

Student Academic Life Committee

August 22, 2018

The meeting began with introductions.

Rich distributed a description of the committee from the handbook and asked for any questions about our function.

We also need to appoint a new chair and prepare an announcement for the next faculty meeting announcing topics we will address this year.

This committee is charged with the Common Read, and Myrna provided some background about previous discussions. In the past, a member of this committee convened a group to identify possible texts and it was decided to wait to evaluate the effectiveness of the 2018 Common Read experience before moving forward with a new subcommittee to develop next year's common read. We are uncertain that this year's common read will be evaluated and Rich will ask Dave Berque to see if there are plans for assessment. Myrna described the background and origination of the committee. The committee would have to be reconvened to put out the call, select the book or reading, and once selected, hand off to the transition team for implementation. Doug asked if it was incorporated into the FYS. It is used as a writing sample and an experience of how to have critical discussion about texts during orientation.

Possible future agenda items

- Demonstration response policy
 - Myrna reported that summer work group took comments from this group and considered them as a part of handbook updates, particularly the distinction between disrupt and interrupt
 - Marianne reported that Dorian will be holding an open forum with DSG to clarify and explain the policy; Rich wondered if Kate Smanik could do one as well
 - We also need to talk about how we communicate handbook changes to students
- Alcohol and high risk drinking
 - Send another reminder about Indiana Lifeline Law and medical amnesty policies indicating that **both** the affected person and the person who calls are exempt from standards of conduct
 - Rich asked about sending a reminder to faculty to share with their students and Marianne said similar info can be sent to students via social media
 - Invite Julia to attend 9/5 meeting
- Religious diversity on campus and interviewing students about what students think about issues on campus
- Marianne reported that representatives will sit at the main doors to Hoover, ROY, and Green Center to gather anecdotal information about issues and concerns on campus with a frequency of twice per month. We will consider any questions to add about the survey
- Julianne mentioned the new Spiritual Life Center in the former Bartlett House
- Doug asked about the mechanism for gathering student input that should be brought to this committee; Marianne reported that a new position in Student Government is working with her to do more First Year outreach

- An update from Diversity and Equity Committee
- Possible feedback from the HLC Assurance feedback document
- National Institute for Transformation and Equity

Meeting adjourned at 4:51pm