



FACULTY SENATE

**Student Affairs Committee**

Minutes

October 1, 2020

8:30-10:00

Microsoft Teams

- Present** Kenneth Allen (CNHS), Sin Yee Chan (CAS), Thomas Chittenden (Faculty Senate President), Terry Delaney (CALs), Jonathan Flyer (LCOM), Steve Gove (GSB), William Louisos (CEMS), Patricia Mardeusz (LIB), Jennifer Prue (CESS), Berke Tinaz (GSA), Sarah Twitchell (LCOM), Scott Van Keuren (CAS)
- Absent** Sam Pasqualoni (SGA), Vacant (RSENr)
- Guests** J. Dickinson, Dani Comey, John Paul Grogan, Sharon Mone, Michelle Paavola, Annie Stevens

Co-Chair Jennifer Prue called the meeting to order at 8:35 am via Microsoft Teams.

- 1. Minutes.** The minutes of September 2020 were approved with no changes.
- 2. Residential Life Update, Annie Stevens.** About 4,300 students are residing in the resident halls, it is going well. The learning communities are also going well. There is some gathering in the dining halls, but generally it is acceptable. There are three tents out on campus that are there for more outdoor gathering spaces, they are not being utilized. They will be working to make them more appealing and to get the word out that they are there for student use. Students are not allowed guests into their rooms but can gather in common areas or outside where they have the 6 ft space. Students are wearing masks, and for the most part staying apart. The students who are missing Covid-19 tests have received sanctions with a \$250 fine. If students have valid reasons for not testing, they are making considerations.

Can SGA send out an e-mail to remind students that the tents are there for there for students to use! The tents are heated.

- 3. Living Well Update and CAPS, John Paul Grogan & Michelle Paavola.** The work of Living Well has shifted as the result of the pandemic. They are relying heavily on telehealth. Some of the key challenges they have had include

- Navigating to virtual care
- How they are bridging care during a long winter recess
- What can be provided for students and what cannot be

Those who want this service may not love the format but it is not stopping them from using it, cancellations and no shows are down 45%.

There are two trailers on campus, there is one for medical emergencies including injuries, mental health and other non COVID type visits. The other one is where potential COVID patients would be seen at. COVID isolation students automatically have a note sent to their dean's office so that there can be some flexibility in their studies. There have been about 200 on and off campus students that have to been in self isolation for at least some period of time.

The committee suggested service animals be brought to campus. Living Well has done this in the past but has held off die to social distancing guidelines. They will consider it in the future.

**4. SAS Update, Dani Comey & Sharon Mone.** They continue to increase in requests for service. There have been increased services in these areas.

- Support animals
- Single rooms
- Multiple diagnosis
- LCOM students
- Hard of hearing and blind students
- Attendance / due dates / testing accommodations
- Meal plan exemptions
- Use of clear masks or shields
- Need for printed materials (providing to at home students)

The exam proctoring center is in two locations, John Dewey Lounge and at Living and Learning. The SAS team is down a position due to the hiring freeze but they continue to work hard to give students the best service.

**5. Student Isolation, J. Dickinson.** J. Dickinson represents the Provost's office on the UVM Strong committee. The committee is promoting that students do not need to stay inside; they can get out and do things in a safe way. They are looking at ways to get students out of their rooms in an active way during the colder months. Campus life put out an article to give students ideas on ways to interact and make new friends during COVID, the website can be found at <https://uvmbores.com/2020/09/30/how-to-make-friends-during-a-pandemic/>. Students really want to be able to have other students in their dorm rooms, UVM is being very conservative with this and as soon as the health officials feel comfortable with lifting these restrictions UVM will do so. There is a plan to monitor off campus students to make sure they are staying connected to the university community.

- 6. New Business.** Is there still funding for TAP classes this year? This is a CAS fund and to find out about funding contact the CAS Deans office.

The SAC was adjourned at 10:00am. The next meeting of the SAC will be on November 5th at 8:30am on Microsoft Teams.