



Student Relations Advisory Committee (SRAC)

Minutes of Meeting: 9/20/24

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Present: Charlotte Karem Albrecht, Jonathan Brennan Cindee Giffen, Bruno Giordani, Anouck Girard, Charlie Koopmann, Jamie Niehof, David Potter, Joel Scheuher, Kaitlin Karmen, Oliver Kozler, Om Shah, Martino Harmon (VP for Student Life), Connie Tingson Gatuz (Associate Vice President for Student Development, Learning, and Social Change Education), India Hayes (Office of Student Life)

Absent: Marna Clowney-Robinson, Myles Durkee, Marita Rohr Inglehart (Chair)

Guests:

Erik Wessel, Director, Office of Student Conflict Resolution (OSCR)

Mike Ryan, Associate Director, Office of Student Conflict Resolution (OSCR)

Faculty Senate Office: Eric Vandenberghe, Luke McCarthy

11:30am-11:36am: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes, Announcements

Brief introductions were made. The agenda was approved. The minutes for the April SRAC meeting were approved.

11:36am-11:44am: General Discussion of 2023-24 Year-End Report

Summary: Acting Chair Brennan introduced the report and highlighted the main points.

Acting Chair Brennan made note of the August SRAC members meeting. The letter sent by the committee members to the Regents and President Ono is brought up. This letter was in response to the changes made to the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities at the July Regent's meeting. The response letter from President Ono was mentioned.

A committee member notes that the other topics pursued by the committee this year need to be purposefully chosen, given that there will not be a lot of extra time. A suggestion is made for more action items rather than informational sessions.

Action: Discussion

11:44am-11:51am: Updates and Current Issues from VP for Student Life

Summary: VP Harmon offered updates from Student Life.

The student move-in was successful. Approximately 300 volunteers assisted with this, and their assistance is greatly appreciated.

Festifaith took place in late August on the North and Central campuses. This event was an



opportunity to celebrate religious and spiritual diversity at the University. Twenty organizations participated in this event

Action: Updates

11:51am-12:47pm: Overview of amendment process to the Statement on Student Rights and Responsibilities (SSRR)

Summary: Director Wessel introduced the process for amending the SSRR. This process takes place typically every three years. The majority of the process will take place this semester, and the full process will go through June 1st.

OSCR's mission is reviewed. Four areas are covered:

- Statement on Student Rights and Responsibilities (SSRR)
- Sexual misconduct sanctioning, adaptable resolution, STARRSA, and review and reintegration
- Conflict resolution services
- Conflict skills education

What is the Statement?

- Established in 1996
 - o Created by community stakeholders
 - o Establishes articulation of community expectations
 - o The statement is dynamic
- 1999 Regental bylaw
 - o The statement is codified by the Regents

Discussion ensues on how the SSRR is connected to the Regent's Bylaws. The Board of Regents has given the authority to the President to review the SSRR, and the President has delegated this review to the SRAC.

Voting members for this process consist of the committee members, including the student members.

Legal consultation is provided throughout this process.

The stages and timeline for the SSRR amendment process are described:

1. Creation, submission, and presentation of amendment proposal
 - a. Sept/Oct- general awareness, solicit proposals
 - b. Nov. 1- Proposed formal submission deadline
2. Discussion and refinement of amendment proposal
 - a. Nov 15- proposal author presentations, initial SRAC discussion
3. Submission and deliberation on amendment proposal
 - a. Dec. 13- SRAC deliberates, possible vote
4. SRAC voting and submission of recommendation to VPSL
 - a. Jan. 17- SRAC finalizes recommendations and sends them to VPSL
5. VPSL review, and OGC review, of recommended amendments followed by submission for Presidential review
 - a. February- Legal Review; sent to President
6. Presidential determination on adoption of amendments and communication with



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- a. March- President completes review and provides decision and rationale to the SRAC Chair
7. Community communication on adopted and considered amendments sent out by OSCR
 - a. April- OSCR ensures communication to community regarding adopted amendments

The role and responsibilities of the SRAC Chair are described. Sometimes there are minor changes that are made that are put forward as changes. Those can be put in a consent agenda. Voting methods and determinations are discussed.

A discussion on Robert's Rules of order ensues. Discussion around the consent agenda, and how it works takes place.

The OSCR website is shared. The link for proposal submission is highlighted.

A point is made that there may be a need for extra meetings. During the last cycle, the committee voted in January.

SACUA will review the SSRR proposals in November.

A question is brought up about how this process will be handled considering the recent changes to the SSRR made by the Regents in July. Two separate points are made:

- The regular process will continue as planned.
- There is dissatisfaction with unilateral changes to the SSRR by the Regents. Discussion ensues on this point. A point is made that the Regents should have discussed this with faculty and community stakeholders.

The upcoming Senate Assembly meeting will devote a significant portion of the upcoming September meeting to discussion about the recent updates to the SSRR.

The role of OSCR and VPSL in this process are clarified.

All of the proposals will be provided to the committee. A description of the possible workflow is described.

A request is made for a historical timeline of the SSRR, and each version of the file. This question had not been posed until now, and it is stated that this will be looked into further. There is value in having the full history of the document.

Action: Presentation and Discussion

12:47pm-1:01pm: Review of draft 2024-25 Committee Charge & Discussion of meeting topics for year

Summary: The charge items for this academic year are brought up and discussed. Acting Chair Brennan reads through the full list and opens the floor for comments.

Discussion about the issues with SSD are brought up and discussed. There are significant



issues described. A request for data, and meeting with the SSD team is requested. This sentiment is shared by several members.

Further discussion of Charge items ensues.

Action: Discussion

1:01pm: Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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