

Dean's Advisory Committee (DAC)

January 25, 2017

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

4-20 SUB

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

2. **Approval of Agenda**

3. **Standing Items**

a. Updates from the Vice Provost and Dean of Students:

Proposed Sexual Violence Policy

- The proposed Sexual Violence Policy will be brought forward to General Faculties Council (GFC) and the Board of Governors for approval. The final policy will be posted on the governance website.

Revision of Student Group Procedure and Policy

- The goal is to simplify the policy to ensure student groups have an agreement of shared values and goals with the University.

During the semester, the DoS would like to hear student feedback on priorities for student affairs

- MNIF freeze, and with costs going up/ revenues going down, request a breakdown to determine what we spend money on, and what we don't spend money on.

Consultation process on writing support

- The working group is in the process of preparing a draft report. Another consultation will take place after the report is completed.

Residence Life Task Force

- Evaluate what works and what doesn't in residences  
This past fall, a major survey was done of former and current stakeholders. The data is being evaluated and will be brought back to the DAC for feedback.
- Clarifications around five year span of residence survey and all campus participation in survey.

4. **Discussion Items**

a. Student/Student Group Engagement Policy

- The proposed Engagement policy is intended to address issues of students being unaware of groups like GFC and COSA.
- DAC asked if it would be feasible to bring an engagement policy to the U of A
- A Student Consultation Handbook was created by the University in conjunction with the

- Students' Union (SU) and Graduate Students' Association (GSA)
- Build student awareness of their representatives and to encourage all students to participate with their student voice
- Important to develop a culture of student engagement at universities
- It was recommended students refer to Governance 101 to learn more about representation and principles of governance at the U of A  
<http://www.governance.ualberta.ca/LearnAboutGovernance/Governance101.aspx>
- DAC confirmed that everyone agrees with issues, but not necessarily sure that a policy will address it. DoS will explore different avenues to develop student engagement further

b. Student Groups Procedure

- The DoS Student Life team is starting consultations on revising the [Student Groups Procedure](#)
- Not many students were aware that there was the possibility to register a Student Group with different organizations (i.e. the University, SU, GSA etc.)

c. Mental Health/Wellness

- Introducing new ideas for how to approach mental health on campus.
- It was stated that the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry is concerned with what mental health care is available to students on campus. There are good services, but students often struggle to connect to the supports they need or lack the follow-up from a primary care provider. Plans to facilitate better coordination between AB Health Services and campus health services.

d. Transition to Career (T2C)

The Career Centre provided a summary on the highlights of the program

- Master skills employers want
- Personalized coaching
- Open to anybody→ do not have to be from U of A
- Building independence, resilience, resourceful - all skills learned from “take charge of your career”

Comments from Dean's Advisory Committee (DAC)

- Confusing/Unclear
- Is there credentials that come with it? Certificates

Stats are posted on Career Centre website

- Survey students 6 months, 3 years, and 5 years into their employment after program

4. **Roundtable**

Water stations in CAB were discussed

- Referred to Facilities and Operations

Discussion on how to engage more students

- Need to look beyond already engaged students
- Provide demographics of DAC membership

The Heroes for Health Challenge

- The Heroes for Health Challenge aims to bring the campus community together in promoting

student wellbeing, exchanging ideas, and granting proposals up to \$5,000.

- To learn more about Heroes for Health and to register: <https://www.ualberta.ca/current-students/healthy-campus-unit/heroes-challenge>

#### EMP FEST (Employment Festival)

- The festival of employment is organized by the Vice-President (External) of the Students' Union
- The U of A Students' Union will be holding EMP FEST from February 6-10<sup>th</sup>.
- The festival is targeted towards undergraduates, whether you are in your first year and wondering about working in the summer, or in your last year, and trying to start a career.  
<http://www.su.ualberta.ca/governance/empfest/>

#### 5. **Adjournment**

Next Meeting February 15, 2017 4:00 – 6:00 pm, 4-02 SUB