

BFA Student Affairs Committee Year-end Report

Spring 2017-Spring 2018

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The following represents the highlights of the Committee's activities for the past year:

- A. Given the inordinate importance and amount of work done by the Faculty Advisor to the Honor Council, SAC spearheaded the approval of a stipend for Honor Council's Faculty Advisor, a position formerly uncompensated.
- B. The \$9 K allocated for the position was not translated into course release.
- C. The Committee's work on restructuring the Honor Council was taken out of the hands of the SAC. SAC invited participants in the restructured Honor Council to SAC meetings, so that SAC could learn about the progress of the Honor Council's new procedures, for the restructuring was deemed "an experiment" to be evaluated at the end of the year.
- D. SAC collaborated with Athletics Committee Chair Rosanna N. regarding including notification of students' extracurricular activities (beyond university-sanctioned athletics). SAC crafted a resolution that requests notification of extra-curricular activities be presented to faculty at the beginning of the semester. The resolution ultimately passed unanimously.
- E. After the BFA Ex Comm received a presentation by a Wardenburg representative, SAC was tasked with dealing with the issue of "verification of appointment" slips. The SAC composed, presented to the Assembly, revised, and re-presented to the Assembly a resolution that suggests, whenever possible, that "verification of appointment" notes not be used to document student absences. The resolution passed by a large majority in the May Assembly meeting.

For next year, the Committee will consider the following:

- A. Given President Ferry's communication that a recent Honor Council student case ironically involved an instance of a faculty member's unintended plagiarism, SAC thought it might be fruitful to confer with BFA's FAC committee to explore the possibility of creating a workshop for both faculty and students. The workshop might help faculty design prompts that discourage plagiarism, while helping students to understand how to avoid plagiarism.
- B. SAC wants to look into students' and faculty's skewed TTH vs MW and MWF teaching schedules—Mondays are already taken off for the MLK holiday and Labor Day weekends—and more recently, Fridays have been stricken from the

academic schedule for “reading day.” SAC wonders if the lessened MW and MWF classroom “face time” violates CCH-mandated guidelines.

- C. SAC seeks formal and ongoing consultation with the Honor Council representatives.
- D. SAC wants to make certain it keeps the door open to SAC meetings to student government representatives.
- E. SAC wants to investigate further ways to work with Disability Services to promote student well-being.
- F. SAC hopes to work closely with Ex Comm member Shelley Miller, who sits on the Foundations of Excellence Committee, and with Mary Kraus. We want to insure that students are included in discussions that can directly impact them.
- G. SAC, having invited and spoken with previous Tri-execs, want to follow through on the funding issue that came up this spring—the Chancellor said he would not make a decision regarding the cutting of Student Government funding for operating and maintenance until the fall.
- H. Co-chair Aaron Roof would not be co-chairing the Committee beginning fall 2018, as he will no longer be a faculty member. Kunce will continue as Chair until her term expires at the end of spring 2019, and she has asked SAC members to consider chairing the Committee, if they are eligible to do so.