

Year-End Report
Fort Wayne Senate Student Affairs Committee

The committee held six meetings over the course of academic year 2022-2023. In line with the committee responsibilities outlined in section 5.3.4.2 of the Senate Bylaws, we worked on the following topics over the course of the academic year:

- a review of current practices and a report on recommendations for the campus regarding how to best handle the process for student deaths, in compliance with the charge in SD 21-35 (see the report and recommendations, which were approved in the December 2022 Senate meeting as SD 22-10)
- a review of data from university adaptations to the COVID-19 pandemic so as to leverage those findings to develop recommendations for policies and practices moving forward: attendance policies, student mental health, teaching online, providing faculty with resources and support for helping students (see SR 22-10 for the full set of recommendations and guidance)

We also engaged in conversation and discussion around the following items:

- the policies and procedures for reviewing external group requests to have events on campus
- the campus solicitation policy for internal/external groups (we advocated maintaining an active solicitation policy and enforcing current policies, which explicitly prohibit behaviors associated with blocking access to spaces on campus and harassment of bystanders)
- the feasibility of bringing Greek Life to PFW's campus (see Senate Document 22-16)
- the role of this committee in planning around items related to non-academic student life activities

The committee agreed that we should incorporate several changes to improve communication between the Senate and the Division of Enrollment Management and the Student Experience for next academic year and avoid the issues raised in SD 22-16:

1. Develop operational procedures to create effective structures for consultation between the Senate Student Affairs and the Division of Enrollment Management and the Student Experience (e.g. swift response, building of trust, sharing of information, etc.)
2. Provide the Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management and the Student Experience time in each meeting to update the committee on important initiatives and activities the Division is undertaking related to the Senate Student Affairs Committee's charge.

We incorporated the second point into the agenda for the final meeting of the semester and will work to develop the operational procedures in the next academic year.

Respectfully submitted,
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Chair, Student Affairs Committee, AY 2022-2023