Constituency Update

1. Flu Vaccine Clinics

For the second year in a row, the UA co-sponsored the Penn Flu Vaccine Clinics. Student Health Service administered flu vaccines to well over 2,000 students via four successful mass immunization clinics. The UA was proud to support this initiative through marketing and “working the Walk.” This exemplary collaborative effort, which involved student volunteers, student- and campus-organization co-sponsors, and Student Health staff, will continue to serve as a reference for future public health initiatives at Penn.

2. International Student Financial Aid

The Undergraduate Assembly approved a resolution to support the expansion of financial aid for international students. The full text and background of the resolution can be found at minutes.pennua.org.

1. Affirms the importance of a socio-economically diverse international student body and the indispensable role of financial aid in ensuring this diversity,

2. Commits to partnering with Alumni Relations both to raise awareness of the financial need of international students and commits to partnering with Alumni Relations both to raise awareness of the financial need of international students and raise funds for this specific purpose,

3. Urges the University:
   a. to continue increasing international student financial aid based on the success of University fundraising efforts
   b. to move towards need-blind admissions for all students, including international students, within a reasonable time frame.

3. Voter ID Resolution

The Undergraduate Assembly passed a resolution regarding voter identification with the below enactment clauses. The background for the resolution and the full text of the letter are available at minutes.pennua.org.

1. Affirms its support for the “one person one vote” principle, which includes:
   a) Allowing all citizens fair and equal access to exercise their right to vote, and
   b) Protecting the transparency of the election system

2. Signs and Sends the letter in Appendix I to relevant Pennsylvania State Senators and Representatives regarding voting laws.
4. CAPS Resolution

The Undergraduate Assembly passed the following statement on Counseling and Psychological Services at Penn. The full text is available at minutes.pennua.org.

1. Affirms that services provided by Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) are not only well-utilized but also vital to the mental wellness of Penn students;

2. Urges the University to allocate more funding and resources to CAPS;

3. Commits to continued support and promotion of CAPS services, especially walk-ins, where appropriate.

5. Holiday Absence Policy Resolution

The UA and Programs in Religious, Interfaith, and Spirituality Matters (PRISM) have been collaborating on the issue of student absences for observed holidays. With the support of the Council of Undergraduate Deans, conversations have begun on the issue among faculty in undergraduate schools. The UA continues to work with PRISM to develop a comprehensive communications plan to increase awareness among students of both their rights and their responsibilities under the Penn Book’s “Policy on Secular and Religious Holidays.”

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