



Student Activities
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

Full Committee Meeting
November 30, 2018
Koldus 144 | 10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE

Christine Gravelle
Allie McConnell
Alex Square
Sade Dawson
Jennifer Ford
Jennifer Boyle
Ann Goodman, PhD
Tom Reber

Mikey Jaillet
Alyssa Leffall, JD
Jennifer Coffee, JD
Stephan Caffey, PhD
Col. Mark Johnson
Steve Vasquez

MINUTES

- I. Welcome Back & Agenda Overview
- II. Fraternity & Sorority Life Community Updates
 - i. OFSL staff are participating in the Association of Fraternity and Sorority Advisors (AFA) conference in Indianapolis, IN from 11/28 – 12/1
 - ii. Love, Mom & Dad – Tuesday, November 13. Hosted parents of students who have lost their lives due to hazing incidents. Final ticket numbers = 3,558
 - iii. Webinar about the FSL Excellence Committee with Headquarters staff and umbrella organizations on Thursday, November 8
 1. Overarching themes and questions:
 - a. Fee – questions regarding if the per student fee will be equal across councils
 - b. Implications for other organizations
 - i. Fee – will all recognized student organizations (RSO) have to pay a fee?
 - ii. Scorecard – will all RSOs have a scorecard posted?
 - iii. Number of advisors – will all RSOs be required to have the same number of advisors?
 - c. Advisor eligibility – who is eligible to be an advisor? Faculty/staff advisor or HQ volunteers? Would facility/housing corporation board of directors be considered advisors?
 - iv. OFSL Staffing Updates
 1. Melissa Williams Johnson, Student Affairs Coordinator and CPC Advisor/Risk Management Specialist in the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life is departing TAMU to begin a new job. Her last day is today, November 30. More information to come soon on position postings.
 - v. FSL Excellence Committee update to the President and Vice President for Student Affairs
 1. An update of committee progress to the President and Vice President has been scheduled for December 12.
- III. Subcommittee Updates & Discussion
 - i. Finances & Staffing

1. Discussion of the importance of getting students involved in understanding the dues and what the dues will cover. In January, OFSL will be providing the Finances and Staffing subcommittee an update regarding the current budget and future budgetary needs, to begin identifying dues amount
2. Importance of this being an excellence “fee” versus a substitution “fee”
3. How best to collect the dues is still a significant question

ii. LPG

1. Ann Goodman, LPG subcommittee chair, attended the Fraternal Law Conference from 11/8-11/10
2. The LPG and Education and Training subcommittee chairs met to discuss overlap initiatives to gain further clarity. Main discussion was around questions for the rule revisions committee. See Education and Training section for more discussions.

iii. Education & Training

1. Focused on initiatives 6, 7, & 8 in their subcommittee
2. Overlap with LPG
 - a. How does the student organization manual play into student rules? Is the manual an extension to the rule?
 - b. New member education programs – do we have data that would show that by limiting to 6 weeks would prevent any issues? What implications might exist for all student organizations if we move in this direction?
3. Number of social events vs. educational events discussion – committee member raised concerns that there may be a focus on quantity over quality of events.
4. Accountability measures discussion – connecting positive behaviors and outcomes to awards and recognition. Focus on praise versus punitive.

iv. Communications & Marketing

1. Working on presentation for President Young update on December 12

IV. Recommendations

- i. Discussed preliminary recommendations that would be shared in the update to President Young.

V. Spring Survey

- i. Did not discuss.

VI. Questions

VII. Next Steps

- i. Spring meetings will be established