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Joint Academic and Student Affairs Leadership
Monday, April 1, 2019
10:00 – 11:00AM – BAY 220
Minutes

Attendees: Allyson Watson, Susan Toler, Kaya van Beynen, Jake Diaz, Lesa Shouse, Erin Dunn, Carolina Nutt and Serge Desir

Absent: Gary Patterson, Anita Sahgal, Al Gentilini, Dwayne Isaacs, Diane McKinstry, Cathy Cardwell, Magali Michael, Sridhar Sundaram

Guest: Joseph Contes, Student of Concern Assistant Team (SOCAT) Assistant Director

Meeting convened at 10:00AM

Dr. Helton and Dean Cardwell were unable to attend the meeting. Drs. Diaz and Watson presided. Dr. Diaz introduced Joseph Contes, our new SOCAT Assistant Director. Joseph is a seasoned mental health professional. He comes to us from USF Tampa, where he served as a Case Manager with the SOCAT program there...[read more](#). After all introductions were done, Dr. Diaz continued.

1. Event Planning & Strategy Committee – Dr. Diaz

Our former events planner, Chris Apple, resigned and was replaced by Amberly Nelson. In this position, Amberly is responsible for organizing all the events across campus. She and Jim Greene, Student Life and Engagement, are holding initial conversations with the purpose of forming a cross-functional committee, whose goal will be to ensure coordination and effective communication about events that have visibility and would benefit from having support from multiple areas of campus. This coordination will also help to prevent scheduling events that would conflict with each other or having work done on buildings and grounds while having prospective parents and students attending orientation or any other big event on campus. While it shows that we take care of our campus appearance, it not always lends to a professional image. We will have a follow up from Amberly and Jim.

2. SOCAT Overview – Dr. Diaz

Jake passed around the Support, Outreach and Care Action Team annual report for 2017-2018. [Check here](#). Numbers show that they have increased tremendously. The awareness that SOCAT is there to help and support students in distress has made this possible. It's interesting to note that we now have more students referring students and this is due to a gradual change in culture. Leadership is driving the message to be mindful and aware of students showing signs of needing help.

The problem is that sometimes it's not clear what kind of behavior should be referred. Carolina Nutt and Joseph Contes are collaborating to put together a series of training sessions for faculty and staff to guide them in identifying when to refer the student to SOCAT and when to call the campus police. Also, it will prevent the over referral, which renders the inefficient use of scarce resources. Dr. Toler said that she is working on a program by program project for Dean Michael to identify the approach from faculty to students to determine how to change the students' mindset. Carolina's and Joseph's training will help her to address this issue in a more effective way. Susan and Carolina will get together to continue this effort.

3. Residence Hall Update – Dr. Diaz

Dr. Diaz referred to the latest rendition of the third residence hall. Groundbreaking will be on April 25, at 1:30PM, immediately after the Board of Trustees meeting. Work has already begun. It will house 375 beds, dining facility, admissions tour room, multi-purpose room, etc. ... [read more](#) There will be no more cable, but excellent Wi-Fi for streaming. The residence hall is scheduled to open in the fall of 2020. Tours of the construction site will be available upon request. Please let Dr. Diaz know.

4. Student Engagement Within Academic Units – Dr. Watson

- Kate Tiedemann College Business (KTCOB)
 - ExLabs students from across campus participated in an experiential learning platform to work with companies from across the Tampa Bay region. KTCOB has had an estimated 16 students participate in past and current ExLabs boot camps.
 - Increased visibility in internship opportunities – KTCOB has increased the number of external internships in the college from 20 to over 100 since 2016.
 - International partnership and engagement – this past spring break, Dr. Sundaram accompanied 15 MBA students to Malaysia and Singapore to engage in business.
- College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)

Dr. Michael established a dean's advisory council for students to provide feedback and ideas for new happenings within CAS. This is the first student-led advisory council to the dean in an academic unit.
- College of Education (COE)

Dr. Harris Ambush serves as the COE Community Liaison and is responsible for engaging students in over 400+ hours of civic engagement and community service outside of their classroom experience. Dr. Ambush takes students within the college to the transformation zone schools in Pinellas County and allows them to provide service and volunteer hours with children in K – 6th grade.

