



Student Activities
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

Full Committee Meeting

May 6, 2019

Koldus 144 | 2:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

Christine Gravelle

Jennifer Boyle

Shante Hearst

Allie McConnell

Ann Goodman

Alex Square

Jay Skye

Erika Garcia

Alyssa Leffall

Megan Pulliam

Mark Johnson

AGENDA

I. Welcome Back & Agenda Overview

- i. Last meeting for the committee recommendation portion of FSL Excellence

II. Fraternity & Sorority Life Community Updates

- i. The Student Affairs Coordinator position search is in progress. Hoping to have candidates on-campus in early June.
- ii. SEC FSL Directors have a gathering on Monday, May 20-Tuesday, May 21 to discuss overarching initiatives.
- iii. OFSL is hosting the AFA Lonestar Drive-In conference on Friday, July 19. This is a conference for professionals working in fraternity/sorority life throughout the state of Texas.
- iv. Sade Dawson, NPHC Advisor and Leadership Development Specialist, received the Adair Advisor of the Year Award – Congratulations, Sade!

III. Discussion & Follow Up

- i. Major themes addressed in the meeting with President Young

1. Dues

- a. All present were pleased to see that a more sustainable financial process will exist for the FSL community – with implementation beginning Spring 2020

2. Staffing

- a. Christine shared that a position request was submitted through the University Advancement Fee budget process for an IFC advisor position and we are waiting to hear back on this request
- b. It was discussed that if this is not funded, we would go back and identify which positions may make the most sense to come from the enhancement dues, with the recognition that this would take a couple of years to become more established and that not all positions would be appropriate to come from the enhancement dues

3. Housing

- a. We discussed how many organizations have housing and an inquiry came up about the opportunities for university housing or university “supported”

- housing – whether that is a Greek village owned by the University or through a 3rd party partnership
- b. It was mentioned that housing discussions are part of the OFSL strategic plan, but a firmer foundation needs to be in place before making decisions on housing
- 4. Education and Training
 - a. Discussed the potential legislation changes around hazing in Texas, and the impact this legislation may have on FSL, student organizations, and the University
 - b. Discussed the enhancement of training that would be available with additional funding and staffing
- 5. Accountability
 - a. Conversation surrounded the scorecard and concept of a “heat map” and the national landscape around these initiatives – what are the common themes that will be addressed?
 - b. Discussed the [Piazza Center](#) at Penn State

IV. Feedback

- i. From your perspective, what were the successes and accomplishments of the Fraternity and Sorority Life Excellence Committee this year? What were the successes of the subcommittees?
 1. Good interactions with students/faculty/staff
 2. Appreciated the diverse committee – garnered many different perspectives
 3. Mechanism for conversation
 4. Because this is a younger community in comparison to the national landscape, we are normalizing these discussions, which is positive
 5. Glad we had this opportunity versus a community-wide shutdown
 6. Appreciated that students were represented
 7. Happy to have students engage with other stakeholders
 8. Subcommittees had complex issues to address. The chairs made sure to stay the course and keep the big picture in mind.
- ii. What challenges do you see that remain/outstanding issues that the committee or subcommittees have not yet addressed?
 1. Communications and marketing plan
 2. Implementation of these initiatives with the current resources and staffing challenges
 3. Critical to stay connected with students, headquarters, advisors, student life, other faculty and staff

V. Questions

- i. None

VI. Next Steps

- i. Thank you for the service on the committee
- ii. Let Christine know if you would like to remain on the FSL Excellence Committee, which will start meeting in the fall