

SLAAC meeting minutes (September 11, 2014)

In Attendance: Smita A. Rahman, Kathryn Millis, Khadija Stewart, Lynn Ishikawa, Christopher Wells, Julianne Miranda, Claire Halffield, Cody Watson, Fadi Fawaz

Meeting started at approximately 4:08 pm

- Introduction of all members
- Approval of minutes
- Discussion of previous meetings on campus climate issues and how to pursue those issues this semester. Cody Watson indicated that DSG would be given an update on this issue on 9/21 and additional items may emerge from that meeting. Christopher Wells mentioned overlap with Diversity and Equity committee on this issue. Kathryn Millis noted that DEC is an administrative committee and SLAAC might still want to be actively involved in these issues as it is part of the faculty governance structure
- Julianne Miranda noted that Academic Affairs is likely to bring up the Grade Grievance Policy for updating and review to SLAAC this year, likely at our October meeting. There will likely be committee action required on classroom attendance policy as well and how to clarify between curricular and co-curricular activities
- Discussion of current practices around attendance—Fadi Fawaz discussed the role of athletes and attendance policies at other institutions, Claire Halffield asked about how the debate team might be treated.
- Smita Rahman indicated that she would follow up with Director of International Student Services, Aliza Frame, on declining number of international students admitted and hoped to have a discussion on it at the next meeting
- Question by Khadijah Stewart on the committee's charge and discussion
- Christopher Wells shared that there has been some turnover at the counseling center which was followed by a brief discussion on adequate staffing and indicated that we are at above average levels. CW also mentioned that statistics on alcohol consumption, measured by blood alcohol level, had improved over the previous year. Finally, CW indicated an interest in trying to create a student-owned space for music, coffee, after-hours socializing.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:55PM