5. Press – Shari Schwartz (Shari could not attend. Item will be on next meeting's agenda.)

6. Consolidation Updates – None to record.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00AM.



Joseph Contes serves as the Assistant Director of SOCAT. He is a seasoned mental health professional having served children and adults in a variety of treatment settings. He has also completed the steps to receive certification as a Masters Certified Addictions Professional (MCAP) and plans to sit for the exam in the near future. In addition, Joseph is studying for the licensure exam and plans to sit for this exam in the next few months. Joseph has earned a Master's of Science in Counseling and Psychology has been serving in the field of mental health for 9 years. Most recently, Joseph served as a Case Manager with the SOCAT program at USF Tampa.

As the Assistant Director, Joseph will provide vision and leadership for the USFSP SOCAT Team, conduct case management with students, provide consultation to the campus community on distressed and distressing students and provide educational presentations to faculty, staff and students on how to effectively work with students who may be facing challenging life issues. He will serve as a member of the Collaborative Student Success group and the Academic Regulations Committee.

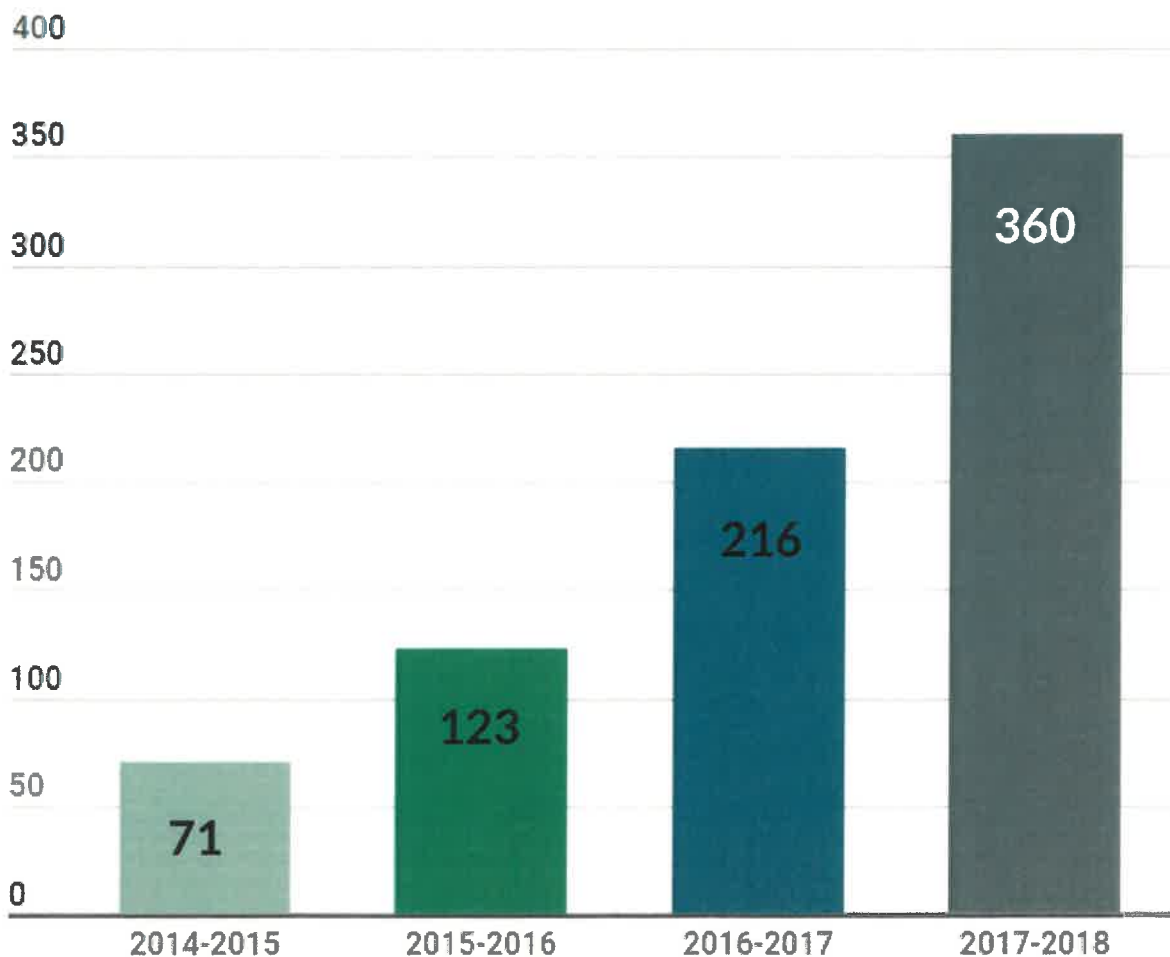
Student Support

2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR



During the 2017-2018 year, the SOCAT Department received **360 referrals**. This number represents a **67% increase** from the previous academic year.

Total referrals



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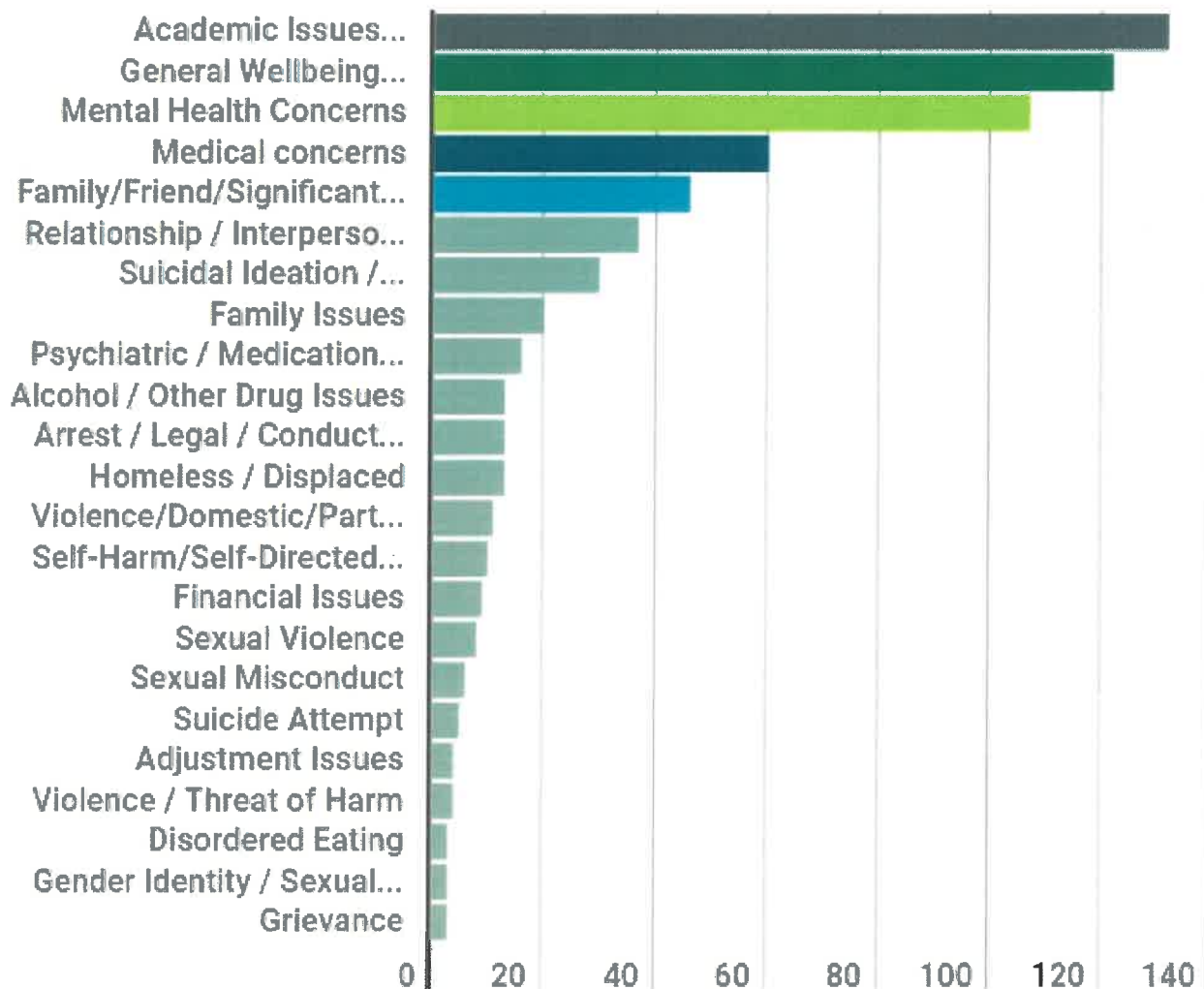
2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR



