



Student Activities
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

Full Committee Meeting
November 2, 2018
Koldus 144 | 10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE

Christine Gravelle	Ann Goodman	Edward Gibson
Shanté Hearst	Jennifer Coffee	Ashlyn Pedersen
Tom Reber	Dave Sergi	Andy Chui
Megan Pulliam	Steve Vasquez	Jennifer Boyle
Ron Holsey	Jennifer Ford	Alex Square
Mikey Jaillet	Debbie Robertson	Melissa Williams Johnson

AGENDA

- I. **Welcome Back & Agenda Overview** **10:00-10:05**
 - a. Christine Gravelle, chair, welcomed back the committee
 - b. Recognition that all subcommittees have had an opportunity to meet at least once. Today served as an opportunity to reconnect, see what questions exist to move forward
 - c. Reminder, outcomes of this committee will be presented between April and May to campus administrators including President Young and Dr. Pugh
 - d. Today’s agenda
 - i. Fraternity and sorority community updates/important items to note
 - ii. Subcommittee updates – each subcommittee provide a maximum of 10 minutes to provide their updates with an additional 10 minutes for discussion and questions after each subcommittee report. Any time left in the subcommittee update section will be left open for general discussion
 - iii. Questions and next steps

- II. **Fraternity & Sorority Community Updates** **10:05-10:15**
 - a. Definition of fraternities and sororities. StuAct representatives met with TAMU Title IX coordinator and general counsel to discuss an article entitled *Redefining fraternity: Examining title IX, the first amendment & private fraternal organizations*. This brought up a 1989 DOE memo that provided clarifiers for social versus professional/service/honorary organizations:
 - (1) Is the organization’s membership limited to persons pursuing or having interest in a particular field of study, profession, or academic discipline?
 - (2) Is the membership limited to individuals who have a high level of achievement in scholarship or any other endeavor?
 - (3) Are the members permitted to hold membership in other fraternities or sororities at the same level of education?

 - b. Love, Mom & Dad Event on Tuesday, November 13 – 6pm or 8pm
 - i. TAMU is hosting five of the parents who created the Anti-Hazing Coalition.

- ii. Parents include:
 - 1. Jim & Evelyn Piazza, parents of Tim Piazza, Penn State University
 - 2. Rich Braham, father of Marquis Braham, Penns State University
 - 3. Steve Gruver, father of Max Gruver, Louisiana State University
 - 4. Debbie Debrick, mother of Dalton Debrick, Texas Tech University
 - iii. Free tickets are available and can be picked up from the MSC Box Office or reserved online tx.ag/LoveMomAndDad
 - iv. Student committee has been formed to support this event
 - v. Members of the hazing taskforce are also assisting with this event
- c. IFC created a taskforce that is focusing on four initiatives
- i. Recruitment process
 - ii. New member experience
 - iii. Chapter accountability
 - iv. Advocacy for the advancements of fraternity life at TAMU
 - v. They will be working with Shanté to connect to both OFSL strategic plan and the work of this committee

III. Subcommittee Updates & Discussion

10:15-11:20

- a. Finances & Staffing update included:
 - i. Discussed terminology around fees vs. charge vs. dues
 - ii. For the annual budget process (SAFAB), Student Activities requested an SDS III position – IFC advisor. This was approved by SAFAB 5:4. This is the first step in the budget approval process
 - iii. Recognition that what we have (resources) vs. expectations is not aligned
- b. Law, Policy, & Governance
 - i. Focused on initiative 17 – new and returning organizations. Looked at documentation that already exists
 - ii. Led to conversations about definition of fraternity/sorority, council membership (which organizations are a part of councils and which are not, and why)
 - iii. Initiative 15 – looking at implications of changing new member periods, pros/cons, purpose of process, how does this impact non-Greek organizations
- c. Education & Training
 - i. Reviewed some of the existing documentation and training
 - ii. Looked at initiatives 6, 7, and 8 – how do we capitalize on the good work already being done?
 - iii. Introduced the idea of sending out a survey to chapter presidents in January
 - iv. How do you communicate requirements and how do you deliver content?
 - v. FSL Experience Survey is currently being administered through 11/19
- d. Marketing & Communications (internal committee)
 - i. Website is continually updated
 - ii. Christine and Shanté are hosting a webinar with HQ on Thursday, November 8 to provide updates and seek feedback

IV. Questions

11:20-11:25

- a. Survey in January – Christine will create a space in our shared drive to place survey questions. Jennifer Boyle will look to identify which campus-wide surveys will go out so there is not overlap

V. Next Steps

11:25-11:30

- a. We will meet with subcommittee chairs
- b. Next full committee meeting is on Friday, November 30th at 10am
- c. Questions

VI. Adjournment