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A meeting of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life was held in Room 207 of the Penn State Conference Center Hotel, University Park, PA, at 10:00 a.m. on September 14, 2017.

The following committee members were present: Chair Bill Oldsey, Vice Chair Alice Pope, Valerie Detwiler, Michael Hoeschele, and Chris Hoffman.

The following staff members were present: Nick Jones, Executive Vice President and Provost; Damon Sims, Vice President for Student Affairs; and Ann Wyatt. Graduate and Professional Student Association Vice President Brianne Pragg; Staff Advisory Council Immediate Past Chair John Ilie; Faculty Senate Chair-Elect, Michael Berube, were present. Trustee Emerita Ann Riley was present. Also invited as presenters were Kathleen Bieschke, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, and Faculty Senate Chair, Matthew Woessner.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Oldsey at 10:03 a.m.

Chair Oldsey began the meeting with introductions of Committee members. He then reflected on the results of the recent Committee self-assessment survey; presented a list of potential Committee priorities for the year; and suggested a restructure of the Committee meeting model. He encouraged members to provide him with feedback in advance of the November meeting.

Minutes of the July 20, 2017 meeting of the committee were approved.

Chair Oldsey called on Damon Sims for his report. He provided an update on fraternity and sorority life; campus recreation access; student immunizations, diversity and inclusion conversations with students following the recent uprising in Charlottesville, VA; and post-hurricane disaster messages of assistance and outreach. Next, Nick Jones reported on administrative searches and appointments, and the progress being made in various University enterprise systems; the University DACA statement; and various University comparative rankings. Then, on behalf of Vice President and Dean for Undergraduate Education, Rob Pangborn, Jones provided an admissions update to the Committee.

Brianne Pragg provided a report on student government initiatives, including PSU Votes Week; recycling efforts; printing collaborations with the University's Copy Central; community outreach; diversity and inclusion; inter-organization communications; student transition; student healthcare resources; and campus recreation fees.

Kathie Bieschke provided a report on the oversight and vision for the Office of Faculty Affairs. Expansion of this office will soon include two Assistant Vice Provosts, dedicated respectively to human relations issues, and to faculty development.

Finally, Matthew Woessner shared University Senate goals for 2017-2018, including an advisory report on Greek Life reform; committee minority reports; senate chair oversight; a framework for linking fixed-term promotion with multi-year contracts; and reform balloting for Senate leadership elections.

The public session of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

No Executive Session of the Committee was required.

Respectfully submitted,

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