FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

Full Committee Meeting
February 1, 2019
Koldus 144 | 9:00 AM

ATTENDANCE

Christine Gravelle  Jennifer Boyle  Stephen Caffey
Allie McConnell  Ann Goodman  Mark Johnson
Alex Square  Debbie Robertson  Erika Garcia
Jay Skye  Ashlyn Pedersen  Alyssa Leffall
Tom Reber  Mikey Jaillet
Jennifer Ford  Dave Sergi

AGENDA

I. Welcome Back & Agenda Overview
   i. Happy New Year
   ii. Updates today to reground us and identify next steps

II. Fraternity & Sorority Life Community Updates
   i. Convening of 81 campuses occurred at Ohio State University on January 31st to discuss Fraternity and Sorority Life. Shanté Hearst and Dr. CJ Woods represented Texas A&M.
   Questions posed included:
      1. What needs to change (on my campus and nationally) in order for fraternities and sororities to fulfill their loftiest, values-driven missions? What can I do to advance these changes? How am I able to influence the ability of others to facilitate these changes?
      2. If the complex fraternity and sorority system on my campus and nationally were operating optimally, what would that look like and what would the outcomes be?
      3. Specifically related to cultural Greek letter organizations (CGLOs), what are the key outcomes we are aiming for with CLGOs and what are the strategies we can employ to get us closer to those outcomes?
   Participants were asked to review:
      4. NIC Alcohol and Drug Guidelines
      5. Penn State news release regarding the establishment of the Timothy J. Piazza Center for Fraternity and Sorority Research and Reform
   ii. Posting Panhellenic position soon – which was Melissa Williams Johnson
   iii. Shared with the committee a tentative strategic plan based on the work from the fall semester. Helps to identify the gaps that still need to be addressed in the spring semester
III. Recommendation Review from Fall
   i. Provided an update to President Young, Dr. Pugh, and Dr. Woods on Wednesday, December 12, 2018
   ii. Outcomes were:
       1. Appreciation for the work of the committee thus far
       2. Support for the fee and support to put the fee on the student bill
       3. Intrigue around the questions with regard to implications for other student organizations

IV. Chapter Survey Results
   i. 23 of 55 chapters completed
      1. 9/13 CPC
      2. 6/18 IFC
      3. 5/17 MGC
      4. 3/6 NPHC
   ii. Local advisory board
       1. 2 no
       2. 2 unsure
       3. 19 yes
   iii. Advisor Positions – anywhere from 1-14
   iv. Location – as far as Boulder, CO and Dallas
   v. Alcohol and drug education program
      1. 11/23 – mainly CPC and IFC
   vi. Sexual assault education program
      1. 7/23 with a number of unsure
   vii. New member process
      1. Lowest 2 highest 22
      2. Average of 5.2 weeks – minus the 22 week outlier

V. Subcommittee Updates & Discussion
   i. Finances & Staffing Subcommittee
      1. OFSL provided a projected budget – personnel, operations, education and training
      2. Need to create a marketing plan for educating the community about dues – work with OFSL on this that addresses why we are implementing dues and how it will help the community
      3. Identifying how much dues should be and is there a demarcation between departmental operations and direct student funds (ie educational training, scholarships, etc)
   ii. Law, Policy, & Governance Subcommittee
      1. Created draft recommendations for each of their initiatives
      2. Discussion around what constitutes an event
      3. Discussions about the intersection of alcohol and housing initiatives with education and training subcommittee
   iii. Education & Training Subcommittee
      1. Connected student rules with initiatives to identify what already exists
      2. Looking into utilization of Learning Management Systems

VI. Questions

VII. Next Steps
   i. Next meeting = March 1 at 10am
1. Would like to have recommendations for discussion
ii. Final meeting April 5 at 10am
   1. Final recommendations and strategic plan
   2. Presentation between April 5 and May 3
iii. Debrief meeting May 3 at 10am