

President Maloney's Campus Conversations

February 22, 2018, 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Fuller Aud, Administration Building

- President thanked Isaac Tesfay for leading us through the recent work the Campus Climate Committee has done
 - We will be doing a climate survey of our employees in April, similar to the study done of the students
- President Maloney has been impressed with the work some of our student leaders have done following the incident that took place in the Residence Hall bulletin board
 - President's cabinet group will discuss the recommendations given to us by the student groups and the Campus Climate Committee
- President spoke about the shrinking 18 year old population in New England and why it is important that we do everything we can to retain our students
- President welcomed student Manasseh Konadu and asked him to address the group
 - Manasseh thanked President Maloney and talked about bringing forward the wishes of the students
- A statement was raised about WSU having a history of having inclusive dialogues on campus, through speakers and classroom discussions. A question was asked about what we can do to let the campus know all the different things that we are doing?
 - President acknowledge that we don't always do the best job explaining all of the things that we do. We need to figure out a marketing strategy for our current students and our future students so we can explain all the things we are doing to promote a good campus climate
- President mentioned that we need to do our best, we need to listen to our students and find a way to broaden these topics
- President spoke about the Parkland, Florida school shooting
 - Some of our students are beginning to ask about how we can support the students who were affected by the shooting
 - University Police have been and will continue to provide trainings to the campus about how to respond to an active shooter
 - There has been some discussion about having campus dialogues and / or demonstrations about these topics
 - President would be very happy to see this and hopes our students will work with their faculty members
 - There is a national march happening on Saturday, March 24th
 - One student has approached the Resident Life office about participating in some activities on March 14th, maybe a teach-in, or a 17 minute moment of silence
 - These conversations are ongoing, President would be happy to see some form of teach-in
 - University Police's Chief Kapurch spoke about upcoming trainings they are having
 - Active shooter presentations will continue to happen, they usually occur twice per semester
 - There will be one on March 20th at 10 a.m. and the 21st at 1 p.m.
 - There will be another one after spring break where faculty will be encouraged to bring their classes

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- The police will continue to be as prepared as they can be
- If you see / hear something, say something
- We continue to test our emergency processes to make sure that the University will respond according to our stated emergency response plan
- A question was asked about having a campus-wide health and safety day, where the counseling department can talk about coping methods and campus police can have their trainings and have a dialogues about learning different perspectives in the country.
- A question was asked about how students are alerted to an active shooter
 - Chief Kapurch asked that every person sign up for WSU Alert, that is the fastest way everyone is notified
 - The Chief is looking into other methods of notification
- A question was asked if 03 employees could sign up for WSU Alert
 - All members of the WSU community can sign up
 - To sign up you can go to the University Police website or from the myWSU portal page
 - We can put out an email explaining how they can sign up
 - University Police is looking into a way that guests coming to campus can be notified when there is an emergency
- A statement was raised about students sometimes not being able to have their phones on them in class. Faculty will get an alert through the computer in the classroom and can let students know
- A question was raised about the last time there was a bomb threat people didn't know what they were supposed to do
 - On the University Police website there is an emergency preparedness plan that everyone can access
 - President encouraged that everyone attend the University Police emergency workshops / trainings
 - Safety is everyone's responsibility
- A question was raised about landline phones on campus, where maybe they ring and provide a message
 - That is part of the plan
- A response was given by the counseling center that they will continue their training on how to respond to a student in distress. They would be happy to come to individual departments and provide these trainings; when in doubt consult the counseling department
- If you need some support, please reach out
- The President is confident in the staff who are in place to lead us through an incident. We will continue to focus on preparedness, safety, and campus dialogues
- If you have suggestions or ideas around either of these topics, please reach out to the President or our colleagues to say you want to get involved
- The play, Anonymous, opens on March 1-4