

Student Affairs Committee

An extraordinary amount of time and energy went into developing a comprehensive survey to gauge students' thoughts and ideas to assess their educational experience based on the university's response to the delivery of services during the pandemic. Sadly, we were not able to use it.

Fall 2020

- Met with Faculty Senate President, identified a need for a student survey in the wake of COVID-19.
- Partnered with Office for Student Affairs to strategize for the development and deployment of a student survey.
- Met with student senate representative to get information for the survey
- Had several meetings via zoom with Vice President for Student Affairs and key members from his staff to discuss the survey instrument's purpose and relevant questions.
- I chaired a subcommittee that fine tuned the survey based on input from committee members. (special thanks to Eric Jeitner and Suya Yin)
- Met Roberto Castille to set up Qualtrics as the platform to deploy the survey
- Email communication with Valerie Hayes on securing funds for the committee 300.00 (Still in Process)
- Communicated with Dan Nugent, Cynthis Crager to develop a strategy for securing and oversight for spending a 300.00 donation for the Committee to use if needed. (Still in progress).
- In December, the survey was revoked, unaware UROC deployed a similar survey

Spring 2021

We were to work on and submit findings from the survey!!! The Chair executed the following actions to find a project for the Committee to work on during Spring 2021:

- Met with Chris Catching's three times via zoom to work on a plan for Spring 2021 and Fall 2021
- Met with Donnie Allision via zoom: Suggestions to help identify projects for Spring 2021
- Communicated with Dr. Ameer Shah via email to discuss how our Committee could help with developing a program to create research opportunities between faculty and students
- Met with Dr. Rachel Kirzner to discuss research opportunities as a follow up to students and faculty working together on research projects as per Dr. Shah's request.
- Recently met with the Provost and Daniel Nugent to see if our Committee could be of assistance for revising the Honorary Degree policy.

Fall 2021

Meeting with Vice President of Student Affairs over the summer to review projects, programs, and initiatives outlined by Student Affairs that support inclusive student success for Fall 2021 and beyond:

- The Early Alert Form
- Expanding Student Health, Safety, and Well-being

- Cultivating an Inclusive Campus Community
- Promoting Equitable Educational Access and Academic Achievement
- Fostering Post-Graduate Success

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the collective efforts between Student Affairs and Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee members who pulled together to devise a comprehensive survey. The creativity and energy from both committees displayed remotely have been exemplary. Finally, I want to offer my deepest gratitude to Dr. Suya Yin. Her commitment and attention to detail in the areas of attendance taking for each meeting, work on the subcommittee to fine tune the survey, updating, and oversight of google docs shared between committee members was outstanding.

Overall, there is significant work for us to do and ways to collaborate that will maximize our time, expertise, and impact. I will find a way to get the Committee moving in the right direction.