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Student Affairs Committee Minutes (04/16/24)

In attendance: Viktor Berberi, Andrew Hao, Danielle Bolland, Simon Franco, Sandra Olson-Loy

Absent: Holly Rutter, Matt Hoekstra, Siobhan Bremer

- A. Approve [minutes from 3/19/24](#) and [email mtg 3/25&28/24](#)  
Approved unanimously.

- B. Guest: Simon Franco re: Student Activities

Name change to Student Engagement and Events (SEE) at the beginning of the year. Through work with Institutional Research, the office found that participation in student org was 8% higher. While it does not show causation, it indicates a strong correlation.

SEE started to look at event attendance. Students who go to at least one event have higher GPAs and higher retention rates.

Use of campus connection software: This new system is not yet sufficiently adopted. Hoping for event planners to more prevalently adopt this software. Higher usage will also allow higher tracking rate.

Rolling out and refining experiential learning requirements - this will be critical in the next catalogue cycle.

A review of longitudinal data at events attendance over the years since 2016 shows that pandemic had impact, but the attendance is almost back to 2019 level. The bulk of events are planned and put together by faculty and staff (higher rates than athletic events). The campus has fewer students due to enrollment challenges, but the gap of events is even greater.

VB: We should differentiate event number from event variety.

SF: Agree

VB: We need to avoid overscheduling and survey how many events students want to attend per week. Depending on the result, we may want to consider potentially scaling back the events.

SF: Among others, this should be part of the campus conversation. More than simply reporting the numbers, SEE intends to explore how to leverage the data we have to engage a less engaged audience.

At this point, three major external groups or events on campus have been planned over the summer. Two from 4H and Irondale Marching Band.

SOL: Consider setting example with paths of successful students

DB: Are frequent attenders the same students or different students at different events?

SF: We can track at the granular level. Need more buy-in. In a year, each student attends about six events.

DB: Asked because of the need to catch first-year students early.

SF: Agree. Students who get involved early are retained at higher rates.

SOL: First-gen tend to wait and see. We ought to encourage more involvement and exploration.

SF: System is available to faculty members, too. Events can be entered and then tracked.

AH: Entry is easy, but how about RSVP/registration? How to incentivize?

SF: Point accrual system is embedded in campus connection. (SH also demonstrated functionalities.)

AH: Is it possible to have a more clear system for awards?

SF: This is the first year CC has been in use. After the test run, there are more things to explore.

SF: Next semester, there will be a UMN-branded app in the system, which will make check-in easier.

SOL then asked SF to show student experience record (co-curricular transcript) within CC.

SF obliged and tied in experiential learning. Only a small percentage of students are not already doing one of the options. He then encouraged faculty to take advantage of the opportunities.

C. From Simon Franco: Student Orgs for Approval

New:

Scholar Network for Diverse Students

Jazz and contemporary music club

Revised:

English Club (separated from Honors Society)

International Student Association

D. From Sandra Olson-Loy: None at the moment.

E. Envisioning AY24-25

Members agree to work on amplifying student member input.

Olson-Loy met with new MSCA leadership with this as an important goal.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

Submitted by Andrew Hao

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