

2021-2022 Student Life Committee Faculty Senate Report

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As the co-chairs of the Faculty Senate Student Life Committee we accomplished several things during the 2021-2022 academic year. Our main accomplishments were the following:

1. Continue strong lines of communication and collaboration with Vice President of Student Life, Dr. Myron Pope and then started communication with newly appointed Interim Vice President of Student Life, Dr. Steven Hood
2. Spread awareness about COVID-19 policies and resources available to students at The University of Alabama program
3. Support the REACH program
4. Communicate and support the Division of Student Life regarding campus mental health resources and initiatives.

We were fortunate to continue to work with the Division of Student Life this year. During our monthly meetings, we were able to ask questions and discuss what was happening in around campus and strategies going forward to evolve and improve student life on UA's campus. We believe this partnership opened lines of communication that will continue going forward.

The following are topics discussed during our monthly meetings with Dr. Pope:

- Mental health resources and updates
- The division of student life's work on updating their strategic plan and strategies
- COVID-19 updates including policies for in classroom, on campus, and student events
- Reaction and updates to any topics in the news concerning student life
- Diversity updates of the Greek system
- Co-Curriculum updates: focus on growing internships, volunteerism, recruitment; "Experience learning"

Service update

The Faculty Senate collaborated once again with the REACH program this year during our holiday "wish list" drive and gift card donation fund during the spring semester.

The REACH program is an important program that serves students who grew up in foster care, orphaned, emancipated minors, or have been homeless or are currently homeless. The plan is to continue with this organization as an overall Faculty Senate service project.

