



The Student Forum

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Date: January 15th, 2018

Attendance: Michael Stalteri, Devlin Daley, Raya Petrova, Sarah Gottlieb, Sarah Taha, Ruchi Raval, Matthew Toy, Andrew Wojtowicz, Emily Carrabba, Raphael Sebastian, Zaid Al-Moghrabi, Madeleine Miller, Sam Varsano, Simon Bohn, , Matthew Dulchinos, Brian Huang, Nimra Shabbir, Cameron Dreher, Madison Holley, Lawson Wheatley, Meghan McVaigh

Non-voting: Matthew Milless, Devlin Daley, Michael Secchiaroli, Amy Haven, Anthony Boone,

Excused: Lauren Dougherty, Sapan Shah, Cameron Bechtold (Abroad)

President (Stalteri):

Lighting Guests: 5:15-5:45

- Alexander Lykins and Smart Watt: Exterior Lighting Study Overview
- Focus on campus safety and facilities concerns; presentation of rough overview to as the beginning of the study
- Identify the concerns and then help make campus better in terms of lighting.
- Company will be running the study which includes:
 - Campus wide exterior lighting; looking at the area lights and other lighting controls that already exist as a baseline- light output, energy usage, inventory&location- mapping
 - Conduct interviews with campus partners: facilities, campus safety, and other students faculty, staff, and faculty
 - Human factor; talk about areas where students feel unsafe or uncomfortable on campus. GIS mapping of campus and dropping pinpoints where all the lights are to see the inefficacy around campus as a whole
 - Identify area of concerns related to “dark spots”
 - Identify areas of safety/security concerns
- Current campus map with purple maps for lighting that already exists on campus and coming back with a photometric analysis which will be compared to the illuminating engineering society recommended levels (IES)
 - Update the map
 - Identify safety concerns
 - Recommend improvements to implement
 - Company designs lighting maps that could be implemented after the study has been completed.

- (SV) Sounds like a lot of where you are putting lights will be where the lights already exist to understand but it also might be a good idea to send a survey to students about where they would like to see more lights especially.
 - Boots on the ground is what you need to have the understanding. We will be spending several hours tonight looking at the lights.
 - Old technology and non-working lights needing to be switched.
- (RP) When do you see this being completed? Do you have a specific area where students can help you out?
 - (AL) The study is intended to be about 65-70% complete to present to the Board of Trustees and they will make the decision to go forward. The exterior lighting changes would happen in the summer and be ready to go for fall 2019.
 - Where do you see the most important areas that need light? How can students use controls around campus to notify campus safety if you are feeling unsafe/send a notification?
 - Stadium lighting
- (ZM) When you say outdated technology, what is the difference between outdated and what you are bringing?
 - Yellow lights around campus are not made that often anymore- using LED technology instead. Metal halide light technology that degrades quickly so change something as well. Putting the light where you need it instead of just shooting it into the air, putting it to the pathways, etc.
 - Study hasn't been done since the 1980's so this will be a comprehensive replacement.
- (EC) How much are you taking into consideration with the sustainability aspect?
 - We aren't there yet but if the Trustees choose to move forward, we will look deeper into it.
- (CD) People assume that the lights that go out and someone else will do something about it but do you have a plan for us to implement this?
 - We can definitely look into that and we will be able to number the lights so you can use your phone to send a notification to officials.
- (SB) Is this process taking into process the blue light system as well?
 - We will be looking into it as a recommendation to the process as well. But this survey will be happening campus wide.
 - There is additional technology that would strobe lights instead of having to place them overall the entire campus. App enabled ability to signal to campus safety.
- (MS) I don't think that students would download an app.
- Lights that would be dim until someone would approach the lights, similar to the lighting you see in the grocery store. The dimming would be dropped to the lowest IES recommendation but it still would be able to see in front of you.
- (EC) What about the blue lights with signage about which ones have buttons, etc?
 - This would occur further down the line of our conversation but it would be something to look into. Look at handing out education materials through open houses and first-year

