

University Life Council
Minutes of Meeting
September 29, 2009
Terrace Lounge

Present: Philippe Abraham, Christine Bouchard, Colleen Davis, Kathleen Dunn, Donald Keenan, Igor Kuznetsov, Colin Quinn, Brenda Seckerson, Dan Smith (Chair), Stacy Stern

Meeting Commenced at 8:00 am.

Smoking Policy

Chair Smith informed the council that President Philip handed back the bill unsigned and would like to have further conversations with stakeholders and the impact the policy would have on the campus community.

Ombuds Office

Chair Smith discussed the establishment of an Ombuds office for undergraduate students. Provost Sue Phillips would like to move ahead with this.

Vice President Bouchard asked if there were any models that could be reviewed.

Colleen Davis volunteered to conduct research on other offices.

Chair Smith asked if it would be worthwhile to invite Jonathan Bartow to discuss the Graduate Ombuds program with the council.

H1N1

Dr. Michael Christakis, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Success and Dr. Peter Vellis, Director of Student Health Services spoke to the council about H1N1.

Handouts were distributed which included an H1N1 fact sheet and a Pandemic Planning sheet.

Dr. Vellis mentioned that college students are the most susceptible to this flu. He added that vaccines would be available in mid-October and that only 1 vaccination was needed for the virus.

Dr. Christakis discussed the planning that the University has been doing in case there is an outbreak. He also mentioned that the University has been promoting an H1N1 website that allows students to self-report if they have flu like symptoms.

Dr. Vellis stated that all flu like illnesses are being treated as H1N1

Vice President Bouchard asked how much activity has the health center seen thus far to which Dr. Vellis responded that there has been limited activity and all tests and visits are reported.

Dr. Vellis mentioned that they see roughly 120-150 students a day and that only about 1-2 are reporting flu like symptoms.

Chair Smith asked what type of planning has been done in case the University needs to close for an extended period.

Dr. Christakis noted that extensive planning has been done with services including Residence Life, University Police Department, University Auxiliary Services and Chartwell's.

Dr. Vellis added that recovery time is usually 3-5 days and students should stay home until they are fever free for 24-48 hours.

Alumni Partnership Fee

Chair Smith stated that he would pull together information regarding this \$20 fee that is being charged to students. He added that the fee was optional, but you can't opt out of it, you can request a refund.

Consultation with CAFECOR

Chair Smith discussed inviting Susanna Fessler, Chair of CAFECOR, to come speak at a meeting. He mentioned there was an incident in Women's Studies that the council may consider working with CAFECOR to conduct a program on tolerance.

Next Meeting: October 6, 2009

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Noah Simon, Recording Secretary