UNIVERSITY SENATE ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Name: Student Relations  2016-17

Number of Meetings Held this Year: 1 in-person, 1 ongoing virtual

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Purpose of/Charge to Committee:

Evaluates existing and proposed relations and procedures and initiates recommendations for changes.

Summary of Activities this Year:

Contacted University Public safety regarding crossing options at Mick and High Street. Included crosswalk stand/sign but has since been removed.

Worked with Deb Martin to even out class schedule (i.e., more classes on Fridays in effort to create open window during middle of the week). Still in progress.

Created ongoing digital dialogue using Google shared link in effort to work virtually (allows us to exchange ideas as we seem them while still working together). So far, ideal way to address current issues and include suggestions for future efforts. In hindsight, one more in-person would be ideal as a virtual follow up.
SUGGESTIONS:
Provide food options in the new Business Hall

Increase parking by Barnes & Noble while construction (deters students and staff)

Allow students to express their wishes through an e-petition system -- similar to https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/

Increase number of textbooks available in the library for on reserve use

Continue efforts to create common hour earlier in the week to allow students scheduled free time.

Note: Students who do not have class on Friday - and even most of those who do - do not know that Common Hour is Fridays at 2pm. If we moved this, we could allow students to engage in extracurricular activities, take a break to eat lunch, meet professors for office hours, or simply rest. Some students are in back to back classes from 9am-6pm, and could do with a nice break.

RECOMMENDATIONS:
Expand Dining Services on campus

Dedicate more parking spaces in garage near Barnes and Noble

Allow petitions to be seen by all, but restrict creation to those with a Rowan login, get administration (or student government) to agree to respond in writing to any petition that reaches X number of responses.

Dedicate more funds for reserve textbooks