

Ombudsman Advisory Panel

Ombudsman Advisory Panel Meeting was held on December 15, 2011 at 9:00 AM. The budget was disclosed that was less than prior years and did not provide for an associate director to be hired. The three part time student workers discussed some of their cases and problems. There was discussion about more education of the students and staff concerning the role of the ombudsman. Sometimes the Student Legal Assistance will direct students to the Ombudsman even though the problem is more of a legal matter. There was discussion concerning how the Ombudsman office is evaluated by the persons requesting assistance (PRAs). An evaluation form is mailed to the PRA and they are asked to mail it back to the Chancellor's office. The Ombudsman office is not informed of the results of those assessments. One of the members of the advisory board requested a copy of the assessment form for all of the members and made a motion that a discussion of the assessment form should be included in the agenda for the next meeting. This motion was accepted by the other members of the advisory board. The advisory board asked how they could help the ombudsman office. The office expressed concern about the lack of travel funds to attend the ombudsman international conferences. The last conference attended was 3 years ago. Also because of the lack of an associate director the part time student workers are meeting with other than student PRAs. These persons could include civil service, staff and faculty. The next meeting will be after February 15 but before May 15. Contact will be made to set up the date.

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Search Committee for CASA Dean

The search committee for the Dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts met on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, to receive its charge from the Provost and to view the affirmative action video on conducting a good faith search. Review of application materials by search committee members has begun. The chair of the search committee, Dr. John Warwick, will be coordinating, through Gayle England, additional meetings of the committee following the holiday break.

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Recreational Sports and Services Advisory Committee

The Student Recreation Center Advisory Committee has met twice over the past month. Important business includes the resignation of Willie Ehling, Director of the Student Recreation Center. He has taken a position at Southern Methodist University. An internal search for an Interim Director is underway. Last week, three finalists were interviewed. They include Sally Wright and Corne Prozesky from the Rec Center and John Massie from the Student Health Center.

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