

Minute Form for Senate Committees  
 Academic Year: 2017-2018  
**Student Life Committee**  
 Chairperson: M. Sue Waters

**MEETING DATE:** October 12, 2017 UCB124

**ATTENDANCE:**

**APPOINTED MEMBERS:**

Present	Name	Rep	Left in Term	Present	Name	Rep	Left in Term
<input type="checkbox"/>		AHS		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Margaret (Sue) Waters	CHP	
<input type="checkbox"/>		AS		<input type="checkbox"/>	Michelle Sahr	PHR	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kathryn Wolfer	BUS		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Most	CET	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vanessa Wyss	EHS		<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark VanLent	CC	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Johnson	CAS		<input type="checkbox"/>	Elisa Cotter	L/C	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gary Moore	OPT		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cami Sanderson	At Large	

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBER(S):**

Present	Name	Rep
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joy Pufhal – Dean of Student Life	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bryan Marquardt – Director of Housing and Residence Life	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lindsay Barber – Director – Birkam Health Ctr.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bruce Borkovich – Director – Public Safety	Admin/Fin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Janice Weaver	CAS/Senate

**GUESTS:**

Present	Name	Rep
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Patrick Maloney Student Government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Megan Liede Student Government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brenna Piper Student Government	

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Robert Most, as prior Chair began the meeting with the introduction of all members. Robert reviewed the committee mission and asked for volunteers for the current academic year Chair. Sue Waters volunteered and was unanimously approved.

The committee was asked for recommendations for this year's focus. Robert brought forward the differences in structure of advising within Cornell University and Ferris State. Cornell utilizes a three tiered approach including Student Peer Advisor, Faculty Advisor and Advising Dean. NSSE data results were discussed and the need to look at advising at Ferris.

A peer mentorship pilot is currently being done in Social Work and seems to be working well. It is tied to a course and is structured with required hours for meetings.

Several problems were identified that affect students as well as faculty advisors. Many areas have students assigned to general advisors for the first few semesters, which does not benefit the student for specific programs. Some students are advised to take general education courses that are not necessary for their degree.

Faculty are finding that the checksheets in the repository are not accurate making it difficult to advise the student.

Members would like to come back to a round table on the focus for the year with input from the students.

The remaining meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month excluding December and January in UCB-123 at 11am.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50AM – Submitted by S. Waters – Chair

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR SUMMARY:**

The next meeting of the Student Life Committee will be Thursday, November 9, 2017 @ 11AM in UCB-123.