

SAAA meeting
5/28/2019
Hillman 272

Call to Order 3:04pm

Attendance

In person

Penny Semaia
Robin Kear
Marylou Gramm
Harvey Borovetz
Juan Taboas
Sybil Streeter
Susan Wesmiller

On Call

Mark Harding
Joanne Baird
Susan Skledar
Nancy Glynn

Agenda

1. Penny: Student Athlete Development Program (career and personal)
 - a. Cathy and John Pelusi Family Life Skills Program, initiated 1995, focus areas:
 - i. Meet students at their level / where they are
 - ii. Help identify where want to go / goals
 - iii. Facilitate planning
 - b. Largest program in nation
 - i. 10 team members
 - ii. Serve all student athletes irrespective of financial background and sport
 - iii. Transferable skills to future jobs / careers
 - iv. Student services for student athletes
 - c. Commitment areas
 - i. Career development (e.g. pro sports, corporate, etc.)
 - ii. Community service
 - iii. Financial education (e.g. Acorn investment)
 - iv. Leadership development (e.g. Amazon skill sets)
 - v. Personal development
 - vi. Forever Panthers, also support graduated student athletes
 - d. Events
 - i. Career networking night: focus on networking rather than career placement has yielded higher job placement
 - ii. Forever Panthers are brought in (graduates in last 5 years) to mentor / advise
 - iii. Professional etiquette program: first impressions key
 - iv. Panther leadership council: for athletes nominated by coaches
 - v. Community service: at least 1.5 hrs by all student athletes
 - vi. Varsity Letter Club
 1. Lifetime Achievement Award to Forever Panthers 25 years out from graduation.

2. Hall of Fame, achievements while in school

- e. Outcomes
 - i. Placement rates = 98% in 2017 (within 6 months of graduating), continuing an annual increase
 - ii. Service, 6,654 hours to date, more than double all of last year
 - iii. These terrific results need to be publicized far and wide
 - f. Dissemination
 - i. Proposing a Life Skills course
 - ii. ACC television network (to begin this fall)
 - iii. Pitt Beyond the Script on ATT network
- ## 2. Elections
- a. Three candidates for Co-Chair (Harvey Borovetz is stepping down; Juan Taboas will serve for one final year)
 - i. Nancy Glynn
 - ii. Sybil Streeter
 - iii. Marylou Gramm
 - b. Sybil will set up a Qualtrix survey for electing 1 co-chair to serve with Juan
- ## 3. Future topics and notices
- a. Now students get a week off for Thanksgiving; the one-day Fall Break is eliminated
 - b. Pitt Start has been terminated. Marc Harding reported that they employed consulting firm to modernize our orientation. Donahue and Melissa can speak to this. The largest program was in August. So online system replaces. New summer leadership component. Removed components that can be done online
 - i. See online tool
 - ii. Also see personalized education initiative
 - c. Upward/economic mobility of graduates
 - d. Dean of Honors College new leadership
 - e. Best practices for graduate students: things still unresolved given unionization effort
 - i. Send report to current committee members.
 - f. Financial aid packages for master's students (Nancy).
 - g. Graduate student unionization
 - h. Student debt
 - i. Informatics and predictive analytics (Dietrich advisors overburdened)