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# Student Affairs Policy Committee Annual Report 2023-2024

## **SAPC Members:**

- Kristin Little, English [Co-Chair Spring 2024]
- Tim Ottusch, Human Development & Family Science [Co-Chair Spring 2024]
- Cheryl Casey, Co-Chair, University Libraries [through Fall 2023]
- Diane Ohala, Co-Chair, Linguistics [through Fall 2023]
- Kennedy Sparling, GPSC
- Meg Cota, Educational Policy Studies and Practice
- Alane Dy, Asthma/Airway Disease Research Center, Postdoc
- Maya Kostov ASUA
- Matt Mugmon, Music
- Jennifer Ludwig, Student Success & Retention Innovation
- Jenny Nirh, Student Success & Retention Innovation (alternates attendance with Jennifer)
- Joel Smith (Spring 2024]
- Amanda Kraus, Education Policy Studies and Practice, AVP for Campus Life

The committee's focus in 2023-2024 remained on student success, including basic needs, course materials, and health and wellness.

## **Major SAPC Accomplishments in 2023-2024:**

- Having Parking and Transportation Services, Campus Health, and Pay One Price representatives share about their programs and insights to help students.
- The Spring 2024 focused on mechanisms to sharing resources in a broader way with faculty, to support students.
- A presentation was drafted up, to be presented at Faculty Senate hopefully in September 2024 on available resources for students that faculty should be aware of.

## **Highlights from 2023-24 SAPC Meetings**

- The university implemented the Pay One Price model, offering students all textbooks and materials for one flat price, no matter how much the books would have cost if purchased individually. UA saw a smaller opt-out rate than expected.

- The university implemented the use of Ally, a accessibility and inclusivity software, into D2L course sites. This provides accessibility tools and feedback mechanisms to help improve accessibility within courses.
- Parking and Transportation Services (PTS) offers free Lyft service for campus students to several nearby grocery stores and also offers free Lyft rides home.
- Compilation of helpful resources for students.

The committee met September 11, 2023; October 9, 2023; November 13, 2023; December 4, 2023; January 31, 2024; February 28, 2024; March 27, 2024; and April 24, 2024.

### **Highlights for September 11, 2023:**

Co-Chair Casey shared updates from the Pay 1 Price Course Material Program (P1P). The P1P launched for the first time across the whole campus in Fall 2023. The amount of students opting out of the program was much lower than they expected. From a faculty end, there is work being done to have more textbook coordinators for colleges/departments. Some faculty don't submit until very late in the process, which is not helpful for the P1P model. New faculty are often confused in general how to handle textbook adoptions. Another issues for faculty to know is they need to tell students that if they opt-out the materials will go away in D2L once the deadline hits (i.e. they will lose access to the textbook they had immediate access from to start the class). Reports/presentations to units on the model appeared to be really helpful and might be beneficial in Fall 2024.

### **Highlights for October 9, 2023:**

Member Kraus highlighted the integration of Ally, a software on accessibility and inclusivity, in D2L pages. In D2L, if there is an "A" icon next to an item of content that means it can be engaged with in multiple ways (read, listened to). The DRC is helping fund this, which makes content more accessible from the start for all students. Instructors eventually will be able to get an accessibility score for their courses and can understand from it how they can make their courses more accessible.

### **Highlights for November 13, 2023:**

David Salafsky and Ivan Acosta joined the meeting to talk about Campus Health and Insurance options. Highlights of the overview of their presentations included a reminder there are three locations of campus health (Main one at 6<sup>th</sup> and Highland; CAPS North (North Rec); Health Promotion Hideaway (Bear Down). Virtual appointments are also available. Health insurance is not needed to obtain services, although fees (discounted for students) are typically charged. Services include Campus Acute Treatment, which is similar to an urget care, as well as general primary care, health promotion efforts, immunizations clinics (flu, COVID, etc.). They also do lab testing, for things such as STIs, blood, and urine samples. They also have a gender affirming care unit, two nutrition counselors, and a women's health clinic. Other services involve sports medicine and physical therapy, and X-Rays.

Counseling and Psych Services (CAPS) are housed within campus health, connecting to the overall holistic nature of Campus Health, with five practitioners available, as well as outreach through workshops and support groups are offered.

Acosta talked about health insurance options for students. They do except commercial plans, as well as a Student Health Insurance Plan is available. This is open to undergraduates taking at least 6+ units and graduate students taking 3+ units. Students are available to receive services over the summer if they are enrolled for the fall.

An appointment note, starting Fall 2024 the pharmacy through Campus Health will no longer be open.

#### **Highlights for December 4, 2023:**

Jim Sayre from Parking and Transportation Services joined the group and shared valuable information for students, faculty, and staff. PTS helps subsidize city transportation (SunTran, SunLink), as well as bike transit and other programs. Nearly 90% of their revenue is from parking permits and “meter” parking, with only 4% from citations (which doesn’t cover the cost of the citation program).

Some recent initiatives include putting into place Wildcat Ambassadors instead of cashiers at garages, as well as no longer doing cash payments, moving more online (no pay machines), using a license plate program instead of stickers, and more on-demand ride hailing for individuals with disabilities.

PTS also offers a bike repair shop and only cost is for parts (i.e. tubes, but don’t have to pay for labor).

Some important programs also include emergency ride homes, such as PTS will pay for alift if they have a bus pass (bus passes are free), Night Cat Train, and Lyft Service for campus students to get to nearby grocery stores (i.e. Fry’s, Walmart).

January 31, 2024; February 28, 2024; March 27, 2024; and April 24, 2024.

#### **Highlights for January 31, 2024:**

The group discussed major goals for the spring. Co-Chairs Little and Ottusch proposed working on a resource to be shared with Faculty Senate (which could then be shared out their constituents) on all the resources mentioned during recent SAPC presentations to get the word out on options for students (such as Lyft rides for campus students to grocery stores). We also welcomed new member Joel Smith.

#### **Highlights for February 28, 2024:**

The group continued discussions on resources to be shared to the larger faculty community, and the mechanisms best suited to do that. Discussion also circled around what resources already exist that partially or fully addresses this. The group also discussed recording policies for classes. Follow-up email with UCATT found they do have a committee working on that, with a policy on this topic likely out in 2024 at some point. Finally, concerns were discussed related to what students are hearing and saying about how the financial crisis is influencing them.

#### **Highlights for March 27, 2024:**

The group worked through questions received about student concerns, such as student fees, advising, and more. Co-Chairs Little and Ottusch worked to investigate those questions further after the meeting. Further discussion on how to present information to faculty on resources for students. A presentation will be created and presented to Senate in September 2024.

**Highlights for April 24, 2024:**

For the final meeting of the year, the group spent most of the time working on the presentation the committee plans to give at the first Faculty Senate meeting in the fall. The group discussed both what to include, the format, and how they plan to have resources available after. They also discussed items for next year, including all-gender bathroom availability and campus safety. The group worked to see who on the committee has an interest in serving another term.

Respectfully submitted,

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