December 5, 2019

Dear Hillary:

Thank you sending over the latest SGA legislation. While I signed all of your legislation, I feel it is important to provide additional information on a couple resolutions.

F2019-R2: Gender Inclusive Language Syllabi: While I support the intent behind the legislation, I want to be transparent that as a leader in Student Affairs, I am unsure of the feasibility of this happening across all syllabi. Once it is sent to all parties listed, you will gain a better sense of the feasibility; I will also do my part to make sure the appropriate Vice President(s) are aware.

F2019-R3: Eminent Domain Survey: I support the students’ ability to raise a concern surrounding this issue, but I want to make sure it is clear that I cannot commit to changing the process or determining what the university shares publically regarding private negotiations.

F2019-R5: Harm Reduction Responses to Drug Policy Violations: While I appreciate the developmental approach you are seeking through this resolution and can attest that is the type of approach we seek in all of our disciplinary cases, it is unlikely we will exclude the type of “psychoactive substance” in determining sanctions for student misconduct because the type of substance also impacts the behavior that led to the misconduct. From a legal perspective, drug offenses are treated harsher than alcohol offenses and I imagine we will continue to treat them in a similar way.

F2019-R7: Mental Health Resources in Syllabi: Similar to above, while I support the intent behind the legislation, I want to be transparent that as a leader in Student Affairs, I am unsure of the feasibility of this happening across all syllabi. Once it is sent to all parties listed, you will gain a better sense of the feasibility; I will also do my part to make sure the appropriate Vice President(s) are aware.

As for the other pieces of legislation, I will be sure to speak with the appropriate staff to ensure they understand the needs of SGA and encourage further research on the feasibility of suggestions. Thank you for the work SGA put towards the undergraduate student body this fall. I look forward to what you accomplish this spring.

Please include a copy of this letter with the legislation when posted on the SGA website or archived.

Sincerely,

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