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Student Affairs Committee Minutes 9/20//2022 -Via Zoom

Present: Viktor Berberi, Y. Andrew Hao, Matt Hoekstra, Hal Johnson, Siobhan Bremer, Sandy Olson - Loy, Simon Franco
Absent: Vanessa Mora

In these minutes: Review of Student Engagement data

Meeting was called to order at 11:42am

Minutes from the August 30th, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously.

Viktor reported that he had met with Mark Collier (chair of Planning), Dave Roberts (chair of Finance) and Nadezhda Sotirova (on Consultative) on this issue of the "fun gap" (or lack of engagement) among students.

Simon Franco then shared a presentation

[-https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1R-50vo7SZt0_YXN2_SiaM33Y1Aj_jcFGvnFoKpIlef/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1R-50vo7SZt0_YXN2_SiaM33Y1Aj_jcFGvnFoKpIlef/edit?usp=sharing) on the spring survey regarding student involvement in campus activities. This survey has been conducted during the past few years asking students how many events they attend and what kind, best time for events, size of events most popular, willingness to pay for events, and how they find out about events. We want to be sure that events are accessible to all students from all financial backgrounds. Students Activities works with TRIO/NASS/EDI for financial assistance to help students. Simon reported that students' sense of community is higher when they attend events and their GPA also is higher. The event attendance is only a piece of the puzzle. The space utilized for an event is another piece. A student's amount of unscheduled activity time versus their scheduled events all contribute to a sense of community and belonging.

Sandy Olson Loy shared data comparing Morris to other institutions -

Student engagement rates, Morris campus and comparison group institutions, spring 2020:

| Student Engagement in High Impact Practices | Morris Seniors | COPLAC | NSSE All | Bac LA |
|---|----------------|--------|----------|--------|
| Attended art exhibits, plays/music/theater performances | 80% | 60% | 51% | 74% |
| Participated in co-curricular activities in senior year | 83% | 62% | 56% | 84% |
| Completed internships/field experience/student teaching | 71% | 74% | 72% | 79% |
| Worked on campus in a paid position in senior year | 63% | 36% | 28% | 55% |
| Held a formal leadership position in a student group | 58% | 48% | 43% | 67% |
| Worked on a research project with a faculty member | 50% | 42% | 35% | 52% |
| Studied abroad | 43% | 20% | 21% | 42% |

Morris ranks highest in almost all categories of engagement. Prior to the pandemic there was a study on campus regarding the amount of events (including student organizations, faculty events, staff activities, sporting events, lectures, etc) and the amount was enormous. The campus is urging everyone to support each other's events. Students feel more supported when they see faculty and staff attending their events and in turn, students are willing to attend faculty/staff events.

Meeting adjourned at 12:43pm

All meetings will be on Zoom during Community Hour on Tuesdays at 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m.

- October 11, 2022
- November 15, 2022
- January 24, 2023
- February 14, 2023
- March 21, 2023
- April 18, 2023

Submitted by: Holly Rutter

Date submitted to Digital Well: _____