

## Student Relations Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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

**Absent:** Ashley Gearhardt, Laura MacLatchy

**Administrative:** India Hayes

**Guest:** Kambiz Khalili, Robert Yurk

Jessica Pasquale called the meeting to order at 11:30am.

The agenda was approved. The committee voted to approve the January 20, 2023, meeting minutes.

### **Student Life Updates and Current Issues** | Dr. Martino Harmon – Vice President for Student Life

Martino began by acknowledging the February 13<sup>th</sup> campus shooting at Michigan State University. He encouraged everyone to check in with our students and to make sure that they are aware of the variety of avenues and support services around campus. The Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPs) and Wolverine Wellness have been very active in terms of support by bringing out Hawkeye the Wellness Dog and holding a support day at Pierpont. A vigil was also held on the diag that was led by the Central Student Government (CSG). We have also reached out to our colleagues at Michigan State in terms of ways that they could be supported.

VP Harmon provided an update on recent Student Life events.

- **High-Risk Planning Update** – Student Life is a key campus leader for planning around and managing high-risk events like Spring Break, football games, championships, Halloween, St. Patrick’s Day, etc. Wolverine Wellness along with the Dean of Students does a great job in leading these efforts. They work in collaboration with about two dozen different U-M departments and community stakeholders such as the Ann Arbor Campus Community Coalition (A2C3) and these efforts focus around:
  - Making sure that students know about alcohol-free options and providing alternatives to students looking for a more positive way to celebrate and have fun.



- Through marketing promotions and stressing policy, normative messaging is sent to students to make sure that they know that if they choose to drink, to drink safely and to “stay in the blue” – a phrase that means keeping your blood alcohol content (BAC) at low-risk levels of .06 or below.
- Wolverine Wellness and the Ann Arbor Campus-Community Coalition (A2C3) reach out to various retail establishments to stress the importance of working together in a positive way, to promote safe behaviors.
- Wolverine Wellness also provided coalition leadership for the Community Accountability and Prevention Collaborative and the Biennial Review process (completed summer of '22) to ensure institutional compliance with federal law pertaining to alcohol safety on campus.

In addition to this, we continue to support online education for all incoming first-year students. These courses are designed to educate and empower students to make well-informed decisions regarding alcohol and sexual assault, with a completion rate of 95% for AlcoholEdu for College and 97% for Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates.

- **Resource Navigators Update** – The Resource Navigators continues to expand its outreach to students. Navigators have been finding ways to get in front of students in places like Winterfest and are collaborating with Center for Campus Involvement (CCI) in an upcoming community-builder event in the IdeaHub. The program has built cross-campus partnerships with many groups, including Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), the Career Center, the Dean of Students Office, Services for Students with Disabilities, the Advising Council of U-M, and more. The program is currently hiring navigators for spring/summer '23 and fall/winter '23-'24 so far, we have had over 100 applicants.

### **Capital Projects Updates: Ginsberg Center, Central Campus Recreation Building (CCRB), Housing, and Dining** | Kambiz Khalili, AVP Student Life and Robert Yurk, Director of Student Life Capital Projects

Kambiz Khalili and Robert Yurk gave a presentation and shared slides on [Student Life Capital Project Updates](#). The presentation provided an overview of the various capital projects that are being done in Student Life.

### **General Membership Discussion & Feedback**

David Potter stated that the lack of communications received by faculty and the visibility of DPSS presence on campus following the shooting at Michigan State University was concerning and undermined confidence in the communication from the central administration.

- Martino Harmon responded that we had several communications that were sent mainly to staff on how to support our students as well as communications to let them know that they are supported. The President’s message that was sent to the entire campus community included links to support services. A special edition of our family newsletter called “Parent and Family Matters” went out to about 40,000 family members of students who are here on campus. Due to DPSS not always being in official police attire and wearing plain clothing, we



are not able to validate whether there was a lack of police visibility on campus following the MSU shooting.

- Jessica Pasquale also shared that there was a message sent from CAPS to Deans / Directors across campus and they were asked to share that information with their schools / units.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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