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Re: Student Life Committee 2021-2022 Report of Activity

Since the start of Covid, the Student Life Committee has taken a more active role in its work with students on the campus. During the 2021-2022 academic year, the committee has planned and hosted two more sessions with students to learn how they are navigating life during Covid and moving to (hopefully) post-Covid. Fall 2021 is when classes began moving to in-person, so we held a session in October to learn how the transition back to campus went for students. Though only a few students attended, we learned that they were happy to be back on campus and interacting with their peers and professors. However, there were issues with the level of cleanliness in the classrooms.

As a committee, we discussed the findings from the October session with the students and decided to plan to host another session with students for April 2022. We wanted to learn more about how the students were finding classes and if they preferred online, hybrid, or in-person courses. We also wanted to learn how students were navigating and working with other services on campus. The April session did spark interest from faculty, who asked if they could join. We learned that faculty wanted input about how students were finding the courses and what they wanted in terms of course formats.

In the April meeting, (as well as in October but it was more prominent in April), students also expressed a desire for connection with peers and professors. They were torn on a preference for in person or online (with great desire for online and remote options), but in any modality they stressed the need for clear and consistent communication from professors as well as opportunities to interact with other students both in the classroom and outside. They wanted more opportunities

for social recreation on campus or better communication to inform them of such opportunities that already exist.

On April 21, 2022, SLC co-sponsored an event with PARITY, which was a Deliberative Dialogue run by the CALL program. 33 students attended, and 3 faculty. Students ran the discussion that was another opportunity to discuss their views. This event covered a wide variety of topics, again a common theme was a need for connection and consistent communication from professors.

In terms of moving forward, the Student Life Committee will continue to host more sessions with students, however, we are now trying to figure out how to get the results of what we are learning to faculty. We would like what we are learning to extend beyond our committee.