

MINUTES
PRESIDENT’S TASK FORCE ON GREEK LIFE SUBCOMMITTEE I
November 5, 2017

Mari Fuentes-Martin, Dean of Students and Chair, called to order the meeting of the President’s Task Force on Greek Life Subcommittee I in the LSU Student Union Orleans Room 302A, on November 5, 2017 at 4:01 p.m.

Stephanie Tomlinson, Executive Assistant, called the roll.

PRESENT

Mari Fuentes-Martin, Dean of Students, Chair
Kenneth McMillin, Faculty Senate President
Jason Badeaux, Student Government President
Madison Hopper, Panhellenic Council President
Anesha Pink, National Pan-Hellenic Council President
Mason Tusa, Interfraternity Council President
Rob Stuart, Chair, Ex-Officio
Dan Layzell, Vice Chair, Ex-Officio

ABSENT

None absent.

Also present for the meeting were the following: Carlton “Trey” Jones, Managing Attorney in the LSU Office of General Counsel; Stephanie Tomlinson, Executive Assistant to the LSU Board of Supervisors; Angela Guillory, Associate Dean of Students and Director of Greek Life; and Jonathan Sanders, Associate Dean of Students & Director of Student Advocacy and Accountability (SAA).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments made at the meeting.

1. Discussion about Greek accountability process

Angela Guillory, Associate Dean of Students & Director of Greek Life, presented on the overall Greek accountability process. There is a Greek Accountability team that meets every Tuesday to go over all reports received by the University. The meeting consists of all the Greek Life Office staff, the Dean of students Mari Fuentes-Martin, the Director of SAA Jonathan Sanders, and other SAA staff. Angela provided an overview of status history and conduct statistics for greek life from 2002-2017. The timeline of the incident with Acacia was provided of an example of the conduct process for a chapter in the partnership process. She mentioned some challenges in the process is getting students to care, chapter versus individual responsibility, and cooperation with the chapters.

Mari Fuentes-Martin mentioned how family members are the persons typically coming forward with reports to the University and asked if they participate in the process. Angela stated they are engaged initially in order to get more information if possible but are not involved in the conduct process as they have not told the member that they have reported to the University.

Jason Badeaux asked if a report is received anonymously then how is it validated by the University. Angela stated that they typically see patterns in reports that will validate the stories. There are

usually multiple reports from various individuals stating similar concerns. Mari Fuentes-Martin further commented that they receive various bits and pieces of information that they are then able to piece together to see a pattern.

Jonathan Sanders, Associate Dean of Students & Director of SAA, mentioned how the University had three (3) hazing cases processed under PS-52 and due to the "sentencing condition" of the policy they created the partnership process to encourage collaboration with chapters. They also recognize that if you are hazed you are more likely to haze so they had a meeting with the community at that time to address hazing.

Trey Jones asked if there are any examples where the reports have led to individual student charges. Jonathan mentioned in those incidents LSUPD does their individual criminal investigations which resulted in no charges because the organizations would not name the individuals.

2. Discussion about student accountability process (Code of Conduct)

Jonathan Sanders, Associate Dean of Students & Director of Student Advocacy and Accountability (SAA), presented an overview of the SAA office including a review of the code of conduct, the academic intervention team, and the CARE team. He then outlined the accountability process for students and the appeal process. Jason Badeaux asked about how students are notified about their meetings with SAA. Jonathan stated via email and they did have some issues with a spam filters but this has been resolved. They have looked at text message but currently phone numbers don't always port over in the data transfer from the Mainframe system to the conduct system. The system does track the opening of any emails sent to students.

Jonathan further explained that Residential Life also has their code in the system and their staff handles the cases for students living on campus. Jason Badeaux asked if the Resident Life staff is qualified to handle conduct cases. Jonathan stated yes they are as they are trained by SAA and full-time professionals or graduate assistants.

Jonathan provided data on the 2016-2017 cases data sheet, 2016-2017 individual Greek students roles in cases, 2016-2017 total cases by major college, and case totals from 2005-present.

Mari Fuentes-Martin emphasized that the Greek students are very involved in the accountability process.

Ken McMillin asked if there were summaries of the Greek student information provided by type of case. Jonathan stated they were working on collecting that data and starting with Spring 2015 to present they track transports on campus and 49.6% are from the Greek community. The Greek community only makes up 1,000 residential students on campus compared to 5,500 students in Residential Life.

Mari Fuentes-Martin mentioned at the next meeting the Subcommittee will meet with LSUPD to talk about hot spots on campus and student behavior, as well as review the policies.

3. Adjournment

Upon motion of Mari Fuentes-Martin, seconded by Madison Hopper, the Subcommittee meeting was adjourned.