

College Council
July 9, 2020
Minutes

Present: Noah Greer, Kevin McGruder, April Wolford, Chris Chavers, Mila Cooper, Angela Moore, James Lipincott, Kevin Stokes, Rick Kraince, Kevin Mulhall, Gariot Louima, Elise Peyroux, Hannah Montgomery, Susanne Hashim, Anita Brown

Review of Agenda

Mila asks to add a question about purview of this council.

Rick asks to add to Old Business a discussion regarding the COVID task force.

Review of Minutes

Rick suggests an edit under COVID task force – that is had not been disbanded, but was recommending that the task force be dissolved at the June 25 meeting. **The minutes were approved with edits.**

Admission Report

Gariot reported we currently have 58 accepted students and 43 under deposit. Three have melted, which means they are withdrawing their acceptances, so we currently expect 55 students in the Fall of 2020.

Purview of College Council

Mila has had students approach her about opting out of their meal plan for the summer block and asked if College Council is the body where they should take their appeal. There is no policy in place.

Gariot suggests that CPFC, with presidents of ComCil, work with Elise to draft a policy addressing room and board questions and bring it back to this group.

After much discussion, it was decided Student Life will work with Finance/Student Billing to work out a solution for right now, then Gariot's suggestion will be implemented.

Old Business

Disbanding COVID-19 task force: Rick stated that the task force was formed in the last 60 seconds of an SLT meeting in the spring and no charge was officially drafted. The group dealt with the emerging crisis, brought voices together, and made recommendations surrounding that initial phase of the pandemic. Recently, the COVID Planning Team was created to recommend ways in which to safely reopen the campus. He further stated the work of the task force would overlap the work of the newly formed committee.

After discussion, the Council affirmed Rick's recommendation on June 25 that the COVID-19 Task Force be dissolved.

Inspection Policy

Gariot brought this policy forward from the employee handbook to the Council. This policy gives the right of the College to inspect personal property of employees. He recommended that College Council remove this policy from our books.

Council agreed that this policy is not consistent with Antioch values, and agreed unanimously to strike this policy from our handbook.

Caregivers' Policy

Gariot shared the background of this policy which was originally brought forward by ComCil – it addresses the circumstances in which community members might have their minor and non-minor dependents on campus. The policy came before SLT. There were issues raised surrounding liability and Gariot was charged with returning to ComCil to negotiate the specific terms of the policy. A revised policy was brought to Tom and Lori but it was not reviewed by SLT, now College Council.

Hannah stated she would like our attorney to review the policy before it's approved given the liability concerns /considerations with the virus.

Gariot reminded Council that the general purpose of the Caregivers' Policy is to identify the circumstances when minor or non-minor dependents can be on campus. It also recognizes the responsibility of those bringing them to campus to seek approval for specific places where those people would be. The policy does not address specific recommendations surround a pandemic, but any policies currently in place related to COVID-19 would supersede clauses in this policy.

The Council agreed to provisionally approve the policy pending legal review.

Meeting time of College Council meetings

The College Council agreed to hold meetings at this time (biweekly on Thursdays at 2:00 PM) until elections occur, at which time we will review the meeting time so all can participate.

Elections of College Council

A discussion began about whether to hold joint elections for College Council and ComCil with shared committee members.

It was agreed that there should be two separate committees but would be run in a parallel fashion.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Brown