

MEMORANDUM

TO: Christine MacDonald, Faculty Senate Chair, 2019-2020

FROM: Steven Stofferahn, SAC Chair, 2019-2020

RE: SAC Report, 2019-2020

DATE: May 20, 2020

The Student Affairs Committee (SAC) for the 2019-2020 academic year was comprised of the following members and ex-officio participants:

Members:

Brian Bunnett, Associate Librarian, Library
Steve Hardin, Associate Librarian, Library
Michael Jackson, Associate Professor, CAS
Zhiyong John Liu, Associate Professor, SCOB
Farman Amin Moayed, Associate Professor, COT
Steve Stofferahn, Associate Professor, CAS

Ex-Officio Attendees:

Bailey Bridgewater, University College
Ashleigh Crowe, University College
Mike Chambers, Exec. Liaison
Katelunn Duby, University College
Jason Johnson, Residential Life
Jennifer Lawson, Registration & Records
Maddy Longyear, Student Government Association
Braden Murphy, Student Government Association
Jason Trainer, Enrollment Management

The Committee met on the following dates: September 13, October 18, December 6, and February 21. Representatives from various stakeholder units also attended, as stipulated by the Policy Library. The following Committee charges were set forth by Senate over the course of the year:

1. Identify a faculty member to serve as representative to SGA Senate meetings.
2. Monitor international student enrollment.
3. Review admission/scholarship standards and retention statistics; consider making recommendations regarding adjustments to admission and/or retention standards.
4. In consultation with University General Counsel Katie Butwin and FAC, review Policy 912.3 (Conflict of Interest) and consider updating and revising
5. Follow up with Associate Deans regarding proposed policy change regarding non-degree students not having to reapply for admission every semester.
6. Administer the Faculty Scholarship; work on promotional campaign.

7. Produce and submit an annual report in time for the final Senate meeting of 2019-20.
8. Review and update the language of 146.9.1.2 regarding the appropriate Administrative Representation for the Student Affairs Committee to reflect changes in the University's structure.
9. Review University Policy 955 (Tobacco-Free Campus).

At its September 13 meeting, the following roster of officers was elected:

Chair: Steve Stofferahn

Vice Chair: Michael Jackson

Secretary: Steve Hardin

SGA Representative: Kim Bodey

Faculty Senate Scholarship Subcommittee Co-Chairs: John Liu and Steve Hardin

At its October 18 meeting, SAC discussed needed revisions to University Policy 146.9.1.2 but tabled further action to a later meeting, to give time for further information to be gathered about representative units. The Committee approved a statement of support for revising University Policy 922: "The Student Affairs Committee recognizes the need to revise and supports updating Policy 922 so long as the revisions minimize additional trauma to involved parties and lessens the potential for chilling effects, such as non-reporting."

At its December 6 meeting, SAC considered a request by Enrollment Management to create an appeals process for student applicants denied admission. The matter was referred to Senate Exec. SAC also discussed, but took no formal action on, efforts by St. Mary-of-the-Woods College to be recognized as an ISU partner in TOEFL.

At its February 21 meeting, SAC considered Senate Exec's proposed revisions to the campus tobacco policy (University Policy 955), and passed a motion that deleted the last sentence in 955.4.1 regarding the phasing out of the smoking shacks, and added "other" to 955.4.3 between "Any" and "exceptions" at the beginning of that sentence to reflect the continued existence of the smoking shacks as an exception to the campus tobacco policy.

At its final meeting on March 13, the Committee heard from the ad-hoc subcommittee tasked with investigating a medical emergency policy. No action was taken. Also, having revised the annual Faculty Senate Scholarship solicitation letter earlier in the year (which included arranging with the ISU Foundation to add a direct donation link via <https://www.indstatefoundation.org/support-faculty-senate-scholarship>), the Committee recommended that the following two students receive this year's Faculty Senate Scholarship Award: Kate Kennedy (Sophomore, Applied Medicine major) and Franko Gilbert Teston (Sophomore, Music Business major). The recommendation was forwarded to Senate Exec and reported to the Office of Scholarships.

Potential charges for the Committee in the next year include Charges #5 and #8 above, as well as an issue raised by Mike Chambers late in the year regarding the difficulty some academic departments were having in awarding certain scholarships to graduating students, since the Office of Scholarships maintains that this should not be allowed.