



Senate Meeting  
October 14, 2020  
Pride @ 6:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order- 6:02 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
  - Senator Carlee-Present
  - Senator Drake -Present
  - Senator Hays-Present
  - Senator Plunkett-Absent
  - Senator Rios-Present
  - Senator Schessler-EXCUSED
  - Senator Standbridge-Present
  - Vice President Cooper-Present
  - Vice President Williams-Present
  - President Jaeger-Present
- III. Approval of the Minutes- Carlee moves to approve, 2nded by Rios, no objections
- IV. Approval of the Agenda- VP Cooper moves, 2nded by Rios
- V. Open General Student Input- Elisabeth Dillard, lauren Kimmel, Tyra Coleman, Tonya Hammonds
- VI. Guest Speaker
  - A. Nick Patras (Director for the Counseling Center)

1. We are a JED campus, to help students with their mental health. This is year 2 of fact finding of what's working and what can be improved. The Counseling Center has been approved to have a Living Learning Community(LLC) for the 2021-2022 academic year.

The Counseling Center has seen 16% less patients than September 2019. All counseling is done by teletherapy, which is all online. The Counseling Center sees patients the same day they complete an assessment between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. There is crisis support available 24/7. The Counseling Center has hosted virtual "house calls" this semester from anything to photography or relationships.

- a. Question: Is there anything SGA can do to promote resources for students' mental health?
  - i. You can point students toward our website where we have many different resources such as TAO, apps, and assessments.
- b. Is the Living Learning Community (LLC) just for incoming students or all students?
  - i. It is for all residential students. They will attend biweekly programs and a dinner once a month together. This will be good for anyone pursuing a degree in Human Services or Social Work.
- c. Are there any resources for veterans on campus?
  - i. Yes, there is a “veterans lounge” on the third floor of Ferguson. There are also 2 counselors who are veterans as well.

B. Chief Bryan Vaughn (Chief of Police) -Chief Vaughn came to talk to us about two different perspective traffic stops. One was what the officer is seeing and the second perspective is how the passenger feels. There must be a probable cause to make a traffic stop such as speeding or a broken taillight. Traffic stops are one of the most dangerous situations for a cop due to the windows being tinted or traffic passing. When the cop comes up to the window, they are using their senses (sight, smell, and quick evaluation of people). Students are also able to do ride alongs.

- a) Question:Some people feel that they are targeted, what steps are y'all taking to prevent this?
  - (1) Someone always watches the video footage of the stops since police officers have cameras, people come from all over so they all have different perceptions of cops.
- b) Question: If we conceal carry, should we tell the officer to make them more comfortable?
  - (1) Make sure to communicate that.



c) Question: If the office doesn't use protocol, is there a way to file a report?

(1) Yes, on the website and by law it has to be investigated.

d) Question: Are there going to be initiatives from UPD to get to know students better on campus or promote student comfort?

(1) We have Ray Dittrich, who is the Chief Resource Officer who does most of the connecting. UPD is not allowed to have anyone in the office during this COVID time.

## VII. Executive Board Reports

A. President Jaeger -No Report, happy to be back in person with us.

B. Vice President Williams- How do y'all feel about having a panel once a month?

1. We agreed on a trial run for this.

C. Vice President Cooper -Committee chair meeting after this meeting.

## VIII. Advisor Report

A. Jeremy Sippel- Attire for meetings is Business Casual, if not sure-ask!, Ring ceremony rescheduled for Thursday 10/29 at 10:30 p.m., there is now a coffee pot in the office for coffee to be made; please just keep it clean! If you need to be virtual for a meeting, please let Jeremy or the exec board know to make sure you have the Zoom code.

## Ring Ceremony

IX. Old Business -No Old Business.

X. New Business- No New Business.

## XI. Officer Reports

A. Vice- Chair -No Report.

B. Secretary -No Report.

C. Treasurer-No Report

## XII. Announcements

A. Chi Omega and Simga Chi are hosting a Trunk or Treat from 6-8:30 p.m.  
Wednesday 10/28.

XIII. Adjournment- Moved by Senator Carlee to adjourn at 7:05 p.m., seconded by Senator Rios.