

Campus Conversations with Acting President
November 28, 2023, 2:30 to 3:05 p.m.
Eager Auditorium

- Provost welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.
- Indicated that she is currently serving as the Acting President while President Maloney recuperates from surgery and that she expects him to be leading the December Campus Conversation.
- Explained the Campus Conversation format.
- Offered some campus updates:
 - Nursing received 10-year reaccreditation, with no negative citations, which is wonderful. Thanked Nursing Dept. administrators, faculty and students.
 - Board of Trustees met recently and approved sabbaticals.
 - Financial Sustainability work continues under leadership of Jonathan Walker.
 - Employee raises are pending action on a supplemental budget bill by the Legislature.
- We are in the final stages of associating with an external company to review the University's response to the shooting incident of Oct. 28, to look at 3 areas: University response, safety and security/physical aspects, and communication. Should be announcing that soon, as well as how the community will be able to provide feedback.
- After a pause for questions that elicited none, Provost Wims provided a broad outline/timeline of the events that transpired.

Questions:

Please go over again what happened with the students who were the subject of an emergency call. Wims said that those students were interim-suspended from the residence halls pending the student disciplinary process. She referred to the visitor policy in the student and residence hall handbooks.

Was the visitors policy the reason the students faced disciplinary proceedings? Yes.

How are Chandler Village students going to be able to have guests monitored? There are challenges given the architecture of apartment-style buildings.

Not a question, but feedback for the external reviewers: University needs to be more transparent, as the news media had more information than a faculty member had received. Response: The RAVE alert messages had certain information, several went out that morning, and it is important for everyone to sign up for RAVE. RAVE alerts not only go to cell phones, they go to laptops and desktop computers. Also, training is periodically provided by University Police for emergency situations. Campus constituencies will have a chance to provide feedback to the reviewer. Comment from UPD Chief Jay Kapurch: We need to be careful that RAVE alerts are used only for true emergencies.

Suggestion that an intercom system may be able to be used. Wims noted that at a campus she worked at previously, a loudspeaker system was in place primarily for weather events.

What were those were interim suspended from the residence halls suspended for? Violations of the visitors' policy. While a weapon was reported in an emergency call, no weapon was found.

Please provide an update on the status of the Sullivan Auditorium renovations. Carl Herrin, Chief of Staff, indicated that it will be available starting the first day of the Spring 2024 semester and provided an update. Fran Manocchio, Director of Student Accessibility Services, added that the facility is elegant and is 100% ADA compliant.

Are there any plans to provide a Family Day in the Spring, since the fall one was canceled. Not at this time.