

Request for faculty involvement in the Residential Experience Advisory Group: Recommendation from the Senate Major Initiatives Subcommittee

REAG – proposed Residential Experience Advisory Group

MISC – Major Initiatives Subcommittee

FCSL – Faculty Committee on Student Life (in R&P)

ASA – Senate subcommittee on Academic and Student Affairs

FSEC – Faculty Senate Executive Committee

- No faculty names should be forwarded at this time
- Senate discussion required due to context of request and precedents
- One possible outcome: FCSL stays in places, supplies representatives to REAG.
or... ASA does this?

Discussion points:

- REAG effectively is permanent. New permanent committees require Senate approval.
- Current Faculty have input into student affairs through ASA and FCSL. Overlaps. With REAG?
- Proposed elimination of FCSL reduces faculty governing role in student life; REAG is best a diluted substitute with no formal standing
- Fraught relationship of FCSL and Student Life administration
- Senate approval of REAG may set a new precedent in establishing a permanent committee outside the structure of the Senate and R&P. What does Senate approval mean in this case?

About REAG as proposed:

- Faculty service to this committee could be time-consuming, especially for a faculty co-chair, but this chair has no apparent power or influence
- Only two faculty and one grad student out of 17 seats, none in “permanent” category
- Faculty members are listed as being “appointed”, not elected
- Will REAG shape strategic planning, or merely serve to provide advisory “input”?
- REAG is focused on residential life, but there are other aspects of student life beyond residence (athletics, Greek life, clubs and extracurricular activities, social life, security, campus climate, health and wellness, freedom of expression...). Where is faculty input for all this?