

Quarterly Report to the Board of Trustees
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Executive Summary

This report covers activities and initiatives that are happening from the perspective of Winthrop students. This quarter's report will highlight the evolving relationship between Dining Services and the student body. Also featured is student feedback on campus safety efforts. The report will wrap-up with a summary of the Council of Students Leaders work to date and give an overview of future initiatives.

CAMPUS SAFETY

Campus Safety Week

Winthrop hosted its inaugural Campus Safety Week, a week full of opportunities for students to learn how to be safe on and off campus. This week was filled with a variety of learning opportunities including how to properly perform CPR, interactive safety trivia, and daily safety tips on social media by student leaders.

Students appreciated the variety of opportunities provided to learn about safety. Featuring students in videos and in events around campus, made students feel like they were part of the conversation reinforcing that campus safety is everyone's job.

This week provided space for students to feel more comfortable having these dialogues among each other and with student leaders. The week also helped provide students an opportunity to engage and interact not just with campus police, but many of the different resources and offices (i.e. Wellness Services) available on campus.

#WinthropCampusSafety365

The new "Run, Fight, Hide" flyers in every classroom as well as on all of the tables in Markley's and Thomson Dining Hall serve as a visible reminder to students of what to do if faced with an active shooter on campus. The *Surviving When Your Campus is Under Attack* training sessions are also a great tool for getting students prepared.

In early October Dr. Mahony and Imani Belton, Chair of CSL introduced the hashtag #WinthropCampusSafety365 to indicate that the conversation about campus safety will not just be a one-week event, it will be ongoing conversation. In an effort to further this conversation, the Council of Student Leaders will be hosting an event on how to stay safe during Homecoming 2019.

Dining Services

Relationship with Sodexo

This year students have had the opportunity to meet and build more meaningful connections with the General Manager, Bryan Harris. Bryan has specifically worked hard to build a relationship with the Council of Student Leaders by visiting a Council meeting to introduce himself, present Dining Services plans for the new school year, and solicit feedback on new initiatives.

Culinary Council

Last year, Culinary Council was introduced at Winthrop. At the time, it consisted of a small group of select students who met with Bryan and his staff about student concerns with dining services. This year the program has expanded to include up to 30 different students at each Council gathering, which has significantly expanded the number of students who are able to participate. Students are pleased to give their opinions on dining services. This year students have already seen new programs and initiatives that encourage healthy eating and expose them to new foods from different cultures. They also enjoy themed nights in the Dining Hall.

Social Media

There has also been a strong shift in the image of Sodexo and its staff. Recently hired Marketing Specialist, Aba Hutchison, has completely changed the narrative of Sodexo's online presence. Their social media is now more personal, and it looks and feels like an account that belongs to Winthrop University. From featuring new food combinations to learning more about the staff that serve the students every day, the shift in the account was well planned and has helped students learn more about the department.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

USE OF DIGORGIO STUDENT CENTER

The DiGiorgio Campus Center is the place where many students decide to spend their free time. This year in particular, we have noticed an increase in the use of the space. When looking at data for check-outs for activities and video games, and overall usage of the building from previous years, the usage of the space has increased. When comparing the year-to-date data to 2018 actuals, facility usage and game and equipment checkout are on pace to exceed last year's numbers.

COUNCIL OF STUDENT LEADERS

The Council of Student Leaders is composed of student representatives from each of the academic colleges, the premier student organizations, and student representatives who are looking to create a positive change on Winthrop's campus. This year the Council has most diverse group that it has had in three years. Through deliberate campaigning during the summer, a campus-wide Council Meet and Greet and efforts to represent the full diversity of the student body, the council was successful in recruiting a diverse group.

Of the 41 active members, we are almost at a 1:1 male to female ratio. Our council consists of members from five different countries, two student athletes, two nontraditional students, and three international students. This year we are excited to continue making Winthrop's campus

great. At our annual September retreat, we planned our goals and initiatives for the 2019-20 academic year. Ideas include: a student satisfaction survey, being involved in the 2020 election, partnering with the Athletics Department, and hosting the second CSL Town Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Budget Presentation with Justin Oates
- Student Experience Survey
- Election 2020 Recap Event
- WU Day at the State House
- Homecoming Safety Forum
- CSL Town Hall Tuesday
- Partnership with the Athletics Department