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SAPC – Approved Minutes  
October 28, 2015

Members Present:

Liz Kelsch, Steven Goodman, Paul Bobrowski, Dori Spaulding, David Watkins, Myrna Gabbe, Chuck Edmonson, Mary Kay Kelly, Jeffrey Zhang, Ann Biswas

Guests Present:

Elaine Laux (President of the College Republicans)

1. Minutes were Approved
2. Elaine Laux talked about her experience in College Republicans
  - a. The college republicans have not been informed by the university about the political policy; they have only ever experienced issues in the policy when it comes to staking signs in front lawns (maintenance removes any lawn signs in the morning). Ted Bucaro is Elaine's go-to when asking for permission for certain events, etc.
  - b. They have had candidates on campus, but only for members of their organization. They have not invited the public to these meetings because they were unsure about the guidelines of the political policy. If the policy is clarified, would College Republicans be more open to inviting students?
  - c. They make phone calls and knock on doors for candidates (never using UD resources), but they would like to hand out a republican/democrat/libertarian slate card at voter registrations. They are unsure if this would be permitted.
3. Discussed general reaction
  - a. The political activity that we would want to have on campus would not put out 501C3 status in jeopardy
  - b. There should be tables on campus to provide information on candidates during the election season
  - c. Sheet signs are under jurisdiction of Housing and Residence Life – they would have fellows come take down any partisan opinions
  - d. Should lay out a specific “can do” and “can't do” list for students. The document is unclear, and it is our role to interpret it.

4. Discussed Xavier's political policy
  - a. Xavier – more concerned with employees' actions than students' (they have two separate policies for the two groups)
  - b. Section (4a) of policy – “recognized organizations can host partisan or bi-partisan events in/on university property”
  - c. Section (3c) – “no university funding is to be used for political activity”
    - i. UD Student Organizations (College Democrats, College Republicans, etc.) are currently funded by the University through Student Government Association funds
  - d. Section (7b) – “Voter registration action may include partisan and/or non-partisan materials”
5. Overall Goal
  - a. Write a resolution (ECAS would review the resolution before it is brought to senate) to clarify issues about what we need:
    - i. A recommendation regarding the interpretation of the policy concerning the capacity to which candidates can be invited to campus
    - ii. Recommend to change the policy (in what specific areas?) and make the policy more clear
    - iii. Recommend creating different policies for students and employees (student's don't represent the university as much as employees).
    - iv. Investigate if students are able to hand out slate cards at voter registration (*check Montgomery County Board of elections*)
    - v. The SAPC would be the “task force” concerning this policy resolution
    - vi. Legal said they would reconsider the policy, but they would not be able to review it until spring. Can our resolution go into the queue for the spring?
    - vii. Parallel our policy with Xavier's policy (very clear)
6. Start looking at the retake policy for next meeting, to ensure that we are on track for this semester