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Student Relations Advisory Committee  
Minutes  April 17, 2009

Present: Chair Charles Koopmann, Bonnie Fauman, Karl-Georg Federhofer, Royster Harper, Lynn Marko, Leo McAfee, David Potter, Simone Himbeault Taylor, Mark Tucker, Ian Margolis, Karin Teske (Student Support)

Guests: Bob Holmes, University Ombudsman  
Jennifer Schrage- Director; Office of Student Conflict Resolution

The meeting was called to order at 12:08pm

Chair Remarks

Thank you to everyone for a productive year. Coming up next year is the revision process for the statement of student rights and responsibilities. The goal will be for the committee to have a timeline for this process which will allow the committee to have time to address other issues as well.

The March 2009 minutes were unanimously approved.

Residency Requirements (closed meeting)

Student Code of Conduct Revision Process

An agreement was reached to amend the student code of conduct every third year. The revision process is itself being revised; It will include more input from campus stakeholders in an effort to build consensus for proposals and create a feeling of community ownership.

- representatives from the OSCAR trying to engage as many stakeholders as possible- RHA, LSA student government meetings, IFC, Panhel, etc. to let them know how to get involved in the process.
- Students may not be interested in shortening the process; a balance of student needs and the needs to expedite the process from the administrative point of view should both be considered.
- frame process around efficiency not being the cost of inclusivity
- time may be better spent having people outside of SRAC bring a cohesive set of work to SRAC for substantive analysis rather than word tinkering which seemed to be happening last time.
- build inclusivity on the front end to make best use of SRAC’s time

Model with an aim to make more effective use of SRAC time; be prepared for what will be revealed as the process may take just as long as a result.

Focus on the quality of discussion- principles not punctuation

Timeline could devote more time offline; wait until first semester of dialogues is over and drafting of the code of conduct looks like a more refined product before having SRAC tackle it.
Dividing the time of the SRAC committee to still be able to hear student voices on other issues is important.

Students now have more options in terms of how to resolve conflicts; this code of conduct statement is one in an array of tools.

For next year, new members of the SRAC could be given copies of articles in national context.

**VPSA Remarks**

Example from the student advisory board ctools site which has been helpful, perhaps a similar format would be amenable to conducting SRAC meetings in a similar way.

For next year, committee should be prepared in September to hit the ground running; It will be important for the student representation on the committee to attend more frequently

Topics such as budget challenges, rec sports, res life, e-portfolio may be considered for discussions.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

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