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A meeting of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life was held in Room 208 of the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, State College, PA, at 1:00 p.m. on November 14, 2019.

The following committee members were present: Chair David Han, Vice Chair Alice Pope, President Eric Barron, and Trustees Bryan Culler, Mark Dambly, Valerie Detwiler, Chris Hoffman, Bill Oldsey, Jay Paterno, Matt Schuyler, Laurie Stanell, and Steve Wagman. Also joining the meeting was Emerita Trustee Anne Riley.

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. University Staff Advisory Committee representative Jeannine Hanes; World Campus Student Association (WCSA) President Sean Walsh; and University Faculty Senate Representative, Mary Beth Williams, were present.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Han at 1:00 p.m. *Minutes* of the September 12, 2019 meeting of the committee were approved. No business items were recommended.

Chair Han welcomed those in attendance and opened by addressing the Committee's risk oversight for Greek Life. Joining the meeting were leaders from the Office of Student Affairs and the State College community, as well as student leaders representing the four governing councils of Penn State social fraternities and sororities: Tom Fountaine, Manager of the State College Borough; Chris Jefferson, Director for the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life; Danny Shaha, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs; Steve Veldkamp, Director for the Timothy J. Piazza Center for Fraternity and Sorority Research and Reform; James Brady, President of the Interfraternity Council; Kenny Casals, UPUA Representative to the Multicultural Greek Council; Tatiana Hill, Co-President of the National Pan-Hellenic Council; and Liz Magaha, Vice President for Standards of the Panhellenic Council.

Damon Sims opened the conversation by providing an overview of the risks associated with Greek Life, as well as the key reforms and support for the minimization of these risks. He also focused on the web of relationships needed to maintain safe, sustainable environments for students on campus and in the community. The panelists addressed a variety of topics, including financial concerns, management planning, training opportunities, collaboration, compliance, and conduct.

The public session of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

At 2:10 p.m., a joint Executive Session of the Committees on Academic Affairs, and Legal and Compliance was held to discuss privileged legal information.

Respectfully submitted,

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