

## March 5, 2014- SGA Spring Open Forum

12:02 Opening prayer

12:02 SGA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL INTRODUCTIONS

12:03 Faculty/administrators Introductions

12:04 Chancellor Dr. Doyle notes on construction, spring break safety, and introduces new Dean for medical center

12:07 Open floor for questions

- Desmond (UIW Senator for CHASS):
  - Parking fees are up from \$440-\$580
  - Had already brought up figures to President Agnese last open forum
  - Money is too be able to “park on campus but doesn’t guarantee a parking space”
  - Tuition has also gone up by \$12,450
  - Explain motifs for increase in parking fees when we don’t see returns
  - When is enough, enough?
- Dr. Ensley:
  - This school year, the increase for res life charge has been chopped in half and added to parking fee
  - Percentage is same but allocated differently
  - Reason being: residents to think twice before parking
  - Costs university more to park residents rather commuters
  - Tuitions and fees and parking expense budget will be sent to the board this March based on what was approved last October and will be posted online soon
- Sarah (Senior):
  - Biggest concern is the investigation about Cameron Redus
    - Doyle address: Results have not been given yet because investigations have not been completed. Administration does not know any more than the students.
    - Sarah: What is going on in the campus regarding reformations from UIWPD?
    - Ensley: There is not identification on problems from police department that relate to this particular incident. Revising manual for PD, increasing pay, improved the equipment

police are using, new radio system, adding dispatch function in the future (with Alamo heights or dispatcher on campus)

- Student: Revisiting manual?
- Ensley: PD authorized to function outside campus because we have different campuses on city and high schools. In 2010 law changed where there didn't need to be deputized. Manual based on authority. Looking into re-writing manual.
- Student: What type of precautions over equipment officers carry
- Ensley: Chemicals not authorized. Not anticipate to add anything else but baton. Will perhaps take a note on it.
- Sarah: What jurisdiction do they have and what are they allowed to carry (weapons)
- Ensley: Firearms, baton, handcuffs are required. Police are licensed by state
- Student: Any way continuing education and training on being able to talk someone down before using weapons
- Ensley: Police officers go through training that includes those situations. When they are hired they have received this training.
- House Liaison: Tasers aren't chemical or fatal to life, why isn't our PD carrying them?
- Ensley: only serves to enrage person further, this incident perhaps alternatives weren't in question
- Student: PD is out of shape so what are requirements for the job and are they going to change?
- Ensley: Physical requirements are something we would like to have but finding out if they are or not is problematic. Cannot come up with rules to change that
- Student: Why aren't we considering anything but baton
- Ensley: Outcome is not always positive. Escalates situation further or there can be fatalities
- Senator: Why is it problematic for a police officer to be in shape? Re evaluate standards for PD
- Ensley: We want to have the best PD possible. Looking to make it better. PD has gone under a lot of attention and best we can do is make it a better PD

- Student: Tasers paralyze for a second and a trained officer can restrain that person rather a baton that is more aggravated.
- Ensley: A lot of PD don't use them and there hasn't been a clear cut case where this is affected
- Doyle: A long time ago the question Should PD be armed came up for this small school and students were happy police could protect them when this passes. We could discuss what weapons to use in certain situations.
- Student: what kind of training are they going through to carry firearms
- Doyle: Making generalizations that all police officers are over weight. We did not make decision t have them armed because of other school but because of securing students and campus in events of any dangers  
\*Argument between random students and Doyle about physical conditions took place\*
- Senior: Buddy systems for night shifts
- Ensley: Different approach to physical issues. Think in terms of work place.
- President: SGA formed safety committee, are recommendations from committee going to be taken seriously by administration (Tasers?)Is officer Carter returning to campus?
- Ensley: Carter is on administrative leave. When police results are presented to UIW then decisions will be made if he returns to work. Strong likelihood that he will. And recommendations will be considered
- Student: Could we have them ride a bicycle instead of golf cart?
- Ensley: bike patrols have been used in past and considering being brought back
- Student: Parking ticket for sticker being on the wrong side of window even though its valid and paid good money (appeal denied)
- Ensley: further appeal
- Vice president: With President's committee what is going to take to get concerns into place and action?

- Ensley: Take into considerations what students want but going back to mid 90s PD didn't carry firearms and students were not happy. Reluctantly changes were made. So if something is very important to students then it will be considered and maybe implemented.

12:58 thank you from Student Concerns Officer

12:58 Adjournment of Open Forum