

Student Relations Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2022

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Present: Jessica Pasquale (Chair), Marna Clowney-Robinson, Lilly Collins, Ashley Gearhardt, Martino Harmon (VP for Student Life), Marita R. Inglehart, Charlie Koopman, Luke McCarthy, Amanda R. Peters, David Potter, Connie Tingson Gatuz (AVP Student Life), Eric Vandenberghe

Absent: Simon Cushing, Laura MacLatchy

Administrative: India Hayes

Guest: Kelly Dunlop, Anne Huhman, Amelia Popowics, Annelise Rice

Jessica Pasquale called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

The agenda was approved. The committee voted to approve the October 21, 2022 meeting minutes.

LSA Student Government's Sexual Misconduct Response & Prevention Task Force – Amelia Popowics and Annelise Rice

Amelia Popowics and Annelise Rice gave a presentation and shared slides on the [Sexual Misconduct Response and Prevention Task Force](#). The presentation laid out the group's guiding principles, highlighting past and current projects in which the group has been engaged.

Martino thanked Amelia and Annelise for their work and introduced Anne Huhman.

Anne Huhman, interim director of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center (SAPAC), provided background on the work SAPAC engages in and offered support to the LSA Student Government's Sexual Misconduct Response and Prevention Task Force.

Student Life Updates and Current Issues – Dr. Martino Harmon, Vice President for Student Life

VP Harmon provided an update on recent Student Life events.

- **November 8th Election Day** – The Ginsberg Center is a key department within Student Life that works with students on making sure that they know how to vote and participate in the democratic process. We provided social media campaigns, video messages, email outreach, and programs before the election to encourage students to get out and vote. There was a high student voter turnout on election day.



Another big issue tied to the election is the post-Roe v. Wade decision. Dr. Susan Ernst is the lead in terms of getting student affairs involved and getting them connected with students. Following the election, UHS updated its website to have updated information to make sure that students know what options are available to them. Dr. Susan Ernst was available for interviews with the media alongside physician leaders at Michigan Medicine. The University's position is that we support and affirm reproductive rights.

- **Black Student Union** – The Black Student Union held an event on November 1st to release its 4-point political platform. The platform addresses the following issues:
 - Increase in the enrollment of black students
 - Combating Anti-Blackness
 - DEI Program Enhancements
 - Engagement with K-12 to help more students to be more qualified to attend the University of Michigan

Vice President Martino Harmon, President Santa Ono, Provost Laura McCauley, Vice Provost Tabby Chavous, and Vice Provost Adele Brumfield met with the Black Student Union to discuss the platform and proposed a working structure that is focused on the different elements of their platform. The meeting was well received, however, there is still a lot of work to be done.

- **DEI Plan 2.0** – Student Life is in the planning year in terms of our mission, values, priorities, and our core work elements. This will lead us to the next version of our 5-year strategic plan which will launch next fall. More updates are to come later in the winter semester.
- **Leadership Searches** – We are in the process of concluding the search for the new director for the Spectrum Center. We will also launch searches for the new director for the University Career Center and SAPAC.
- **Student Life Awards**
 - Judith Pennywell, director of U-M's International Center was awarded the 2022 U-M President's Award for Distinguished Service in International Education
 - Feranmi Okanlami, the director of Students Accessibility and Accommodation Services at the University of Michigan was recognized on Good Morning America with a 1 Million dollar gift to continue the work that he does on campus and across the nation.

Association of Religious Counselors (ARC) – Kelly Dunlop, Interfaith Lead

Kelly Dunlop gave a presentation and shared slides on the [Association of Religious Counselors \(ARC\)](#). The presentation provided the history of ARC on campus and an overview of ARC's work today.

General Membership Discussion & Feedback

Marita Inglehart asked if there are spaces where students can go to for prayer?

- Kelly Dunlop indicated that there are reflection rooms located within the Michigan Union. There is a page located on the Trotter Multicultural Center website that list all of the reflection rooms and their location across campus.

Charlie Koopman asked if the LSA Student Government's Sexual Misconduct Response and Prevention Task Force interacts with other schools at the University?

- Amelia Popowics indicated that they have weekly meetings on Wednesdays that include guest speakers representing some other schools and colleges. Overall, as a government, they are trying to work on increasing engagement with other schools and colleges.

David Potter asked if SAPAC engages with graduate and professional students across campus or if it is only limited to undergraduate students?

- Anne Huhman indicated that yes, SAPAC does engage with graduate and professional students across campus. They collaborated with Rackam a few years ago to develop a pilot program called "Engendering Respectful Communities" which is specifically designed to reach the graduate and professional student population to recognize the unique roles that this group has on campus and the different hats that they wear.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

Kellyn Mackerl-Cooper provided the members with a tour of the Trotter Multicultural Center following the adjournment of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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