

## Faculty Council End of the Year Report

**Committee:** Student Life Committee

**Chair of Committee:** Phil Stuczynski

**Committee Members:** Charlotte de Vries, Stephanie Diaz, Andrew Yu, Lynne Beaty, Molly Monahan Lang, Cody Wood, Travis Yates, Ken Miller (ex officio), Chris Butler (SGA president)

**Meeting Dates:** 10.15.20 / 11.18.20 / 2.1.21 / 4.21.21

### Charges: (Include the status/progress of each charge)

1. In coordination with the Office of Student Affairs, review and report on implemented or recommended policies, programs, and services which regulate and support student life on campus. (Standing Charge)

**Progress:** For this charge, in the fall we attempted to work closely with both Ken Miller and Chris Butler to determine areas of opportunity as well as need as they arose. We were very limited during this time due to orders of the state government as well as directives of the University with respect to student life activities. However, as we came into the spring semester and students came back on campus, we were focused on the survey data to determine what students wanted, what they were tired of, how they communicated with one another and to find out about activities and events, etc. All of this information was obtained through the survey process in conjunction with SLI.

2. Work with Student Affairs on student engagement - how can faculty and staff foster student engagement?
  1. Belonging@Behrend
  2. First-Year Seminar
  3. First-Year Experience

**Progress:** One of our committee members, Charlotte de Vries, served on the committee for FYS to help make the FYS consistent across the four schools already. Emily Cassano also asked for representation to serve on the Ad-Hoc committee for FYS/B@B committee. Charlotte, Travis Yates, and Stephanie Diaz all communicated to Emily they would like to volunteer.

3. Meet with SGA and Ken Miller to consider additional charges.

**Progress:** In addition to having Ken Miller and Chris Butler present at every meeting in order to work as closely as possible with them. Through this we partnered with Clark Tieman in the survey(s) that they compiled through SLI, and were able to have Student Life Committee's questions incorporated into the survey.

One set of results has already been completed and reviewed by our committee, we are anticipating reviewing the end of year survey results shortly as they become available to help plan for the fall semester.

### Suggested Charge(s) For Next Year:

- 1) Standing charge 1, with a focus on following up on the previous survey of SLI, and hopefully continuing to monitor what students think in both the fall and the spring semester.
- 2) Recommend repeating Charge 2. Continuing to work with the ongoing Ad-Hoc committee will be important as long as it is ongoing.
- 3) Recommend repeating Charge 3. Continuing to work with Student Affairs and SGA will be important during the transition and changes anticipated to take place this upcoming fall.