

College Council on Community Policy

Meeting Notes December 5, 2014

Members Present: Beth Bone, Ibtissam Bouachrine, Margaret Bruzelius, Julia Collins, Carla Cooke, Scott Graham, Mollie Grover, Jesse Kline, Irene Rodriguez Martin, Samuel Masinter, Martha Miller, Christen Mucher, Lucy Mule, Halley Ofner, Danielle Ramdath, Susan Stratton Sayre, Gina Louise Sciarra, Barbara Williams

Guests Present: Merridith O'Leary, Northampton Public Health Director
Donna Salloom, Community Liaison, Western Massachusetts
Department of Public Health

The meeting began at 12:09 p.m. Danielle Ramdath initiated introductions around the table, including the two guest speakers. Irene Rodriguez Martin provided an update on the work of the smoking recommendation subcommittee, following up on the 4/4/14 memorandum from the CCCP to President Kathy McCartney. The group raised several questions; the focus is on communication and education about the policy.

Sam Masinter reported on reviews of the range of pet policies on other campuses in the Five Colleges; a discussion followed on how the current policy at Smith is (and could be) enforced--both indoors and outdoors. The Smith policy, which is now enforced by Campus Police, may move toward more active enforcement by Human Resources. Several concerns were aired by members of the group, including differences in enforcement of the policy on faculty and staff. Molly Grover and Martha Miller remarked on the initiative by the Quality of Life subcommittee of the SGA Senate to establish pet-friendly residences on campus; this will be handled by the Office of Residence Life.

The remainder of the meeting consisted of a presentation by Merridith O'Leary and Donna Salloom, in which they described the broad range of work the Department of Health does, including its core functions, policies, and numerous statistics. The last part of the presentation explored some possible scenarios that might occur at Smith and how they should be handled. Donna noted the difficult flu season ahead. The guest speakers responded to questions until the meeting ended at 1 p.m.

Next meeting: February 6, 2015, noon to 1 p.m. (Campus Center 103/104)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carla Cooke