

**Minutes of the Meeting
Of the
Planning and Budget Committee
Of the Hofstra University Senate
Wednesday, April 24 - 901D Axinn Library**

Present: Bill Caniano, Alice Snook, Elizabeth Ploran, Rich Apollo, Jessica Kurtz, Geoff Tarson, Craig Burnett, Russ Smith, Shaquan Womack, Gail

Minutes from March 27, 2019 were approved unanimously.

Discussion about LLCs from Residential Life (Russ, Alice, Shaq)

Netherlands: Academically focused and thematically based LLCs. Research about student engagement and retention, most important in first year of undergraduate, thus First Year Clusters and LLCs. We have 9 LLCs, 7 of which in Netherlands. First Generation, Live NYC, Communications, Zarb (business), Studio House (TV/Film/Graphic design), Stage (music, dance, theater), MSE (math, science, engineering), PREP (pre-health professions). Kristin Weingartner provides \$3K per year for outside experiences, \$1K/yr from Res Life. Train tix are a major expense, \$900 – 1200 per year. Faculty mentors are part of the experience, but thin on faculty commitment right now. Faculty mentor role is unclear, and hard to define. Zarb and MSE have a high level of faculty involvement; Studio LLC does not have a faculty mentor. Can P&B committee put forth a proposal to help engage more faculty as mentors for LLCs? Each LLC has 50-60 students, but not all self-selected for the LLC house. Are there facilities for the faculty mentors? There is a space in the Netherlands Core, and another space that Elisabeth Ploran has use as an office. It is more effective to have programming (e.g. resume building) in the house lounge. Elisabeth: a good event is to cook food and chat while having a common dining experience.

After first year, students enter the general pool for housing, but individuals can appeal to Res Life to get access for programming. Ras are chosen in the same major area as much as possible. Bill: integrating Honors College or LLCs in upper classmen? Not probable, since (1) Honors College programming is specific to that population, and (2) efforts to run LLCs in upper classes have not been successful. Gender Neutral housing is themed living community, not an LLC, and not in the Netherlands. Faculty mentors do get release time, maybe 3 credits per semester. Having a solid description of what a Faculty mentor does (maybe ask Scott Harshbarger for a description) & the release time provided. Mention that this goes towards the service component in tenure and promotion. Also, can have small engagement events, e.g. dinner once a month for faculty who want to participate, but not become faculty mentors. Craig: it matters who asks for faculty involvement, e.g. Res Life vs. department Chair or Dean.

Side discussion of compensation for Faculty In Residence. Elisabeth would prefer to have 3 credits release time per a semester and be able to count the FIR work as service in tenure/promotion. Rich Apollo: what about a stipend? Discussion showed that release time vs. stipend may be an individual issue. Returned to part-time FIR option discussion from last

meeting. Russ: right now, we don't have the space to create an apartment for part-time FIR and outside speaker use. Bill – bring issue to Joe Barkwill to create the space on north campus. Russ: in theory, sounds great. Elisabeth did discuss have a second FIR outside Netherlands to interact with upperclassmen. Highlight retention and faculty service aspects to increase engagement, and hopefully administration \$\$\$. Russ: will have a residence satisfaction survey & analysis available by next September.

Bill: idea of having librarians for reference services, also have librarians hold office hours in dorms, and release time would not reduce class offerings.

Shaq: having more people interacting with students (faculty mentors, FIR, res life) reduces students falling through the cracks. National survey on LLCs available for reference; Aston & Tinto historical research.