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Christopher Laws
Chair, Faculty Council on Student Affairs

Dear Professor Laws,

The Faculty Council on Student Affairs is charged with “responsibility for all matters of policy relating to non-academic student affairs such as financial aid, housing, regulation of social affairs, eligibility rules, intercollegiate athletics, and general student welfare” (Faculty Code, Sec 42-38). Activities historically performed include addressing a prioritized list of student-related concerns, inquiries, and interests in council meetings, especially by way of inviting key administrators and stakeholders to provide supplementary information and to receive faculty and student feedback on the issues at-hand.

Our recommendation is that the council identify 3 specific goals that can be accomplished by the end of the 2016-17 academic year in your first meeting.

The Senate office conducted a background review to help identify goals for your council. This included review of minutes from last year’s meetings, review of discussions at Faculty Senate meetings, and selected outreach for topics. Recommended goals and / or topics for discussion include:

- Phase II changes to the Student Conduct Code are in development, and Class B legislation from the FCSA will be required to cement changes to the policy document. Identify means to communicate changes in Student Conduct Code to students and faculty to facilitate education on the matter.
- Meet with each UW student body in an effort to understand and align efforts of the council and its student membership.
- Investigate and identity/make recommendations for addressing issues related to college affordability.
  - A Class C resolution on College Affordability has been in development by council members in consultation with the council’s ASUW ex-officio member. The council revised the document several times during the spring of 2016, but never approved a version of it to go to the SEC.

After your first council meeting, we will be available to discuss the goals your council identified. Thereafter, we will post your council’s goals on the Faculty Senate Website to communicate the important work you are doing on their behalf.

Sincerely,

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