



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting of November 4, 2022
President's Offices, 87 Blackinton St
Tele/Video Conference**

Members in Attendance

Denise Marshall, Chair
Brenda Burdick, Chair of the Board*
Robert Reilly*

*Denotes remote participation

Members Absent

Taylor Hope

Others in Attendance

James F. Birge, President
Lisa Lescarbeau, Board Clerk
Daniel Colonno, Chief of Police
Christopher Macdonald-Dennis, Senior Advisor for Equity and Inclusion
Jeannette Smith, Vice President of Student Affairs
Allison Williams, Assistant Director of Student Engagement

As allowed by executive order of the Governor of Massachusetts, in compliance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30 and 15A, Section 9, and with a quorum present in-person and via audio/video-conference, the Student Affairs Committee meeting of November 4, 2022, with Committee Chair Marshall presiding was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

Student Government Association (SGA)

AD Williams introduced herself to the Committee and reviewed her role as Advisor to SGA. She discussed the composition of SGA, which consists of nine student members at this time. Student members of the SGA executive board are required to complete a Canvas course to help them understand the purpose of SGA and their role.

SGA and all student clubs are struggling for membership and participation. Current SGA members have been actively recruiting through social media, email, in-person meetings, and connecting with faculty and staff to ask for student recommendations.

AD Williams is assisting with documents to aid the clubs and organizations through infographics and applications such as Presence.

Committee members discussed ways to get other faculty and staff members involved with clubs and organizations in advisor roles. Concern around faculty and staff advising is the level of skill needed for this role. Training was recommended, and VP Smith noted that this is a long-term process, and that AD Williams will attend a training.

Day of Dialogue Recap

SA Macdonald-Dennis provided a review of the College's Fifth Annual Day of Dialogue (DoD) that took place on October 19. Day classes were not in session on the 19th and students, faculty and staff were encouraged to participate in the DoD. The day's theme was Racism is a Public Health Issue and sessions were held in-person and virtually. Sessions were hosted by various members of the community across faculty, staff and students. The DEI Committee will analyze the day's events, discuss what was learned, what might be improved, and develop a theme for next year's DoD.

Clery Report

Chief Daniel Colonno presented the College's annual Clery Report (2022 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report) for reporting year 2021 noting that the full report is available at the College's website and was provided to the College community on October 3, 2022. He provided a summary of the reporting requirements and the Clery Act for disclosure of campus security policy and campus crime statistics.

In 2021, there were three reports of sex offenses – forcible - rape, fondling; one report of burglary, one report of domestic violence, and one report of stalking, for a total of six reportable criminal offenses on campus. These numbers are the same for the criminal offenses – on-campus, residence halls, and are not cumulative.

There were no arrests on campus. There were 16 total disciplinary actions/judicial referrals; 10 drug law violations and six liquor law violations. The 10 drug violations were from four instances involving 10 students, and the six liquor law violations were from three incidents involving six students. There were no fires in any of the College's three residential areas and each had two fire drills.

Additional instances on campus that were not required reporting included two hate related crimes involving the drawing of swastikas on furniture in the Campus Center dining area, and one intimidation of a student who was harassed via text about their sexual orientation.

In response to a question regarding reporting crime that happens near campus, Chief Colonno reviewed the reporting guidance which states to be reportable for the College, the crime has to be committed on sidewalks or streets adjacent to College owned, controlled or operated property.

Other Business

President Birge commented briefly, based on information publicly available, on an unattended death and resultant criminal investigation occurring at a property located across the street from campus.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m.