

Student Affairs Committee 2018-2019 Annual Report

Student Affairs Oversight and Advisory and Responsibility:

The **Committee on Student Affairs** has oversight and advisory responsibility for all matters of student life and discipline. Members: One member elected by and from the Faculty of each School, the Vice President for Student Affairs (ex-officio), the Dean of Students (ex-officio), and a bargaining unit representative appointed by the President of the Union (ex-officio). One undergraduate student and one graduate student shall be appointed to serve as non-voting liaisons.

Faculty Members

Emmanuel Small	Chair (2018-2020)
Arleen Gonzalez	Vice Chair (2017-2018)
Jacob Feige	ARHU (2015-2017)
Shelly Meyers	EDUC (2017-2019)
Richard Miller	GENS (2017-2019)
Lauren DelRossi	HLTH (2017-2019)
Jian Wang	Library (2017-2019)
Cristina Cummings	NAMS (2017-2019)
Zornista Kalibetseva	SOBL (2017-2019)
Vacant seat	BUSN

Ex Officio Members

Christopher Catching –Vice President for Student Affairs

Stephen Davis –Dean of Students

Voting Student Liaisons

To be appointed Graduate student

Rosheka Faulkner Undergraduate

Meetings: The committee met once each month starting September 2018-December 2018. January 2019-March 2019.

All meetings were convened in the office of Student Affairs at D-116. In an attempt to accommodate schedules and increase participation, two meetings were done using zoom video conferencing.

Theme: *Remove the Social Stigma Associated with Asking for Help.*

This year's theme focused on raising an awareness campaign to assist student's adjustment to life on campus. The mental and emotional health of students is a growing concern for institutions of higher learning. Expectations of new freedoms, making friends, partying, joining clubs, social events, and failing course(s), quickly can turn into mental health and/or academic problem.

Nearly every student encounters obstacles he or she didn't anticipate. Therefore, they have a tendency to become paralyzed with fear denying or hiding their problems and refusing to seek out care. One major obstacle discouraging students from seeking the appropriate intervention is the social stigma toward people in pursuit of mental health and academic services.

The Student Affairs committee decided to play a significant role in removing the social stigma associated with asking for help by conducting a poster contest. The poster contest was designed to encourage our students to seek out various services on campus to increase their confidence, self-esteem, and resiliency. The committee voted on three posters where students won prizes (Gift Cards) for their beautiful artwork.

Three Winners:

1st Prize: 80.00

2nd Prize: 60.00

3rd Prize: 40.00

Fall 2019, the committee will build upon the success of the poster contest and will create more events that will get this essential message out into the campus community. Also, the committee would like to support Donnie Allison's email reminder to faculty requesting to add the contact information to access student services into their syllabi.

I want to thank members from the Student Affairs Committee for their dedication and great ideas that contributed to making the Ask for Help campaign a success.

This report was written by:

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Chair Student Affairs Committee