

Faculty Senate Committee for Student Life

Charge of the Committee: Review the quality of undergraduate and graduate student life at the University and make recommendations to the Senate to improve the quality of student life and help facilitate the removal of barriers that impede on student academic success/progress. The committee shall consult with the Committee on Admissions and Retention concerning the review and recommendations. Advise the Office of Student Affairs on policies and procedures pertinent to all aspects of student life, offering a summary report to the Senate. Carry out other activities as delegated by the Senate.

Committee members:

Justyna Widera-Kalinowska, Co-Chair

Sarah Eltabib, Co-Chair

Anna Zinko, Co-chair/Ex-Officio

Faculty membership: Eric Knee, Lori Gross, Stephanie Lake

Ex-Officio Membership: Emily Dorko (Athletics) Joe De Gearo (Dean, Academic Affairs), Maria Paradiso (SGA), Helen Kouridakis (GSC), Leeann Mello (FCRTP)

2021-2022 Committee Work:

- Addressed parking needs of students with office of Student Affairs
- Menu/Food options for students with University Dining office
- Dorm issues with office of Residential affairs
- University Code of Conduct
- Review and consultation with Student representatives of the Academic Withdrawal and Review Policies
- Ongoing discussions with Athletic department on needs of student athletes.
- Collaborating with office of Student Affairs on how we can help support Ukrainian students

University Code of Conduct Recommendation:

The Committee was provided with a Code of Conduct that was previously reviewed by Co-Chairs. Faculty on the committee were asked to review independently and comment on the draft. Questions, comments addressed and answered by Joe DeGears.

Proposed revisions to the Code:

1. Explicit exclusions
 - a. Grading, class management, contracts, SFS regs
 - b. Personal disputes
 - c. expression/ac. Freedom, political speech w/o threat
 - d. Off campus behaviors (except per law or safety risk)
 - e. Matters addressed by civil law (e.g. slander)
2. Student Bill of Rights
 - a. Extended to all students not only Title IX matters (it was previously only used for Title IX matters)
3. Additional points to be addressed:
 - a. Purpose of the code of conduct is to provide an educational approach to leading students to good decision making.
 - b. Avoiding legalese
 - c. Accountability via education and developmental NOT punishment.
 - d. It is important to consider:
 - i. Nature, severity, Developmental goals, student's unique history, circumstances, non-conduct options.
 - e. We are in good company: they are in line with industry Best Practices, Ethical Standards.

Vote: Presentation is acceptable to the committee to move forward to the Faculty senate| All present agree to move forward (8/8)

4/4 (full faculty)

Withdrawal/Hold Policy Recommendations

Senate Committee on academic affairs released a survey to faculty that included the following questions for consideration. Student life committee reviewed and considered questions on behalf of students and consulted with ex-officio student (SGA) representative on the committee.

Questions included:

1. Do you think F's should remain on the transcript?
 - a. Committee agrees that F should be removed from the transcript and last grade in course stands.
 - b. If a student wants to retake them all, they should be able to. No limits unless there are departmental procedures to the contrary.
2. Suggestions for Add/drop date and withdrawal dates:
 - a. Withdrawal is later in the semester (3 weeks before end of term)
 - b. Add/drop dates should be separated. They are two different actions that have different outcomes. Add -two weeks/ Drop- 5 weeks
 - c. Advisors need to be better informed by financial aid implications. We recommend that there should be better information sharing to protect students.
3. No change for hold. Committee believes it is unethical to continue to encourage debt when student(s) can not realistically pay off what is owed. Committee's position is not to encourage undue burden.
4. Students should be able to appeal the college's decision?
 - a. Committee encourages due process for all students.
 - i. Students should be able to appeal academic dismissals.
 - ii. Conduct issues should be referred to Student Affairs.

Committee Goals:

- International Students
 - How can we better help students adjust to campus life?
 - Supportive programming
 - Collaboration with more university departments
 - Retention issues
 - Ukrainian Students in need of support- Summer/Visa support
- Student Advising
 - Better model is necessary
 - Retention Issues
 - How can we better support students?
 - Collaboration with Office of Student Success
- Collaborating with Student Counseling Center
 - How can we better support students and the counseling office?
- Letter to Students advising them to contact our committee in times of crisis

HELP FOR UKRAINE

The world watched in shock as the Russian military invaded Ukraine on

02-24-2022. The Russian invasion has put lives at risk and forced people to flee their homes. The world has been witnessing innocent deaths, destruction of civilian infrastructure and massive displacement inside the country of Ukraine and across Europe. **The international community must remain united and apply diplomatic pressure to focus on a political settlement.**

On behalf of the Student Life Committee, we would like to show that Adelphi students stand with the people and families whose lives have been affected by the Russian attack on Ukraine.

We are asking the entire Adelphi community, student organizations and clubs to participate in our efforts to fundraise in support of Ukrainian civilians and refugees in Europe.

SLC asked Adelphi administration to establish an emergency relief fund with the goal of providing immediate support for people in Ukraine and those displaced by the invasion. Donations will go towards providing Ukrainians with water, food, hygiene kits, clothing and other necessary items.

·Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church in Lindenhurst is collecting:

clothing, socks, gloves, underwear, sneakers, neosporin, gauze, diapers, non-perishables, and tylenol.

You might also bring the item donations to

prof. Loriann Gross,

Department of Nursing Foundations, Nexus 337, lgross@adelphi.edu

She would be happy to assist in transporting these items to the church, which will be shipping to Poland for refugees.

Here is the contact email for the collection site:

holyfamilyukrainiancathchurch@gmail.com

CODE OF CONDUCT:

Timeline:

Request made by Vice President of Student Affairs to Chair of Faculty Senate - Early Spring 2021

SEC recommendation for faculty representatives: Mark Grabowski & Yula Serpanos

Committee completed work--> Sent to Senate Committee for Student Life for review
(Faculty: Sarah Eltabib, Justyna Widera-Kalinowska, Stephanie Lake, Eric Knee, Lori Gross)

- AAUP chapter consulted

Next Steps:

Faculty Senate approves

SGA/GSC approves

Board of Trustees approves