- (SB) There is a spot near the Nott where there isn't access until about 100m sprint.
- Areas of Concern
 - (AH) The fieldhouse area is a narrow path with lots of dark space next to it. There is a blue light on the corner.
 - (SG) The temporary pathway from the library to the gym.
 - (BH) Usually there is a light on that path but last night there was almost no light at all.
 - (EC) Around the Nott, there are paths that are dark near the fields.
 - (ST) Library path to Reamer Campus Center.
 - (RR) There is a staircase by the Tennis Courts that is essentially black. If you are going to the gym at night, it is completely dark at night.
 - (MM) There is a path from Reamer towards West in front of the Visual Arts building.
 - (LS) A lot of the buildings are well lit but walking from Reamer to Richmond. There are sidewalks there but it is not easy to see.
 - Seward is city property and our study will be brought towards the City Council in order to address concerns.
 - Too Much Light?
 - (EC) The football field does not need to be lit at all times.
 - (MattM) The important part of the study would be to understand the paths that students take instead of just looking at the paths that already exist. You will see in the grass where students walk and they have done this for years. Up by the Fieldhouse and the bridge behind the Rink have too little lighting.
 - (ST) The path to off-campus by Wicker Wellness area and the Softball Field doesn't seem to be well lit either.
 - (MS) The path across the Rugby Field seems to be a location that students
 - (SB) Backside of Davidson and Fox there is a space that creates an obstacle illusion and could be a large fall for people walking down the back of those pathways.

Sign Thank You Card

- Thanking Dean Schurick for organizing StrengthsQuest preparation she did for the retreat on Saturday.

Forum Retreat

Restaurant Discount Team: stay after
Student Forum Group Union College Challenge

- Any of you who were not able to attend the student forum retreat, Mike has your strengths insight reports.
- Taking on as a group to step out of your comfort zone and attend a club meeting or event, a dialogue, or another student life event that we oversee. Take photos and Mike will post it on the story so that we can continue the challenge as a whole.

Update on Conference Room

- The room has temporary tables now and COC and Finance are using that space. The room can be reserved through the student activity office.

Secretary (Daley): Nothing to report.

VP Administration (Petrova):

Results from Minor Committees Surveys

- 9 out of the 12 committees have been responsive.
- Student Survey has been sent and CoC will be meeting to discuss the different committees as to whether which committees should meet or be disband. We are towards the end of the process but there is some good progression.

VP Finance (Gottlieb):

Vote: 1700 to AAUW

- Budget request for the first time,
- 175 for annual membership dues, \$750 for Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop, 2 movies and discussions \$650, UCARE Day programming for \$50, Dinner and Discussion for \$150.
- (EC) Motion to approve the 1700 AAUW budget request
 - (BH) Seconded
- VOTE:
 - Approve: 18
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - Motion Passes

Trustees (Taha, Raval):

- Trustees Team Drive is uploaded and ready to go. All information will be there after Sarah graduates

VP Campus Life (Toy):

Calendar Email Refresher

- Sending out an email refresher about the calendar. After this term, there are some campus events that have been submitted so people are using the calendar.

VP Academics (Wojtowicz): Nothing to report/Absent.

VP Sustainability (Carrabba):

CDTA Tabling 1/22 12-1 I need volunteers.

- Maps, tips sheet, tell people about the service, etc.
- Anthony and Meghan will be there at Noon and Emily C will be sending along information to them to share with the CDTA folks.
- (MS) Encourage all of student forum to stop by the table and educate themselves about the ride share program.

Green Fee - Meeting to vote in the next week.

- All applications are in- one application that will be submitted in the next day. The application will be complete by next week.

VP Multicultural Affairs (Sebastian): Nothing to report.

IFC (Kellner): Nothing to report.

Panhel: (Haven): Nothing to report.

MGC (Boone): Nothing to report.

Minerva (Shah):

Minerva Central Retreat

- We had the Minerva Central retreat this past Saturday, where we were updated on the finances of each Minerva, and reformed the Learn Something/Teach Something program as a grant program focused on students finding out of class experiences they can present in a poster session to the school, tentatively titled the 'Minerva Experience Grant'.
- Additionally, the state of the Minerva program and its goals were discussed in context of the strategic plan. Overall, the meeting was very productive, and we hope to drill down more specifics in future meetings this term.

Class of 2019 (Al-Moghrabi): Nothing to report.

Class of 2020 (Bohn): Nothing to report.

Class of 2021 (Huang): Nothing to report.

Class of 2022 (Holley): Nothing to report.

Committee Report (SAC):

- First meeting 1/16 at Common Lunch

Advisor's Report (Milless, Dougherty): Nothing to report.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

- (SG) Working with Union Alumni to bring a panel next week at 6PM. Looking to see if Student Forum would be willing to collaborate with the program to promote it. There will be pizza and it will be held in Karp 105.

Announcements:

Mayor's Cup 1/19

- Student Forum sponsors the meal voucher/tickets and the deposit will be given back once you get to the event.
- Email will be sent throughout the week until the the day of the event.

Motion to Adjourn (MD)

Seconded (EC)