

Student Affairs Committee Agenda – **Tuesday, December 3, 2013**
12:00 Noon – 2:30 p.m.

Dolan Center for Science and Technology, A202/203

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- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Approval of Minutes – Tuesday, October 8, 2013
- III. Student Union Report – Kim Rossi, President of Student Union
Introduction of new Student Union President – Tim Ficke
- IV. Vice President for Student Affairs Update – Dr. Mark McCarthy
 - a. Athletics
 - b. Murphy Hall
 - c. Campus Safety Services
 - d. Other
- V. Presentation and Discussion – Student Physical and Emotional Health
 - a. Results of the National Collegiate Health Assessment
 - b. Implications for service to students
 - c. Future Opportunities and Best Practice

Guests: Dr. Sherri Crahen, Dean of Students
Dr. Mary Beth Javorek, Director of Counseling Center
Megan Dzurec, Coordinator of Health Education & Promotion
- VI. Executive Session

Report: Board Meeting of the Student Affairs Committee (12/3/13)

Kim Rossi, President of Student Union: on the achievements of the SU last and this semester

- A Core Curriculum open forum took place Friday, March 15, to discuss potential changes to the Core.
- Community Day, an event in which students from JCU and from Cleveland Heights HS participated together, took place October 19.
- Students may now track the “loop” shuttle with an app.
- Class of 2015 seniors held a “halfway to graduation” event for sophomores in the Spring semester.
- Through an arrangement with Aramark, there is now “You Pick Tuesdays” in which students vote on what is on the menu for the upcoming Tuesday.
- The incoming SU President, Tim Ficke, introduced himself.

Mark McCarthy: on Student Life

Housing

- The renovation of Murphy Hall is ahead of schedule.

Athletics

- The football, men’s soccer, men’s cross-country, and women’s cross-country teams had particularly outstanding seasons.

Campus Safety Services

- JCU police will carry guns as of January 1, 2014.

Other

- The Care Team, in its second year, continues to expand its care for students who are seen as at risk. The team has been quite successful. They will launch an assessment of the program soon.

Mark McCarthy, Sherri Crahen, Mary Beth Javorek, and Megan Dzurec: on Student Physical and Emotional Health

- Sherri, Mary Beth, and Megan reported on the results of the National Collegiate Health Assessment, especially for JCU students. JCU students scored slightly below comparator colleges and universities on most questions about health (a good thing). However, Board members were troubled by how much stress JCU students felt and dedicated themselves to making sure that JCU takes measures to decrease anxiety among students.
- Mark discussed briefly how JCU has been responding to the NCHA. One way has involved improving the exercise facilities. He mentioned the increased use of the Corbo Room and the gym by students recently.
- Mark talked about future opportunities and best practices in the wake of the NCHA. Best practices involve proactive and preventative services; care in networks comprising peers, bystanders, parents, and fsa; dissemination of information in multiple contexts; expanding medical and psychological support; and enlarging tech support.

Report by John McBratney, member of the Committee on Enrollment, Financial Aid, and Student Life

**John Carroll University
Student Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2013**

Attending: B. Brown, W. Donnelly, K. Embach, A. Haile, C. Ham, H. Hawk, R. Heltzel, R. Hostoffer, J. McBratney, J. McBratney, M. McCarthy, D. O'Brien, K. Rossi, L. Snow

Guests: S. Crahen, M. Dzurec, T. Ficke, E. Jenkins Gunn, M.A. Hanicak, M. Javorek

1. **Call to Order:** At approximately 12:00 p.m. Annette Haile called the meeting to order.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2013 meeting of the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Directors was presented. William Donnelly was inadvertently left off of the list of those in attendance, so a friendly motion was made to add him. The motion to approve the minutes as amended was seconded and unanimously approved.
3. **Student Union Report:** Kim Rossi, President of the Student Union, provided an overview of new initiatives and goals reached in 2013. A handout was distributed to committee members.
4. **Vice President for Student Affairs Update:** Dr. Mark McCarthy provided the committee with updates in several areas.
 - a. **Athletics:** This has been an excellent season for our fall varsity sports teams.
 - i. Women's Cross Country placed 1st in the OAC. Gabrielle Kruez was named an All-American in 26th place.
 - ii. Women's Soccer tied for 1st place in the OAC and was a runner-up in the OAC Tournament.
 - iii. Football placed 2nd in the OAC and had their best season since 2002 and qualified for the NCAA Tournament but lost in the first game to St. John Fisher.
 - iv. Men's Soccer placed 2nd in the OAC and made it to the OAC Tournament.

- v. Volleyball placed 5th with a much improved and young team.
- vi. Winter varsity sports have begun. Men's and Women's Basketball are currently undefeated. Wrestling is 2-4 and Men's and Women's Swimming is 2-4 as well. The staff and coaches are anxiously waiting the first season of Men's Varsity Lacrosse. There is much positive talk and energy surrounding the spirit and impact of the new coaches, athletes and growing student fan base.

b. Murphy Hall/Residence Life: Construction continues to be on schedule with this exciting project. Student reaction is very positive and full of anticipation. The new assignment process for 2014 has been announced to students. Seniors and juniors (non-Greek) will be in Murphy and Bernet Halls. Greek floors will be consolidated into Hamlin Hall. Sophomores will be in Millor, Sutowski, and some possibly in Bernet Hall. First year students will reside in Dolan, Pacelli and Champion Halls. There will be some minor renovations in other halls in summer 2014, but the major focus will be to complete the Murphy Project on time. Our hope is to upgrade the resident hall access system in all halls to meet the new Murphy standard.

A very successful Trick-or-Treat the Halls Night, sponsored by the Residence Hall Association, has the group back on track. Many stated that this was one of the most successful trick-or treat nights in years.

c. Campus Safety Services: Following the 12/14/2013 Board Meeting, it is anticipated that a communication will be coming from the President's Office announcing that Campus Safety will become the John Carroll University Police Department and that they are fully trained and prepared with renovated, secure space to be armed at the start of the spring semester. This decision has been made after considerable time, training, consultation, and collaboration with the University Heights Police Department Chief, the University Heights Mayor and benchmarking with comparable institutions.

d. Other Updates:

- i. The Campus Care Team works to improve outreach to students who may be struggling with a variety of issues, such as academic, social, or financial challenges. The team consists of faculty and staff from academic and student affairs, enrollment and mission and identity.
- ii. Christmas Carroll Eve continues to be an important JCU tradition on campus. In order to engage more students with the various activities, all events have been moved to the D.J. Lombardo Student Center, except for the late night Mass which will be held at the Church of the Gesu.
- iii. The search for the new Coordinator of the Violence Prevention and Action Center is underway.

5. **Presentation and Discussion**: Dr. Sherri Crahen, Dean of Students, Megan Dzurec, Coordinator, Health Education and Promotion and Dr. Mary Beth Javorek, Director, University Counseling Center presented on students' physical and emotion health. They reported on some of the key findings of the National Collegiate Health Assessment and discussed implications of these findings in providing proper services and learning environments for our students. Much discussion was had regarding the need to better support our student's physical, emotional and spiritual health to fulfill our mission and core values of a Jesuit, Catholic education.

To do so and to do it well, several board members suggested the need for additional resources to be able to provide the appropriate support necessary to accomplish this especially given the University's renewed focus on the retention of all students at every level; not just first year students. Board members suggested that they should take these issues up in other Board committee meetings that they will be attending at the larger Board meeting on 12/14/2013 as part of the Vision 2030 exercise.

6. **Executive Session**: The committee did not go into Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Hanicak
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