund and UM's National Center for Institutional Diversity (NCID) and The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ODEI). [Conference website](#). The conference focused on promoting mental health and well-being among students of color. (Added as requested correction 1/22/21. Approved as corrected)

2. VPSL Updates

Dr. Martino Harmon, VP of Student Life

Gratitude to Gina, Jennifer and Pam for meeting prep

- Acknowledged the capitol uprising and the stress it places on students. Messages were sent to students 1/8 offering support that piggybacked on President Schlissel's statement.
 - Student engagement/support resources included:
 - [Wolverine Support Network](#): a student-led peer support program developed by Central Student Government leaders in collaboration with Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
 - [Democracy & Debate Resources](#): upcoming events, free courses, and resources for the 2020 election and beyond
 - [Pathways to Civic Engagement](#): read more [here](#) or listen to this [podcast](#)
 - [Maize Pages](#): join one of 700+ Activism, Governance, or Service/Service Learning student organizations
 - [Students outside Michigan](#): support for students engaging with U-M virtually this semester
 - [Tele-counseling by CAPS](#): virtual appointments available during Winter Break
 - [Happenings @ Michigan](#): university-wide events calendar
 - Health & Well-being Committee led by Dr. Harmon and Dr. Collins is meeting now
 - Looking at what is currently going on such as gaps that need attention as well as future plans that involve new ideas and innovation

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- Housing/Move-In – 1300 undergraduates 1600 graduate students in housing. Less than 10 students showed up COVID testing non-compliant. They were sent for testing and then moved to isolation housing to wait for results.

- 3. **Presentation** – Winter Semester: Strengthening Student Engagement/Thriving in the First Year - Will Sherry, Chair
 - Developed a temporary task force to coordinate a cross-unit approach to strengthen student engagement.
 - Data informed approach spoke to student’s concerns and experience.
 - From this info deliverables and project teams were developed:
 - Student Communications
 - Weekly email regarding scheduled activities
 - New Find Community Website
 - Increased partnership with UM Social
 - Cohorts & Groups
 - Available for students to join
 - Doubled capacity of pilot cohort program
 - UMich StudyBuddies
 - Amplify student led initiatives
 - Resource Navigation
 - Honed into students that are not actively engaged
 - Providing 2 opt-out meetings with a student affairs resource navigator
 - Co-Curricular Integration
 - Offer needed services, programs, and resources into academic and co-curricular spaces
 - Presentations to partners on requestable content

Task force will be presenting at various forums to continue to spread message.

Commendable how fast this initiative has launched. Available to both UG and Grad except for the Resource Navigator – 2nd/3rd year students.

Discussion – How academic partners might compliment and support this agenda?

- Suggested faculty to add a slide to classroom presentations. – Maybe 1 slide with 1 resource and change them each class.
- What are the plans for future orientation and working with ONSP? Looking to possibly have conference style programming for students and families at orientation.
- Understanding if the resources are for specific populations especially Grad students. Make it clear who the intended audience is.
- Mental health awareness among student athletes – suggested reaching out to Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

Gratitude to Will and staff that has moved this initiative along and thankful for the enthusiasm regarding this work.

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Other suggestions or activities offered:

- Coffee and donuts on North Campus and gave out plants supplied by Matthaei
- Reach out to Grad students via Rackham
- Send mail or postcards to students to make personal connections. Online coffee hours or personal Zoom meetings to connect.

4. **Presentation** – Mandatory Testing Protocols for Students – Dr. Rob Ernst

Overview

- Reduced density in campus residence halls due to close proximity
- Reduced in-class instruction
- Asymptomatic saliva-based testing available for up 20,000 tests/week
- Mandatory testing for UG residing in halls and attending in-person classes. Expanded to all students coming to campus for any reason and student employees.
- Layered approach to monitor students and track compliance
 - Know of all students living in halls/rosters from in-person classes
 - Responsiblue App is different for students. It includes if they are compliant for weekly testing.
 - Phones are checked for compliance around campus, upon entering buildings and at the beginning shifts for student employees
- Encourage all students to be tested each month. Recently set up [testing centers](#) for easier access for off campus students

Questions

- Positivity rate of saliva testing? Under 1%. Reliability of test is quite high.
- Encourage testing among staff and grad students as there is a larger population of asymptomatic that previously thought.
 - Scheduling is very easy and plenty, often same day access to testing.
 - Test takes 3 minutes, results about 48 hours.
- Different testing locations for those that are having symptoms.
 - Staff that are having symptoms are to contact OHS or own physician.
 - Students should go to UHS.
- Having tests regularly should not allow one to socialize without protective measures. It is supplemental to social distancing, wearing a mask and not attending large gatherings.

5. **Discussion** – Winter Semester SRAC Agenda Approach – Chair Cervetti

- Being responsive to immediate updates and concerns between units and SL for February meeting.
- Discussion to delay the [three year amendment cycle process](#) of the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Consulting with units on timing. Will continue to discuss how this process will look.

Wrap-up/Adjournment

Charlie Koopmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Harish Ganesh seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.