

## Student Welfare Committee

### Final Report 2016-2017

#### Members:

**G. Norfleet, Chair (Undergraduate Student)**  
**A. Rosen-Brand, Vice Chair (Student Accessibility Services Assoc. Director)**

**P. Carey (Chief-UPD), T. Fissler (Student rep.), L. Galka (Acad. Outreach), P. Giammarco (Student), J. Jacobi (Grad. Student rep.), A. Liao (Communications), M. Mann (Student rep.), A. McNamara (Student rep.), M. Miszkiewicz (Prof. Staff-RITE.), A.M. Sokol (Chemistry), A. Udofia (Student rep.), S. Velez (Student Life, Admin. Liaison), V. Ukah (Student), S. Weber (Elem. Ed. & Reading)**

**Charge:** *The Student Welfare Committee examines matters and recommends policy concerning student life. Such matters include all aspects of the college as a total learning and living environment as it may be affected by:*

- 1. The students' intellectual/academic, cultural, social, psychological and physical well-being;*
- 2. Including academic matters,*
- 3. College and student services, and*
- 4. Faculty-student-administration relations.*

**Name of Chairs Submitting Report:** *Gianna Norfleet, Chair, Amy Rosen-Brand, Vice Chair*

#### **Anticipated Vacancies in 2017-2018 for Committee Members:**

There will be three to four student members not returning next year due to either graduation or non-participation. From the student body we received less support but had a select group who participated extensively. We would hope that those students who did participate as much as they did will decide to again work with the Committee next year.

The faculty and staff members of the committee were all active in their participation and can individually decide if they would like to participate in the 2017-2018 Student Welfare Committee over the coming months. All of the faculty and staff members attended well and should be allowed to remain on the committee should their committee interest remain.

### **Approximate Number of Meetings:**

There were three committee meetings held in the fall 2016 semester and another two committee meetings held in the spring 2016 semester. There was an additional meeting held which was a joint meeting with BSAC for consideration of the proposed broad based fee increase.

Additionally, there were a few informal *ad hoc* meetings held to further explore and discuss committee subcommittee goals.

### **Report:**

We established four ad hoc committees:

1. Enhancing and Improving the Health/Dietary Preference Friendly Food Options in Dining Services
2. Improving and Developing Communication to Students
3. Improving Academic Focused Campus Wide Events Versus Social Events
4. Concerns about campus accessibility during inclement weather

The SWC vice-chair met with Interim VP Daniel Velez and Glenn Bucello, Resident District Manager of Dining Services in January to discuss concerns relative to the first goal. The meeting was productive and we were able to learn more about established policies about dietary needs and the existing campus dining services space, including vending options. Enhancements already in place: grab and go options and extended hours to address student need.

To this end, the committee felt that we need to gauge student campus concerns as to health/dietary preference food needs in dining services. We have, as a committee, created a short questionnaire which will inquire as to students' food allergy dining needs, students' medical needs requiring specific dining options, and dietary preferences related to personal beliefs or religious requirements. The survey will not require any identifying information and will solely require a campus logon. In addition to e-mailing a link to students, we will have survey stations located in the student union and library. The survey will need to be reviewed and approved by the IRB. Anticipated administration of the survey: October 2017.

From a communications standpoint, we created a SWC portal within Office 365 to enable the committee to easily and securely access and share information. This subcommittee completed a review of the variety of current methods of communication to students about academic and social events on campus. Additionally, there was discussion of how to get information out to commuter students relative to snow removal concerns and campus access. There was ongoing discussion of development of an app to house all of these current methods and develop an easy to follow non-duplicative resource for information about events, campus weather conditions and access. This is a continuing project.