

Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee 2019-2020 Final Report

Club Recognition

The primary responsibility of the Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee is recognizing student clubs on campus so they can gather and recruit members on campus. The new VP of Student Affairs, Dr Jasek along with Dr Toro and Dr Mark Jackson (Faculty Senate President) vetted the bylaws of the SAC and confirmed that our role of club recognition was still pertinent, and we were permitted to still convene for this purpose.

It was also determined via discussions between Dr Jasek and President Toro that Dr Toro has final approval for all clubs to reduce liability for SAC members in cases of a club that is or is not approved. As such, all minutes and motions from each meeting were asked to be sent to Dr Toro in a timely manner following each meeting for final club approval. This means that the minutes do need to be approved (via email vote) before they are sent to the president and cannot wait to be approved at the next meeting.

For each set of minutes sent to Dr Toro, a signature line should be added for her signature and final approval.

It was also highly recommended that SAC members take extra special consideration of First Amendment Rights, and any denial of a student club must be for specific procedural considerations.

During the Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 semesters the SAC met three times (we had a reduced meeting frequency due to COVID-19) and recognized the following student clubs which were also approved by Dr Toro:

- a. Battlebots – Combat Robotics Club
- b. Pre-Physical Therapy Club
- c. Sustainability Club
- d. Brazen Blue Devils Club
- e. Cyber Security Club
- f. Arab Student Council Club

One student club that was proposed to us, She Power – Women Empowerment Club, was not officially recognized because the SAC felt that it was very similar to the Women Involved Now (WIN) Club that was a recognized club at the time. We encouraged the petitioner to contact the president of WIN and they postponed their application to Fall 2020.

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