

College Council on Community Policy

Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2014

Members Present: Margaret Bruzelius, Julia Collins, Carla Cooke, Nathan Derr, Ashavan Doyon, Ralph Gould, Scott Graham, Molly Grover, Michael Ireland, Jesse Kline, Sam Masinter, Martha Miller, Lucy Mule, Halley Ofner, Colgan Powell, Danielle Ramdath, Irene Rodriguez Martin, Gina Louise Sciarra, Laura Smiarowski, Susan Stratton Sayre, Barbara Williams

The meeting began at 12:05. Co-chairs Danielle Ramdath and Margaret Bruzelius thanked Sam Masinter for agreeing to act as the Committee's Communications Liaison. They also described the format of the meeting, where small sub-committees will do a substantial portion of the necessary work and report back to the full committee on information that they gather.

Old Business

The Co-chairs passed out the memo that was drafted in April on Recommendations for supporting Smith's current smoking policy. The Co-chairs reported that the Recommendations were accepted by the President and the Cabinet except for two items: *Tie smoking cessation resources and information about the current policy to the opening of the Wellness Center*, and *Put small but visible signs at the entrances of all buildings that make it clear individuals who spoke must do so 20 feet away from the building*. (Please see minutes from April 4 for originally submitted recommendations.)

There was a call for volunteers to participate in a sub-committee that will oversee the implementation of the smoking policy recommendations. Sub-committee members will include: Ashavan Doyon, Jesse Kline, Irene Rodriguez Martin, and Barbara Williams

The Co-chairs will send contact information for several people across campus that will be important resources for the sub-committee.

New Business

Sam Masinter provided draft language of a policy for Burials on Campus which reads as follows:

"Smith College does not permit burials or the scattering of ashes on campus out of respect for the mixed use of space by the Smith community, the close proximity to a Massachusetts state waterway, and the possibility of future construction projects throughout the college's grounds."

After some discussion a motion was made to approve the policy. The Committee unanimously approved the new campus-wide policy.

Agenda Items for Academic Year 2014-2015

- A. Pet Policy – after some discussion a call for volunteers for a sub-committee was made. They will include Sam Masinter, Julia Collins, Susan Stratton Sayre. The sub-committee will request that someone from Human Resources participate in their work.
- B. Street Safety – after some discussion a call for volunteers for a sub-committee was made. They will include Scott Graham, Jesse Kline, Nathan Derr. The sub-committee will put together gather questions to provide at a future meeting to which representatives from Northampton Department of Public Works and others will be invited.
- C. Other?
 - a. Carla Cooke recommended that we invite a representative from the Smith Green Team to speak at a future meeting so that the Committee could better understand the work that they do. Co-Chair Danielle Ramdath will contact the Green Time and try to identify a time.
 - b. Lucy Mule expressed a challenge that some students were having with transportation to and from Jackson Street School – that the PVTa does not have a bus stop close to that location where a number of students volunteer and complete work-study hours. Danielle Ramdath offered that the Provost's Office will investigate options.

The Co-chairs encouraged anyone else on the Committee to email them with potential future agenda items.

- D. The Co-chairs have scheduled outside presenters for our subsequent meetings in an effort to “create and maintain relationships with community leaders.” Goals for the presentations include to hear about their work as it pertains to Smith, and to work together on community projects. The schedule is as follows:

November 7 – Joanne Marquess, CEO of Cooley Dickinson Hospital

December 5 – Donna Salloom and Merridith O'Leary, DPH

February 6 – Mayor Narkewicz

March 6 – Natasha Yakovlev, Northampton BID (Business Improvement District)

April 3 – Mary MacInnes – Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

The meeting ended at 12:55.

Next meeting November 7, 2014

Minutes respectfully submitted by Michael Ireland