

MAFS Executive Board Meeting 4/18/2018
Conklin105 12:20pm-1:10pm

No Admin (Dr. A & Mike) due to Southeast Region Meeting

1. Campus meal plan- Melissa Miller (goes by Missy)

Student frustration: difficulties with meal plans running out and trying to eat healthy (healthy options more expensive than chips...) and few nearby options

All 3 meal plans: same base cost (\$1,370 per semester) -> upkeep, maintenance...

Same across all Commonwealth campuses

Living in the dorm *requires* purchasing a meal plan

Any food that is prepared has a 65% discount- unlimited for breakfast, lunch, dinner...

Can start out at any level and switch without problems

Leftover money from Fall slides to Spring, but no roll over from Spring

In Spring, if you run out of meal plan, can still get 65% discount if the student uses LionCash

Curtis Hoover is trying to discuss with students strategies to use funding efficiently

One more piece of the puzzle for student experience/morale with respect to recruitment, retention, fairness for students

Who ultimately makes Housing & Dining decisions?

A few directors at UP -> Housing & Food Services

College cafeteria used to be buffet style-> all you can eat for a full semester for a certain price

It's a different style nowadays... Students want to feel like they are at a special location

How much of the base cost stays at Mont Alto vs. going up to UP?

Who sets the prices for food? Cup of fruit, tuna wrap...

Commuter Meal Plan is the same as using LionCash? -> both get 10% discount

Is there anything else we should know?

If anything is going to be done:

Should be taken up by students at UP

This is a barrier to student success and not exactly a faculty situation, but it is a topic "pertaining to the general welfare of the campus"

Part of the motivation for looking into this situation:

Concern about overall decrease in morale at PSU

We need to know about profit margin -> is this breaking even or making money?

Should be self-contained, but should not be making money on the students

Get SGA involved?

Discussion at UP Faculty Senate meetings?

MAFS letter to be shared with other campus faculty senates and onwards to UP?

2. Advising Survey

Results were generally positive (MAAC meetings), but none of the results have been shared with the full faculty

The surveys will be sent out to students again next week

The results are being discussed at FAR meetings, so would like Mike to address the results at a MAFS meeting

If the results had been negative, we would have heard about them

The survey is not scientific and no other campus is using the survey

If faculty are poor advisers, there are some reasons... LionPath...

It's a problem that faculty are scared to ask DUS for advising advice since advising should be a conversation between many people on campus for different expertise

Mike or David will represent MAAC to discuss at MAFS

It would be useful for faculty to see the advising questions from the survey -> 50 questions?

An adaptable survey?

Perhaps a link to the survey in an e-mail before the next MAFS meeting?

Is this being driven from UP?

In what way are these going to be used at FAR meetings in the future and is this going to become Mont Alto practice?

3. MAFS Constitution - draft

4. New Student Orientation

Want a faculty member to talk with students at NSO about what faculty expect

5. Election updates:

a. Ombudsman

6. MAFS main agenda items:

I. Supplemental contract and FT1 process: Mike Doncheski

II. Enrollment: Diane Chamberlain

Breakdown the numbers of current enrollment: how many ETC?

(how many of them come to MA?)

Breakdown the numbers into full time vs part time students?

III. MAFS voting

7. Others

This was the final Executive Board meeting of the semester