

SLAAC Meeting
4.9.15

Attendance: Smita Rahman-chair, Aliza Frame, Cody Watson, Claire Halffield, Ellen Tinder, Hiroko Chiba, Dorian Shager, Lynn Ishikawa, Khadija Stewart

Business

- Minutes from 3.19.15 approved
- Myrna Hernandez, Assistant Dean of Students for Campus Living and Community Development, spoke on an update to the 2007 Greek Life Task Force
 - She provided updated individual chapter statistics, the 2013-2014 annual Greek life report, and statistics about the four councils
 - She made the point that she is unsure how Greek life ultimately affects recruitment to the university, but she made it clear that there is substantial proof that the retention rate among students at DePauw is highly contingent on their Greek involvement
 - She also stated that the regulations on the Greek chapters are multifold as the chapter's respected governing council, alumni advisors, housing core, and national headquarters, and DePauw all has specific rules that the students must manage.
 - It is unique that our chapters are both organizations and housing.
 - She also stated that 72% of the university is greek affiliated.
 - Khadija, asked about the factors that is similar to the independent students?
 - In response, Myrna stated that the data does not make up the whole story. Many factors, such as the time commitment, finances, sports, transfer students, and a feeling of Greek life not being for them, often plays a role into the decision to go greek.
 - Also, every year there is a number of students who can not graduate due to grades or trouble with community standards
 - A question was asked in regards to campus climate and Greek life?
 - Myrna's answer was multifold, touching on the organic change of chapter population, some chapter seeking to become more diverse through recruitment, exec specific positions pertaining to diversity, and a rise in the MGC and NPHC chapter populations
- Professor Jeff Dunn joined the discussion halfway through meeting
 - His questions was related to how Greek violations were handled on campus particularly in relation to sound
 - Myrna assured the committee that the violations are handled in accordance with CLCD policy and the student handbook
 - Jeff asked if there was a way to be proactive about the noise violations rather than wait for the community to complain
 - How much noise is excess? The committee agreed that the way in which individuals play music and at the levels that they do, affects the academic atmosphere
 - It was recommended that messaging pertaining to "You are a part of the community" should be looked into.
- The meeting was concluded just after 5pm.