

MINUTES
PRESIDENTS TASK FORCE ON GREEK LIFE SUBCOMMITTEE III
November 8, 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 8, 2017 at 5:07 p.m.

Hannah Rovira, Coordinator, 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

ABSENT

Dan Layzell, Vice Chair, Ex-Officio

Also present for the meeting were the following: Carlton "Trey" Jones, Managing Attorney in the LSU Office of General Counsel 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 Athletics Compliance Office

Verge Ausberry introduced Miriam Segar, Senior Associate Athletics Director of LSU, and mentioned a few things she handles: compliance and problems issues, no matter if they are big or small.

Miriam started with the recruitment policy. She discussed the letter sent to parents before the prospect comes to LSU. Also she mentioned the student host form, which outlines the expectations. This form must be signed by host and prospect to ensure money is spent properly and that curfew is understood, and all other rules are to be strictly followed.

Miriam then touched on the drug testing for athletes, she said if an individual tests positive, then he/she will be assessed.

BJ Billeaudeau asked who the drug testing is done by. Miriam said it is outsourced.

Rob Stuart mentioned an article he recently read about some students at other schools taking more intense drugs that will not show up on drug tests as easily.

Miriam said that is a good concern. She stated the strong focus on help and not hurt, and that everything athletics does is health and wellness based.

Mari Fuentes-Martin asked if there was any punishment for those who test positive on drugs. Miriam said yes, and that parents are contacted along with an assessment and options for in-patient or out-patient help or AA or whatever help is necessary.

Verge Ausberry mentioned an appeals process the athlete can go into.

Mari Fuentes-Martin asked if it was random people that got tested and Miriam answered, yes.

Miriam further commented how there are so many individuals, student athletes come in contact with every day, even with drugs the test does not pick up they can see a change in behavior. The team meet weekly to identify problems fast.

Miriam stated they utilize nutritionists, sexual assault training from outside groups, and the hazing form to address issues.

BJ asked about parent engagement and if they could bypass Greek Life & go to the Dean of the University. Mari mentioned there would be FERPA issues.

Miriam commented the issues come from hearing there's a problem and not acting on it. If a problem is reported to Athletics, they act on it immediately. Verge further commented athletes are different than other students because Athletics spends money on the athletes' programs and so they make everything mandatory. There is too high a risk to not move on information and Verge stated athletics keeps the communication lines open with the University to turn things over. Miriam mentioned coaches cannot call professors and Verge noted Athletics works with the Provost and University to handle academic issues.

BJ asked if the University could use a proactive drug policy. Mari replied no because of violation of students' rights. Athletes are on scholarship and chapters may tests but the University doesn't have the right. Miriam commented the NCAA does different drug testing than standard test and Rob asked if performance enhancers were a concern. Miriam replied all are a concern.

BJ asked could the University make resources available to encourage drug testing Greeks. Mari commented we would have to have approval from Nationals and 2 chapters have policy that people sign upon receiving a bid. BJ stated Kappa Sigma does it & it is a big burden to get resources should the university do it.

Mari asked Miriam when the last hazing incident was in athletics and Ken asked if they have records or a summary of incidents. Miriam stated the records are stored individually in the student records so they are not public.

Ken commented on the Faculty Senate's audit on academics and asked what audits are done on athletics. Verge stated the Board of Supervisors does the audit on Athletics.

Camille asked about the resources student athletes have available to them that are not available to

the regular student. Verge commented that athletics is an auxiliary service so all of the resources are from external revenue.

Verge noted that the NCAA are not the police and Ken further stated LSU's Center for Academic Success and student athletes are monitored and a report is sent to a professor asking if a student was in class.

Verge stated the next meeting will have a representative from the Band.

Upon motion of Verge, seconded by Mari, the subcommittee meeting was adjourned.