

Minutes

General Body meeting

Fall 2014

October 9, 2014

5:00 Roll Call

5:04 Audience Participation

5:04 Ex-Officio Jess Klein

- Sexual violence prevention
 - Sexual violence is a big issue on colleges across the country
- What can we do on CMU's campus to prevent violence
- She started here a little over year ago, takes reports and passes them along to Gina Casalegno
- Policy
 - What do you do to prevent being sexually assaulted?
 - Do not walk alone at night
 - Be aware of your surroundings
 - Don't walk headphones when you're walking
 - Pepper spray, look underneath your car, don't go out late at night
 - Lot of miscommunication about sexual and domestic violence
 - Secondary prevention
 - Buddy system
 - Self defense classes
 - Covering your drink
 - Carrying a weapon
 - Checking your car
 - Walking well lit area
 - Primary prevention
 - Education
 - Bystander training
 - Effective policy
 - Survivor support network training
 - Learn how to be an active bystander, talk with other people
 - Sexual assault is permeating our media, see it everywhere.
 - How can we go beyond our expectations?
 - Jeanne Cleary act
 - Confidentiality
 - CMU is legally mandated by the federal government to report and investigate all reports of sexual assault
 - Violence against women act (VAWA)

- 2013 reauthorization expanded to sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking.
- CMU and campus response
 - Campus resources -
 - Pamphlet tips that were handed out: Decisions That Matter
 - Available as a PDF online
 - Learn how to become a better active bystander
 - Peer health advocates work with bystander education
 - Have a reporting process
 - Title 9
 - Faculty are responsible to report this so that policy can be effected
 - Everyone should view themselves as responsible to report so that school can do it's job
 - Work with survivors
 - Main goal is to make sure that the survivor has what they need post of the assault
 - Give out information to as few people as possible to stay discrete
 - Report goes to Gina and Dick Tucker in the university
 - Act on the behalf of the survivor and what the survivor wants.
 - Understand the circumstances
 - Can go through community standards or can go through student life
 - Survivor is not required to go forward and testify
 - Gina Casalegno
 - Restoring power and control is vital to the survivor
 - Confidentiality caveat
 - Since 2011 have not had an issue with the survivor's wishes and with the university
 - Does not necessarily mean that immediately move to community standards
 - start with an investigation
 - CAPS and Student resources do not have to report because of the confidential nature of their position
 - Work with the student to make sure that they feel safe on campus

- Try to actively take care of their checkthrough list
- Q&A
 - Issue lie with the male community, what kind of policy to address that demographic?
 - High risk groups usually larger group of males
 - Coaching boys into men group
 - Lucas Christian sent out email about men of influence
 - Statistics
 - Statistics are hard because of nature of reports
 - Reporting numbers have gone up
 - OCR Sessions
 - there wasn't any room with scheduling of the meetings, ran through the Office of Civil Rights
 - looks at how procedure is followed
 - Do you think education should start in college or in high school?
 - Education on healthy relationships
 - Getting to the root of the problem in society
 - More of a mindset than understanding individual definitions
 - Difficult to discuss situation with other groups, even in college with schools that do not want discussion
 - Need to start long before college
 - Senate Week speaker is particularly important because we want to highlight this particular issue
 - It's On Us Movement
 - important that we are all aware of this issue
 - personal project of Vaasavi and Julia
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- Reinstating \$4000 to be available to fund internal projects
 - Not automatically added to the budget, to be discussed at another meeting.
- Fiscal policy change
 - first draft completed
 - needs to be reviewed by multiple governing bodies
 - need help to make sure wording is consistent
- Needs two more senators
- Spending allocations tabled for Greek orgs
- Business Affairs
 - Tailgate before football game on November 1st
 - Students aren't going to college events as much
 - discussing universal calendar for campus activities

6:05 Finance Allocation to AB Tech

- Cannot use enough equipment for some events because of UC building constraints
- Need to optimize the space
- One of the advantages is that currently there are more senior members who can teach the younger members to use the tools
- Technology is simple, it is praised highly
- QA
 - What are the alternatives?
 - The cells are \$1700, it is a wireless receiver
 - Does the 8k include shipping and handling?
 - Yes
 - Do you foresee the price dropping over a year?
 - Most seen is a 10% over a year
 - DS, LG, Mayur show, Mr. University would be most enhanced
 - As AB serves a lot of organizations, it is going to be distributed throughout the entire campus
- Motion to vote passes
 - In Favor 20
 - Opposed 2
 - Abstaining 3
 - Vote passes
- 6:22 Presentation of Joint Funding Committee: Divya Kothandapani
 - Voice concerns on anyone on the list
 - Only allowed to have 16 members
- 6:24 Points of Discussion
 - Ryan - Ceiledih weekend
 - Former Supreme court justice will be here
 - Come to women's soccer game
 - Still tabling for Senate Week, theme is Dreams

- want to get student feedback on what they want space to look like for the new CUC
- next week is not an official Senate meeting
 - President Suresh is speaking about his overall vision

6:30 Roll Call

Meeting Adjourned