



Student Affairs Policy Committee

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Annual Report 2015-2016**

SAPC Members:

Theodore Tong, Pharmacy, **CHAIR** (6/11-5/16)
Cheryl Cuillier, University Libraries-Research & Learning (6/14-5/16)
Amy Fountain, Linguistics (6/14-5/16)
Lauri Macmillan Johnson, School of Architecture/Landscape Architecture (7/10-5/16)
A. Tim Jull, Geosciences (7/10-5/16)
Matthew Leahy, ASUA (8/15-5/16)
Sarah Netherton, GPSC (8/15-5/16)
S. Mae Smith, Disability/Psychoeducational Studies (6/11-5/16)
Jeff Stone, Psychology (6/14-5/16)
Kendal Washington White, Dean of Students, *ex-officio* (8/09-)

During the academic year 2015-2016, the committee met October 29, 2015; January 22, 2016 and March 26, 2016.

Committee actions:

The committee met on **October 29**, to discuss the *Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Assault & Sexual Misconduct* that was conducted with peer institution members of the American Association of Universities (AAU). The results of the survey were heard by the Faculty Senate in October 2015. Dean of Students, Kendal Washington White updated SAPC members on the progress of UA initiatives underway to address survey findings and for future issues that will require attention and action. The Committee will continue to receive timely updates on this matter.

Committee members received updated details on the continuing efforts taken to minimize textbook costs and improve book access to students. The results from these efforts have been favorable. Faculty interest and participation with programs to improve student access to e-books should be encouraged and given more support.

The committee reviewed the codes of student conduct and policies on threatening and disruptive behavior. There is a need for better preparation and availability of tools to address concerns of disabilities among undergraduate students. Issues with students with disabilities in graduate programs should also be addressed and receive more attention. The Dean of Students Office and the Graduate College will follow-up with a report of these efforts to the committee.



Committee members agreed that interest for more and improved support services given to the UA International student community should be a topic of continuing inquiry and further examination of this committee in the 2016-2017 academic year.

The committee met on **January 22, 2016** and discussed initiatives that the UA Bookstore and UA Libraries have undertaken regarding institutional and constituent relationships relating to textbook ordering and purchasing policies. Access to bookstore, library and digital online information resources and materials for students, faculty and staff members was also discussed.

The committee met on **March 26, 2016** and addressed student requests for improvement in access and availability of class/course details and syllabus information to assist their decision making during registration. Members of the committee agreed that information should be available to assist students with making informed choices when selecting courses and classes. The Committee offered suggestions for improvements to guest Jeremy Frumkin, Associate Dean for Technology Strategy, who will ascertain whose responsibility it is to determine the feasibility of changes and if improvements can be implemented. This committee will continue to follow up with future discussions on this matter during the 2016-2017 academic year.

The committee heard from Dean of Students, K. Washington White, who provided a brief review on the background of the demands brought forward by marginalized student groups to the attention of the University's leadership. The committee will continue to follow the progress of this student matter during the 2016-2017 academic year.

Respectfully submitted,

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