

Western Washington University
AS Food and Housing Insecurity Advisory Committee

May 18th, 2020 MS Teams

Board Members: *Present:* Trever Mullins (VP for Sustainability), Patrick Czichas (AS Student Senator), Daniela Tierra (ESC Representative), Kayl Gillihan (SAIRC Outreach and Representative Coordinator), Ethan Chrisope (Off-Campus Living Representative), Alyssa Tsukada (Office of Sustainability Representative), Karen Deysher (SAIRC Coordinator), and Christian Urcia (Supervising Resident Director).

Secretary: Sierra Templeton

Guest(s): None

Motions:

HIA-20-W- None

I. Call to Order

Trever Mullins, AS VP of Sustainability, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

II. Additions and Changes to the Agenda

None

III. Approval of Minutes

None

IV. Discussion Items

A. Survey Review/Future of HIA

1. Mullins stated that because of COVID-19, it's hard to know what direction to take with the relationship with the SB5800 working group, but if anyone have suggestions or comments, he'd love to bring them to Leti Romo. There haven't been any meetings this quarter as of yet for the SB 5800 group.
2. Gillihan stated that it would be helpful to have representatives from both groups attending each other's meetings to give a debrief so information is up to date.
3. Deysher noted that there are different student needs to be addressed campus, helpful to outline the different projects/groups to have their representation in HIA. Also, to have a space for student input and to inform students while work is being done rather than after the fact.
4. Gillihan noted that the students in-need working group is a good example of the pathways and fast action that can be taken.

5. Mullins responded that it's important to remember that there's a lot of pro-staff on the committee that have access to campus and more resources. How so we develop these relationships and empower students?
6. Czichas asked how the committee has acted in the past.
7. Mullins responded that this is the first year the committee has existed so there's more fluidity to fill in the gaps as need be. Since there aren't a lot of student employees working over the summer, it's important to start this discussion now to get the ball rolling.
8. Deysher asked if there is a way to centralize information with the ability to share resources and information.
9. Mullins stated that he could create a SharePoint for basic needs groups on campus.
10. Chrisope asked who has been doing research on basic needs on campus, has Western Front been involved in this, or Fairhaven students, or others?
11. Deysher responded that it's been both, but they are unsure where this information is ending up. Collecting information like this seems like a doable task and could help spur advocacy, create policies, attain grants, and inform the work the HIA is doing.
12. Chrisope commented that a feedback loop from students would be useful, especially looking at work other schools have done.
13. Tsukada noted that having a diverse amount of information is important for archival info and figuring out what's effective.
14. Mullins noted that monthly reports of work being done on basic needs would be helpful, with the pantry starting in Woodring as well. The last meeting can be a reflection of what students have done this year making sure information is collected in a legacy document. Nora Harren (next AS VP for Sustainability) will be invited for the next meeting.
15. Deysher stated that having a mind map to sort ideas and purviews may be useful to come up with a focus and plan of action. Right now, there isn't a single position that is dedicated to WHOLE, and this may help inform the trajectory of programs such as WHOLE and fill in the gaps. WHOLE, for example could become more education oriented. Maybe the role of the HIA is to become a communication hub, keeping legacy documents as work is done so nothing is forgotten as employees change.
16. Deysher noticed that there was a lot of silence and wondered if this is due to uncertainty of the direction the committee is taking, or people not being confident in ideas.
17. Czichas stated that he only pitches in if he feels he has something of significance to share. He was assigned through the student senate with this committee out of his wheelhouse and doesn't want to add unless his opinion is educated and informed.
18. Mullins responded that the committee space can sometimes be inaccessible and, in the future, providing more information to students would be a good direction to take.
19. Tierra commented that this is a good idea, and to check in with other colleges who have similar programs existing perhaps for a longer time or with more resources to compare and look for a goal.
20. Deysher stated that a lot of campuses they've seen with successful programs have changed the campus culture a lot. Food insecurity is seen as something new in higher education so there may not be long-term examples.
21. Tsukada stated that she has been in meetings with AISHE (Assessment Instrument for Sustainability in Higher Education) with sustainability staff and RAs

concerning sustainability nationwide on Zoom. Hosting a webinar like this may be a good starting point for data collection.

VI. Other Business

A. None

Trever Mullins, AS VP of Sustainability, adjourned this meeting at 1:01 p.m.

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