

Student Affairs Committee

2013-2014 Year End Report

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A. Council Proposals and Recommendations

Recommendation October 2013:

- Establish protocol for an evacuation process to ensure that handicapped students are assisted in getting out of the building during emergency situations.
- Establish system for regular maintenance of emergency buttons placed near stairwells to ensure they are working properly and in compliance with ADA regulations.
- Establish protocol and provide contact information for faculty to help students who have serious mental/emotional issues that need immediate attention.
- Create a college web page with links to various college resources for non-academic student affairs to provide easy access for faculty.
- Provide faculty development in:
 - ALICE training
 - Protocol for managing students in emergency situations
 - Protocol for helping students who have immediate mental/emotional needs
 - Safety issues (escort service, disruptive students, bullying, suicide hotline, etc.)

Recommended April 2014:

The Student Affairs Committee recommends that College Council ask the Technology Fee Committee to create and oversee a college web page dedicated to non-academic student affairs. The SAC also recommended that the Technology Fee Committee give access rights to the SAC to develop and regularly update the web page.

Resolution

The UT Campus Security tested all Gillham Hall emergency buttons near stair wells and determined them to be working.

B. Unfinished Work and Goals

- To develop a web page to give faculty quick and easy access to non-academic student affairs including such items as contact numbers and procedures dealing with safety issues, students' mental/emotional support systems, and professional development offerings across campus related to these issues.

- To develop a college-wide emergency plan to address protocols during emergency situations. This would include the process to ensure assistance for handicapped students.
- To research if there are existing UT policies that deal with various types of cyberbullying that faculty are experiences.
- To ensure that faculty are provided with training in different kinds of safety issues.

C. Relationship of SAC Work to College Strategic Plan

The work of the SAC shows its responsiveness to students. The committee grapples with safety, emotional needs, and other non-academic affairs of students. This work aims to provide a safer and healthier environment for learning that will help to improve the public perception of the college.