

MINUTES
PRESIDENTS TASK FORCE ON GREEK LIFE SUBCOMMITTEE III
November 1, 2017

Verge Ausberry, Athletics Department Representative and Chair, called to order the meeting of the President's Task Force on Greek Life Subcommittee III in the LSU Student Union Tchoupitoulas Room 452 on November 1, 2017 at 5:06 p.m.

Stephanie Tomlinson, Executive Assistant, called the roll.

PRESENT

Verge Ausberry, Athletics Department Representative, Chair
Mari Fuentes-Martin, Dean of Students
Ken McMillin, Faculty Senate President
BJ Billeaudeau, Kappa Sigma House Corporation Representative
Camille Flint, Residence Hall Association President
Jason Badeaux, Student Government President
Rob Stuart, Chair, Ex-Officio
Dan Layzell, Vice Chair, Ex-Officio

ABSENT

None absent

Also present for the meeting were the following: Carlton "Trey" Jones, Managing Attorney in the LSU Office of General Counsel; Stephanie Tomlinson, Executive Assistant to the LSU Board of Supervisors; and Hannah Rovira, Coordinator in the Office of the LSU President.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments made at the meeting.

1. Presentation from LSU Campus Life Office

Jacob Brumfield, Associate Dean of Students and Director of Campus Life; Kathy Jones, Assistant Director for Leadership; and Delia Madrid-Nothdurft, Coordinator for Involvement presented the policies and procedures for registered student organizations in Campus Life. The registration deadline is August 3 and registration happens annually. Delia went over the conduct procedures and noted Campus Life is involved in the conduct process for all student organizations except Greek Organizations and Sport Clubs. The student organization conduct flow chart and student organization handbook was provided for the members. Campus Life does trainings on the handbook, policies, and scenarios for the student organization officers. Kathy noted they used to have a Moodle site for online training of student organization leaders but around 50 didn't pass so now the trainings are in person and at least 1 leader must attend but encourage at least 5 to attend. There are over 400 registered student organizations. A student organization requires at least 5 members, constitution and by-laws, an LSU advisor, and officer GPA must be over 2.0 for undergraduates and 3.0 for graduate students.

BJ Billeaudeau asked if Campus Life provides advisors for student organizations. Kathy stated that it is upon the students to find an advisor and if an organization loses their advisor they have 30 days to

find another one. She also mentioned graduate students cannot be a sole advisor of an organization and outside of LSU employees as advisors are listed secondary in our system. The LSU advisors must be in Baton Rouge. An adjunct can be an advisor if they have an office on campus.

BJ asked if they provide training to Greek organizations and Kathy replied they do one training in January and that's the only training for Greek organizations from Campus Life. She further commented the Sports Clubs attend the first training and must be a student organization first before becoming a Sports Club.

Verge asked how they know organizations are in compliance with policies and code of conduct. Kathy stated it is a partnership across campus and Student Accountability & Advocacy (SAA). The students typically report violations on each other and police reports. Jason Badeaux asked if student organizations are required to register off campus events. Kathy mentioned Risk Management asked them not to register off campus events but they must comply with events & travel policies.

Mari commented that in the partnership conduct process the office will receive a report from the organization and either accept or reject the report. Once the report is accepted the organization will get an outcome letter and they do have the option to appeal to a hearing panel. She also commented she is working to change the code of student conduct to include student organization conduct as well.

Verge asked what their areas of risk are and areas of improvement. Kathy stated the advisors should be going to everything and clarifying their role and reporting is important as well as mandatory trainings. The advisors see things but don't always say anything. She also mentioned their online systems allows review and approval of offices across campus so enforcing the use of the system to streamline approvals.

Verge asked if there is a mandatory time limit to serve as an advisor. Delia mentioned there is no mandatory amount of time for advisors because leadership changes frequently in organizations so advisors are key.

Jason asked if Greek organizations are required to register off campus event in the system. Kathy stated she was unsure as the Greek Life Office manages everything in the system for Greek organizations. Verge asked if they require registration for off campus events and Kathy stated no.

Dan Layzell asked if Campus Life & Greek Life Office follow similar practices and Mari commented Greek Life has higher standards for their organizations and they also have their National standards as well.

Verge asked if a student organization goes off campus and something happens how would it be handled. Mari stated the incident gets reported to LSU and they follow the conduct process. She further commented if it is on campus they receive a report from LSUPD, but off campus is other jurisdictions.

Verge asked if an organization is traveling can an advisor pay for alcohol for the group. Mari commented if everyone is over 21 yes but they have to be responsible. Verge replied athletics does

not allow a coach to purchase alcohol for any players even if everyone is over 21. Mari stated her previous university had the same policy and noted our current policy is unclear.

Ken McMillin asked if Campus Life provides trainings for travel and Mari noted the training from Student Government is when they are using a Student Government travel grant but if it is their own funds they do not coordinate travel with the University. Ken commented the University is naïve about off campus activities of our student organizations and Jason agreed it is just not being reported.

Verge commented that student organizations can tailgate anywhere so we would need to suggest guidelines for all of student organization tailgates. Mari mentioned the biggest concern for tailgates is student safety. Verge asked how would you police tailgates and Mari replied it would require staff and rules for accountability. She further mentioned the current situation has been reported to involve alcohol, hazing, drinking games, glass bottles, and no food. Right now they see all of these issues at the student gate. She noted the first game was fine and roughly 15-20 individuals were taken over from the gate. Jason suggested potentially food trucks or Aramark having a food presence on the Parade Grounds to help alleviate some of the health issues.

2. Other Business/Next Meeting

Verge mentioned at the next meetings Athletic Compliance, UREC, ROTC & the Band will present.

3. Adjournment

Upon motion of Verge Ausberry, seconded by Dan Layzell, the Subcommittee meeting was adjourned.