Student Life Committee
Committee Report for 2017-2018 Academic Year

SCOPE OF REPORT
This report provides a brief summary of the purpose, accomplishments, recommendations, and goals for the Students Life Committee for the 2017-18 academic year.

PURPOSE
This committee considers policies and issues affecting student life and makes recommendations to the appropriate individuals and/or action groups. In addition, the committee makes a continuing study of the operations and effectiveness of the Code of Student Conduct in consultation with the Dean of Students Office and Office of Academic Integrity.

MEMBERSHIP
The 2017-18 Student Life Committee consisted of: Faculty at Large: Alejandro Munoz Garces; Catherine Scott; Benjamin Sota; Lisa Winters; Faculty Appointed: Frederick Wood; Michael Pierce; Invited: Travis Overton; Amanda Siegrist; Jim Solazzo; Ex-officio member: Debbie Conner; SGA Officers: Eriq Bruce; Megan Garrell; Alexis Klinoch; Nyela Jackson; RHA Officers: Devin Lewis; Allison Moss. Dr. Pierce served as Chair for the committee.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS
During the 2017-18 academic year, the Student Life Committee accomplished the following:

- Reviewed SGA Bills and Resolutions as presented by the SGA Officers and Appointees; the principle topics included a bill to give faculty/staff food discount to student employees, improvement to the lighting at University Place and the revision of the SGA constitution and by-laws.
- Discussed issues related to parking on campus for commuting and resident students.
- Along with SGA & RHA, the SLC committee held a Town Hall meeting on November 15, 2018. Panelists included representatives from Public Safety, Transportation Services and Auxiliary Services (Housing) and the meeting was attended by both President DeCenzo and Provost Byington. More than 100 participants attended the meeting and contributed to a very fruitful discussion on the current parking/transportation policies. Participants made recommendations that included improvements to the safety of students riding shuttles, access to various campus parking lots, routing of shuttles and suggestions to improve the shuttle mobile app.
- Discussed the current and historical procedures for student employment with representatives from Human Resources. The discussion centered around the need to develop skills (verbal communication, planning, organization, working in teams) that will be attractive to employers who will be hiring CCU graduates. The outcome of this discussion included the development of a survey for CCU alumni to obtain information about their current Employment.
- Discussed the services of the Live Well Office with Director Elizabeth Carter. The topic consisted primarily on the use of social norming to educate students as well as a summary of the AlcoholEdu survey given to CCU students. The role of counseling services was emphasized as well and current usage statistics of counseling services were provided. In the committee
discussion, a variety of suggestions were made to improve outreach of alcohol and drug information to the student body.

- Discussed recent survey results and trends for the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) that is given to CCU freshmen and seniors. This discussion highlighted several areas where there is significant deviation from peer and aspirant institutions. Some examples of these differences include the time CCU students spend outside of class studying and student perception of faculty engagement.

- Reviewed and approved changes to the Code of Student Conduct and forwarded these changes to the Faculty Senate. Changes to both the academic and non-academic sections of the code were approved. Several substantial changes to the Academic Integrity Code were made which included expanding examples of plagiarism to better represent assignments in computer and visual/audio arts related courses. Changes to the academic integrity code also expanded violations made in the presence of CCU staff members and created an option to call a CAIC meeting for first offenses that are deemed by the AI Officer as egregious violation of the academic integrity code.

RECOMMENDATIONS
During the 2017-18 academic year, the Student Life Committee made the following recommendations to the appropriate offices or organizations:

- Made recommendations regarding parking access and parking policies at SLC committee meetings and at the Parking town hall.
- Recommended the hosting of a student employment town hall either during the Spring or Fall 2018 semesters.
- Recommended in collaboration with Institutional research the development of an employment survey of recent CCU alumni.
- Recommended to Counseling services additional activities and efforts to improve communication about alcohol and drug statistics/awareness. These recommendations included using digital E-boards in academic buildings and providing information at movie nights in the Student Union theater and providing information to faculty at Provost Council.

GOALS
The Student Life Committee has the following goals for the 2018-19 academic year:

- Continue work to improve campus accessibility for students with physical disabilities.
- Support and participate in the implementation of Campus DIALOGUE.
- Continue to discuss and recommend improvements to the procedures for hiring student employees. The SLC plans to sponsor a town hall meeting on this topic during the fall semester.
- Discuss approaches to increase faculty engagement and participation for the benefit of the student body at CCU.
- Discuss the Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (FSSE) with the possible recommendation for the participation of CCU faculty in the 2020 FSSE survey.
- Review the Student Code of Conduct and suggest revisions and corrections as requested by the Dean of Students and Office of Academic Integrity.