Division of Student Affairs

Student Advisor Board

Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2017

1) Welcome and Dinner

* Dr. Willie Banks – Thank you for attending our final meeting of 2016-17.

2) Amanda Knerr, Executive Director of Residential Life

* A renovated Blumberg opened this year
* Cromwell will be operational for next year
* (Visual) Board reflecting finishes and details of design concepts for Cromwell and all hall updates, to represent Sycamore theme
* Moving toward suite style bathrooms in halls
* Rhoads will be closing for renovation after commencement and will be opened for fall 2018
* Efforts to improve upperclassmen housing options
* Hines to become sophomore experience hall.
* This summer, windows and fire alarm system to be updated in University apartments
* Hines, Jones and Lincoln will get updated lobby areas, including graphics and artwork
* New Television contract will lead to dramatically improved campus wide service, more channels, HDTV and streaming
* Improvements in wifi service in residence halls, less frequent authentication
* Increasing number of wifi access points
* Creating academic-only communities on specific floors, including support teams of : resident hall area coordinator, academic advisor (UC cooperation), peer advocate and residential peer mentor
* Meet throughout the semester to support students on that floor
* Ending academic advocate program
* Creating position of academic success educator, specific to residential areas
* Creating social justice educator positions

Residential Life Feedback from SAB:

* Improvements to residences halls could increase on-campus living
* Students are generally comfortable with current price point for internet/television services.
* Room for increased cost to the student corresponding to improved services.
* Available support staff for tech services should increase with increased cost.
* There should be a discussion on whether or not fee should be included in the cost of room and board or itemized, possible with opt-out option.
* Director: acknowledges a decision in process as to how to implement tech updates, all or once or in stages.
* Current student fees for commercial tech services range from $60-$180 a month, campus fee should be competitive.
* Director: Student currently paying $15-20 dollars per on campus students.

3) Chief Joseph Newport, Department of Public Safety

* 27 officers (1 per 500 persons in response area).
* Responding to 3000 call per year covering a wide range, from elevator entrapments to assault.
* Jurisdiction includes anywhere law enforcement can go, but ISU PS prioritizes campus and ISU community.
* ISU PS does assist Terre Haute, Vigo County and surrounding area.
* Common calls include theft and drug and alcohol abuse.
* Spike in mental health calls.
* Sexual assault is underreported.
* Timely alerts required the by law: Clery Act.
* Timely alerts include: Rape, murder, theft, assault, hate crimes, weapons with intent to use, threat of violent crime (and others).
* Alcohol common factor in campus calls.
* Despite its mid-size campus, ISU touched by nationwide security issues: Ohio state attacker, clown masks.
* Efforts to make a safe place/exchange for campus preachers and students including campus wide notifications and designated free speech areas.
* Affects large schools, including Arizona State, which turned to Chief Newport for assistance.
* Alerts are thoughtfully considered, for example, recent Science Building bomb threat, which contained specific details.
* Alerts are deliberately detailed to answer questions the community might have immediately.
* Campus-wide technology updates: cameras installed across campus area and parking garage, efforts to increase campus lighting. Camera efforts assisted by efforts by Residential Life, HMSU and Campus Rec.
* Utilization of email system to deliver alert messages.
* Monitoring legislation regarding carrying weapons on campus.

4) Transit Update – John Sare

* Mark Adkins took SAB feedback to Terre Haute Transit Utility Citizen Advisory Committee meeting March 15, 2017.
* Committee acknowledged need to market to ISU students.
* Paper maps are no longer going to be printed.
* Reported that route changes must be approved by public forum.
* Requested addition of stop on new west lot.
* Interactive route map is available on Transit website

6) The Future of the SAB, Closing – Dr. Banks

* Thank you for member’s contribution.
* Acknowledgement and Certificates.
* Please watch for a email containing Qualtrics to nominate next year’s SAB.