

## Student Affairs Committee 2022-2023



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### Proposed Minutes of 01/13/2023

Purpose: The Student Affairs Committee shall address and advise on all matters related to the student affairs interests of ASUMH including but not limited to the following activities: 1. Recruiting 2. Admissions 3. Financial Aid 4. Student Activities 5. Student probation and suspension 6. Assessment of Student Affairs

Committee members present: Becky Baird (chair), Rachel Young (secretary), Tim Bentley, LeQuita Foster, Matt Buel, Cole Taylor, Nathan Lueck, Kelly Baker

Non-Voting Attendees: Amanda Blum, Jacob Hutchinson

Call to order at 10:35 a.m. on 01.13.2023 by Becky Baird

#### Old Business:

Minutes from 10.14.2022 were not printed for reviewing. These minutes will be presented in February's Meeting for approval.

The purpose of the SAC was reviewed and Becky Baird presented adding a 7<sup>th</sup> purpose to the committee: Reviewing the Student Handbook and creating cohesion with the Faculty Handbook. Matt Buel made the motion to accept the addition. Cole Taylor second. Motion passed. New addition will be reflected in notes and on agendas going forward.

#### Report from Workgroups:

**Diversity Workgroup – Becky Baird** The group met and developed a three-year plan for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. Information regarding its adoption is discussed under New Business.

**Retention Workgroup** No updates to report. The Retention Workgroup plans to meet at the end of January.

**Ad Hoc Student Handbook Workgroup** The group plans to meet more frequently to discuss, revise, and condense the student handbook with department handbooks. It is suggested department handbooks would be referred to as manuals and will be referenced in the Student Handbook. Department handbooks should include information relevant to its department (i.e. Nursing, Funeral Science, etc.) and refer students back to the Student Handbook for general information.



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**Supergroup Report (Advising, Online, Retention and other parties)** The group met and had discussion on communication and closure. Topics discussed and under further review are responsibilities under each department head, the individual/ party responsible for reporting progress, and the individual/ party responsible for closing an item or declaring it complete.

### New Business

#### **Student Proposal – Kelly Baker & Becky Baird**

Students with disabilities need a true, handicap accessible restroom. The doors that lead into the restrooms are too heavy to open and often leave students with disabilities having to reposition themselves to swing doors wide open in order to give enough time to make it inside before the door closes. It was also noted there is not a family restroom on campus with the ability to change a small child. Suggested locations for these restrooms would be the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Integrity Hall but the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is preferred because it is the ground level. A suggestion was made from the floor to put this proposal to Operational Affairs. Once approved it would go to budget proposal.

#### **Diversity Plan Resolution for Adoption**

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (D.E.I.). Becky Baird presented the three-year-plan to increase D.E.I. on the ASUMH campus. Upcoming student events were evaluated for D.E.I. emphasis. One of those events is the Movie Night for Welcome Week showing Black Panther: Wakanda Forever. Cole Taylor motioned to adopt the three-year plan and refer to Diversity, Equity & Inclusion as D.E.I. Matt Buel second. Motion passed.

**Notification – Pay It Forward/ Blaze Bucks – Becky Baird** Blaze Bucks serves as an equity initiative for food insecurities among students. Blaze Bucks allows faculty, staff, and students to donate funds that would allow others to receive meals without charge. Debra Hughes, manager of the OwlCove, will track funds that are donated versus funds that are used. The anticipated start date of the Blaze Bucks is January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Next meeting scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on February 10<sup>th</sup>

--Minutes submitted for review by RYoung