

STUDENTS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUMMARY

October 4, 2013

Dean's Report

Dean Bekki Lee reported a good start to the year, even with the arrival of the largest entering class in the history of the College. Almost all first-year students are currently in triples. With a larger number of students returning from study abroad in the fall than those leaving in the spring, Student Affairs staff are currently identifying additional spaces for returning students.

The recent program reviews for SCORE and Tiernan Field House revealed the need for Student Affairs to increase its visibility across campus. As a result, staff has updated website content and leveraged events such as Dean's Dessert and Scripps Tea to promote a better understanding of the mission and vision of Student Affairs. In staffing updates, Sam Haynes is serving as Interim Director of Residential Life in addition to his responsibilities as Associate Dean of Students and Director of Student Activities. Dean Sonia De La Torre has returned from maternity leave; and Tiernan Field House is in the final stages of hiring a new Aquatics Coordinator. Student Affairs now manages the First-Generation@Scripps program that has expanded to include a mentoring component and programs throughout the year. Career Planning & Resources is currently undergoing its program review and will have external reviewers on campus next week. Program review recommendations will be shared during community forums in the near future.

The 7Cs are collaborating on significant initiatives related to Title IX and sexual misconduct policy, as many cases are cross-campus situations. Dean Lee shared the new centralized Sexual Misconduct Resources webpage that links to each of the Colleges' common definitions and policies and provides all students with important information and resources.

Thus far, 87 students have submitted medical documentation with accompanying academic accommodations requests. This is the highest number of requests to date. (Note: This number does not include requests for housing accommodations.) CUC is developing a centralized Disabilities Resource Center that is intended to provide all schools with additional assistance and resources. Finalists for the director position will be on campus later this semester.

Scripps Associated Students (SAS) President's Report: Marta Bean '14

Marta Bean '14 shared highlights for the start of the year, including programming elections for first-year representative and secretary, several bylaw changes, and spending cuts. Both the programming and executive boards have identified plans for the rest of the semester that incorporate a more enhanced partnership between the two. The most recent BeHeard Forum focused on SAS transparency and increased dorm community; the next session will focus on sexual assault awareness.

Focus Topic: Student Affairs Committee Vision Statement and Committee Guidelines

Given the newly revised mission and vision for the Student Affairs Committee, Chair Suzanne Muchnic led committee members in a discussion on how to achieve the goal of making the committee's work more purposeful, strategic, and dynamic. She opened the floor to suggestions and comments for Goal 1: developing timely, pertinent, and meaningful content/agendas for meetings. Committee members offered several suggestions about platforms for generating topic ideas, overall meeting and presentation structure, incorporating action items for each meeting, and allowing time for ongoing topic updates (e.g. Title IX, diversity and inclusivity, alcohol awareness, and graduate outcomes data). Further conversation centered around opportunities for increased contact between students and trustees and effective ways to close the loop on student input.