

Committee on Student Life

2021-2022

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The committee met officially once in Spring 2022, with some good discussion concerning student mental health and ways that faculty might be able to help students in crisis. We also discussed the major charge of the committee according to the by-laws which included the submission of a survey of student satisfaction. Subsequent exploration of this idea was discouraging as a number of student surveys are already planned and it was decided to delay action on this after consulting with the Chair of Counsel and the Interim Vice President for Student Success, Dr. Ducha Hang.

With the Spring semester coming to an end it was decided to pursue an initiative to reinvigorate this committee next year with an emphasis on supporting students beyond simply submitting a survey. Some possible initiatives which can begin early in the Fall include:

- Requesting that all faculty include a statement (s) concerning the availability of mental health and other support services at the beginning of their syllabi.
- Working to support and expand Positively RIC
- Working closely with Darcy Dubois, the interim Dean of Students.
- Work with other campus stakeholders to improve the sense of community on campus.

Respectfully submitted,

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