

## **Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee 2019**

### **1. Campus Climate and Safety Initiatives**

The Student Government Association shared concerns regarding lack of faculty and staff training and knowledge in safety procedures with the Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee.

Committee members felt these concerns were consistent with Dr. Zulma Toro's calls to improve the campus climate. As such, the committee devoted a considerable amount of time and effort toward addressing campus climate concerns from a public safety perspective. From this, two endeavors were carried out over this past year:

- A. The implementation of an optional General Safety and First Aid/CPR/AED training for all faculty, staff and students, free of charge, will be offered multiple times on campus throughout the academic year. This training will be carried out by Terrance Ferraroti, CCSU Fire Lieutenant, and supported by the Campus Police. Optional trainings will be offered to faculty beginning in the Fall 2019 Semester and will represent a model for safety training at all CSCU campuses. All participants will receive a certificate of participation; faculty can use this in their University Service part of their professional portfolios used to apply for promotion and/or tenure. These trainings will not qualify as certified American Red Cross CPR trainings due to the significant cost associated with providing these types of trainings, but will provide skills to participants that will enable them to respond adequately to a range of medical and safety emergencies on the CSCU campuses.
- B. This project required many meetings with multiple shareholders on campus so that all relevant and supportive parties were on the same page (Campus Police, Public Safety, Environmental Health and Safety, and Facilities).

### **2. Safety Posters on Campus**

Due, in part to the work of the Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee, safety poster will be hung in all classrooms on campus and all main entry areas. These posters highlight the correct procedures and contact information used to respond to any safety event that may occur.

- A. This poster was originally created by Chief Sneed for Tunxis Community College a few years ago and was edited and critiqued for its implementation at CCSU this past year by members of the Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee and members of the Student Government Association. Dr. York met with Sal Cintorino and Chief Sneed to convey Faculty Senate feedback about the poster. The poster represents a model that will be used at other CSCU campuses. For instance, Chief Dooley from Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) has been in contact with our committee about potentially utilizing a similar poster.
- B. Posters will be printed, cased in hard plastic and hung across campus during the Summer of 2019, in preparation for use during the Fall 2019 semester

### **3. Club Recognition**

Historically, the primary responsibility of the Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee has involved recognizing clubs on campus so that they can gather and recruit members on our campus.

- A. During the Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 academic semesters, the Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee recognized 4 new clubs on campus. The clubs recognized are listed below:
  - a. Human Resource Management Club on 9/4/2018
  - b. Women in STEM on 10/31/18
  - c. EMS (Emergency Management Systems) Society Club on 2/27/19
  - d. SODA: Student Organ Donation Advocates on 3/28/19
- B. Although the manner by which clubs are recognized at CCSU is largely at the discretion of the Vice President of Student Affairs and the professionals who work within the office of Student Activities and Leadership Development, the faculty committee members suggested that there was little standardization regarding what information is considered when deciding to recognize clubs. As such, the committee has agreed to revisit the process by which clubs are recognized during the Fall Semester of 2019.

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