

SVA Graduate Student Council Notes

February 17th, 2016/2:30 – 3:30/ Lazarus, 109

1. Welcome and Sign in

2. Counseling Center Outreach

- Andrea Regenber from Wellness center: Recognition of students not coming into counseling.
- Question is how to promote mental health on campus, what is the best way to communicate with the students. Facebook group?
- Any recommendations on how to communicate with the students more?
 - Mandy: Emails work for me
 - Morgan K: In regards to Graduate communication speak with Gwen.
- Andrea: Beyond communication what other issues do you as students know of that could be useful?
 - Demi: Maybe a blog could help
- Andrea: Recognition Insight & Openness which is an organization used to give students tools in order to cope with anxiety and stress. Would this be useful to students? Would it be more helpful if we held the RIO sessions in the Lazarus Building?
 - Heather: Yes, It would be useful to hold the sessions here.
 - Several other students, almost all agreed holding those sessions in Lazarus.
- Having a counselor located in Lazarus, would this help the graduate community utilize the counseling services better?
 - Yes, that would be great for us to have that service here
 - Holding the sessions on Thursdays and Fridays would benefit most if not all of the graduate community.

3. Weather Update

- The lack of shuttles was difficult for most students, and there was quite a bit of confusion when it came to classes being cancelled or not.
- Ultimately these things do end up being on the students, being accountable and paying attention to the weather so that if you really need to work on things, be prepared to possibly taking things home with you so you don't lose that much time.

4. Mandatory Reporting Update

- There have been no other title 9 meetings since we last met so not much of an update

- But check in with other people to see if they have any issues with their GTI/GTA/GPA roles.
- One thing that needs to be clarified is if an incident is reported that is it, it is just reported.

5. Sammi Hoi Meeting Update

- Campus Safety Update, They have decided to place Blue Lights around campus
- They have hired more patrol officers
- Shuttle. For those who live out of range, there is no update on pushing those lines back to accommodate those addresses.
- Students do need to update their addresses so that the school knows and can change the shuttle routes.
- Grad Ex: Administration has looked for a dedicated space but it is our responsibility within staging/ and keeping the organization going after we graduate.
- Suggested Pods for us to show in, maybe we can work within that.
- The administration does hear our concerns and wants to facilitate this but there are several hurdles (budget wise) that they need to jump through before they can progress.
- Sustainability: Ventilation, Roland Facilities request was put in for the air quality check, What are the costs of this
- Inspection not scheduled yet.
- PEM needs flammable cabinets

6. Open Forum:

- MICA Place/Community Arts: Connecting to MICA and the main campus more.
- Purpose of the program is to combine MICA and Baltimore
- Residence Hall – Kicked out of their studio spaces in Mid May even though we still have programming during that time. We just want the option to stay here through the summer.
- When do you all want this to change? This year, but we understand that it may not happen but having it happen for future students is a priority.
- We (Comm Arts) are proposing a letter to write, we just wanted to see if GSC would also support us in this.
 - Yes, GSC will support you in this!
 - Getting that letter to the right people is going to be a big part of how to progress this.
 - This moving is a disruption to your process so let's see what we can do.
 - Look at setting something up, like a meeting and we will go and show support.

