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A meeting of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life was held in room 206 of the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, University Park, PA, at 12:30 p.m. on May 3, 2018.

The following committee members were present: Chair Bill Oldsey, Vice Chair Alice Pope, Valerie Detwiler, Michael Hoeschele, and Chris Hoffman. President Eric Barron attended as an ex-officio member of the committee.

The following staff members were present: Nick Jones, Executive Vice President and Provost; Rob Pangborn, Vice President and Dean for Undergraduate Education; Damon Sims, Vice President for Student Affairs; and Ann Wyatt. Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) Vice President Stephanie Winkler, and Staff Advisory Council Immediate Past Chair, John Ilie were present. Trustee Emerita Ann Riley was present. Also invited as presenters were David Smith, Associate Dean for Advising and Executive Director, Division of Undergraduate Studies, University Park; Alyssa Bumbaugh, Senior Undergraduate Studies Program Coordinator for the College of Agricultural Sciences; Josephine Kenny, Sophomore, Supply Chain Management, Smeal College of Business; Katina Moten, Director, Lambert Undergraduate Advising Center, Penn State Harrisburg; George Samuel, Junior, Nursing, Penn State Berks and College of Nursing; Dylan Shoemaker, Sophomore, Plant Sciences, College of Agricultural Sciences; and Janet Schulenberg, Associate Director for Curriculum and Technology Division of Undergraduate Studies, University Park.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Oldsey at 12:30 p.m. *Minutes* of the February 22, 2018 meeting of the committee were approved with revisions.

Chair Oldsey welcomed Stephanie Winkler and thanked John Ilie for his service on the Committee. He then called on administrators for their reports. Rob Pangborn provided an update on admissions enrollment; the Sokolov-Miller Family Financial and Life Skills Center; the general education program; and the student engagement network. Damon Sims reported on Fraternity and Sorority Life, including the hiring of Steve Veldkamp as the Director. Veldkamp will ensure collaboration between the offices of Fraternity and Sorority Life and Fraternity and Sorority Compliance. He then spoke about recent changes to club sports, and the Student Fee Board. Nick Jones provided an update on LionPath, citing improvements for students and parents, and the creation of focus groups to provide feedback for continued improvements. He spoke about user interface improvements in Workday, the human resources and payroll system; and the development of SIMBA, the University's new financial enterprise system which is scheduled to launch in July 2020. Nick then reported on administrative searches, including the Dean of the College of the Liberal Arts; the Dean of the College of Health and Human Development; the Dean of Dickinson Law; and the Dean of the College of Arts and Architecture. He concluded by announcing the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board report on the results of the Graduate and Professional Student unionization election. The effort to unionize was defeated, 1,438 to 950, with 63% of eligible voters participating; the University will continue to address issues of concern with Graduate students.

Next, Stephanie Winkler provided a report on student government initiatives, including the unionization vote and the GPSA's desire to work with the University to improve employment conditions for graduate students. She also addressed an anticipated health Insurance coverage gaps for graduate students in the fall; educational costs for homework services cited by the University Park Undergraduate Association; and the Commonwealth Council of Student Governments' recognition of transition issues for students coming to University Park from Commonwealth Campuses.

Finally, the Committee held a generative discussion about Academic Advising at Penn State, which was led by David Smith. Panelists, representing both the delivery and recipient sides of the topic, spoke about educational goals; advising resources; relationship development and communication; prerequisites for coursework, the complexity of campus and system navigation; and faculty mentorship.

The public session of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

No Executive Session of the Committee was required.

Respectfully submitted,

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