Minutes
Student Affairs Committee Meeting
UWF Board of Trustees
UWF Conference Center, Bldg. 22
November 6, 2019

BOT Student Affairs Committee Chair Greg Britton called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

Committee Member Trustee Zenani Johnson was in attendance. Trustee Alonzie Scott joined by teleconference.

Other trustees present: Lewis Bear, Jr., Dave Cleveland, Bob Jones, Suzanne Lewis, Mort O'Sullivan and Sherry Schneider.

Trustee Jill Singer joined by conference phone.

Others in attendance:
President Martha D. Saunders; Provost & Senior Vice President George Ellenberg; Dr. Kim LeDuff, VP Academic Engagement; Dr. Kimberly McCorkle, Vice Provost; Ms. Betsy Bowers, VP, Finance & Administration; Ms. Pam Langham, General Counsel; Dr. Melinda Bowers, Director, Facilities Operations & Emerald Coast Campus; Ms. Jamie Sprague, Director Human Resources; Dr. Brandon Frye, Dean of Students; Dr. Ed Ranelli, AVP and CEO, BEI; Ms. Cindy Talbert, Internal Auditor, Internal Auditing & Management Consulting; Mr. Matt Packard, Compliance Officer, Internal Auditing; Dr. Elizabeth Benchley, Archaeology; Mr. Dan Lucas, CFO, UWF Foundation; Ms. Elizabeth Mrachek, PCard Auditor, Internal Auditing & Management Consulting; Ms. Colleen Asmus, University Controller; Mr. Jeff Djerlek, Assistant Controller; Ms. Christina Bolte, Archaeology Student; Mr. Ross Dahlstrom, Network Engineer; Mr. Chuck Bell, Telecommunications; Mr. Chase Green, BOT IT; Mr. Cody Thurber, BOT IT; Mr. Angel Sedillo, Sound Engineer; and Ms. Katarina Zatapkova, BOT Graduate Assistant.

**CHAIR’S GREETING**

Chair Britton welcomed all those present and explained there were three action items and two information items on the agenda.

UWF Dean of Students, Dr. Brandon Frye, presented the three action items and the first information item on the agenda.
1. Approval of Amendments to UWF Regulation 3.010 Student Code of Conduct.

Substantive revisions and updates to UWF Regulation 3.010 are proposed to align with changes in the statute and FL BOG regulation on hazing and other miscellaneous amendments defined more fully below.

All of the proposed amendments to this regulation are as follows:

- Numbering and lettering changes were made to the entire document to make formatting consistent.
- Typographical and/or grammatical errors were corrected throughout the document.
- Vice President for Enrollment and Student Affairs was changed to Vice President for Academic Engagement and Student Affairs.
- Student Disability Resource Center was changed to Student Associability Resources.
- Gender inclusive language was added throughout the document.
- The term “group” was listed beside student organizations throughout the document to add clarity.
- The term complainant was combined with victim throughout the document to add clarity.

Article I

- Language regarding “The Good Samaritan Policy” was removed.
- Language was added regarding respecting the First Amendment rights of others.

Article II

- The term “staff” was defined.
- The definition of a student was expanded to include the following: “students who have been suspended from UWF and do not require readmission to the University.”
- The definition of Student Organizations/Groups was expanded by adding “athletic teams.”

Article IV

- Anti-Semitism was added to the list of protected classes in IV.2.i.
- The hazing definition in IV.2.k. was updated to be consistent with BOG regulation and legislative changes.
- UWF Electronic Communications Policy was added to IV.7.j.
- IV.8.h was added to the document (Engages in or offers games of change for money or other gain in violation of the laws of the State of Florida) to comply with legislative updates regarding gambling.
Article V

- Sexual assault as changed in sexual misconduct in V.1.e.
- The definition of Student Advocate was expanded to include that the Student Advocate shall not serve as the Adviser during any hearing.
- The definition of the term witness was expanded to include that the witness could “participate via telephone or electronic means.”
- The definition of “student status” was expanded to include “in cases where the sanction(s) determined by the University in the disciplinary decision include either suspension or expulsion, the student’s privileges at the University, including the ability to attend classes and engage in University activities may be revoked and the student’s permanent status on campus will change.”

Article VI

- The definition of Student Advocate was expanded to include that the Student Advocate shall not serve as the Adviser during any hearing.
- The definition of the term witness was expanded to include that the witness could “participate via telephone or electronic means.”
- In VI.4.k, the “presentation of information” was edited and clarified to show that the investigative report would be shared and not the findings.
- The definition of “student status” was expanded to include “in cases where the sanction(s) determined by the University in the disciplinary decision include either suspension or expulsion, the student’s privileges at the University, including the ability to attend classes and engage in University activities may be revoked and the student’s permanent status on campus will change.”

Following Dr. Frye’s presentation, Chair Britton asked for a motion recommending the full Board, at the December 5, 2019 meeting, approve the amendments to UWF Regulation 3.010 Student Code of Conduct as presented.

    Motion by: Trustee Alonzie Scott
    Seconded by: Trustee Zenani Johnson
    Motion passed unanimously.


This regulation is amended to add new language concerning the prohibition on hazing. The changes are proposed to conform to recent changes in the Florida Statute and the Florida Board of Governors’ Regulation on hazing. Changes include:
• An updated definition of hazing as provided in Florida Statutes and FL BOG Regulation 6.021.
• Adding language identifying hazing as a crime in the state of Florida.
• Identifying unavailable defenses to hazing.
• Rules regarding hazing and prohibition of retaliation.
• Provision indicating that student athletes and student organizations are also subject to their respective organizations’ policies on hazing and providing that the UWF Regulation on hazing and the UWF Student Code of Conduct control in the event of a conflict.
• Identifying examples of actions and situations that may constitute hazing.
• Identifying and defining student organizations and groups that are subject to the hazing regulation.
• Defining rights of those who report.
• Identifying the University officials that should receive reports of hazing.
• Providing an explanation and process for investigations and the appropriate responses including sanctions, expulsion, discipline.
• Providing for education and training of all students and student organizations/groups.
• Requiring all registered student organizations to include UWF’s Regulation prohibiting hazing into their bylaws or governing documents.

Following Dr. Frye’s presentation, Chair Britton asked for a motion recommending the full Board, at the December 5, 2019 meeting, approve the amendments to UWF Regulation 3.018 Anti-Hazing Regulation: Prohibition and Prevention of Hazing – Procedures and Penalties as presented.

Motion by: Trustee Alonzie Scott
Seconded by: Trustee Zenani Johnson
Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Repeal of University Rule 6C6-3.018 Prohibition of Hazing – Procedures and Penalties.
This agenda item was pulled by Dr. Frye and General Counsel Pam Langham. They explained this item will be placed on a BOT Student Affairs Committee agenda in the near future.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Fraternity and Sorority Life 2020: 2018/2019 Annual Review. This item was presented by Dr. Brandon Frye and Dr. Ben Stubbs, Interim Executive Director for Student Involvement.
2. **Student Government Association Update.** This presentation was made by UWF SGA President and Trustee Zenani D. Johnson. Ms. Johnson provided an update on the activities and initiatives of the UWF Student Government Association.

**ADJOURNMENT**
With no further Student Affairs Committee items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Luntsford, Assistant Corporate Secretary