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SGA discusses wellness center issues, elects new senators

October 14, 2015 Devon Marshall 0 Comment Rowan University, Scott Woodside, senators, SGA, Wellness Center

Rowan University's Student Government Association (SGA) fielded senator concerns and outlined their progress with new initiatives during its Monday night senate meeting in the Chamberlain Student Center's Eynon Ballroom.

The SGA's Executive Board's biggest concerns were to address the Campus Security Initiative and the student's concerns about the Wellness Center's procedures.

In response to the issue of vandalism and vehicle hit-and-runs on campus parking lots, Alternate Student Trustee Melissa Shore has been working with the Foundation Board and Public Safety to curb the amount of incidents.

"This has been happening a lot, so the second I got into this position in September, this was my first initiative," said Shore. "We are working on security cameras and it is a multi-layered process... it is also very expensive, so we are working on it."

As Shore and other officials hold talks and hash out their plans moving forward, Shore has urged students to report any crimes to Public Safety.

"The board was hesitant at first, but I showed them the increase in incidents by going through the crime logs and showing them the real data," said Shore.

Another talking point introduced by the senators was their unease about sluggish responses from the Wellness Center, long wait times and the lack of resources for students with complex mental health issues. AVP of Student Affairs Kaila Beckam assured those in attendance of her progress.

"I talked to Dr. David Rubenstein and Director for Student Health Services Scott Woodside, and they were very open and gave me a lot of information about the concerns that people brought up in the last senate meeting," said Beckam. "They are going to come in the future to specifically talk to students and answer all questions."

Three new senators, two new clubs and one Associate Vice President were brought into the fold, as they were elected for positions and for petition in the student government. Abigail Erchick, a senior education major was elected AVP of University Advancement. Both senior, mechanical engineering major Shalyn Brangman and senior, biology major Beonca Brown were elected Class of 2016 senators. Lastly, sophomore, biology major Stephanie Leon was elected Class of 2018 senator.

The NueroClub and Criminal Justice Preparation Club were approved to the SGA. NeuroClub caters to students enrolled in the new Neuroscience concentration at Rowan and allows those with the concentration come together in preparation for either medical school or graduate school. This club aims to expand the concentration further to a minor or possibly a major in the coming years.

The Criminal Justice Preparation Club primes criminal justice students for the job market with resume building and mock interviews to give them a better chance of employment in their given field.

The next SGA meeting will take place on Monday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Student Center's Eynon Ballroom.

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