Reasons for Referral

Students are referred to SOCAT for a wide variety of presenting issues. Many students may even present with more than one difficulty.

The top 5 referral reasons during the 2017-2018 year included: *Academic Issues (Significant), General Wellbeing Concerns, Mental Health Concerns, Medical Concerns, and Family/Friend/SO Death/Illness*





New USF St. Petersburg Residence Hall to Increase Students Living on Campus by Nearly 70 Percent



University Student Center is one of two residence halls currently at USFSP. The Florida Board of Governors recently approved a third residence hall, expected to open in July of 2020.

(Nov. 9, 2018) – USF St. Petersburg is moving forward with plans for a 375-bed residence hall that will give students more affordable housing options downtown while increasing the number of beds on campus by nearly 70 percent.

The Florida Board of Governors on Thursday voted to approve the \$33 million project, which is scheduled to open in July 2020. Once complete, it will expand on-campus student housing from approximately 550 beds to more than 900. It will also support efforts to further improve student success.

"This is an important milestone in the continued upward trajectory of our university," said Martin Tadlock, Regional Chancellor of USF St. Petersburg (USFSP). "It's a very affirming decision from the Florida Board of Governors about the bright future of our campus, as well as the city of St. Petersburg."

The project was made possible by leveraging the collective strengths of the USF System. Revenues derived from USF Tampa's current student housing were used to provide bond capacity to fund the new USFSP residence hall.

"This project will be transformational for USF St. Petersburg and for the USF System," said USF System President Judy Genshaft. "It also demonstrates the importance of collaboration across campuses for the benefit of students, which is the driving force behind the consolidation process. By working together, we are able to best meet the needs of all the communities we serve and drive continued economic development."

The six-story residence hall will be located near the northwestern corner of campus on 6th Ave. S between 3rd and 4th Street S, across from the University Police Department and adjacent to the Rowdies practice field. The building will be approximately 125,000-square-foot and include a full-service dining hall, which the university currently does not have.

Nicholas Setteducato, Interim Regional Vice Chancellor of Administrative and Financial Services at USFSP, said the goal is to offer a dining hall at USF St. Petersburg that provides services similar to what our students at USF Tampa enjoy, including a variety of meal plans and menu choices, as well as longer service hours.

"This will provide our university not only with much-needed affordable housing, but also with affordable dining options," said Setteducato. "The dining facility will be a great resource for all our students, faculty and staff as well as the surrounding community, drawing even more people to our beautiful campus."

The rooms in the residence hall will be suite style in configuration, with about 60-75 percent being four-bed, two-bath single occupancy units.

The remainder will be two-bed, one-bath double-occupancy units. Approximately 30-40 of the single-occupancy units will be designated “flex” units, which are capable of converting to double-occupancy. The anticipated design will include a student lounge and study room on each floor, as well as community laundry space.

“This is more than just a building,” said Stephanie Goforth, chair of USFSP’s Campus Board and a member of the USF System Board of Trustees. “It’s the next step in the evolution of USFSP. It demonstrates our commitment to helping students connect with one another and the university.”

Dallas-based Beck Group is the architect for the project. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2019.

Demand for student housing at USFSP has continued to grow in recent years, said Regional Assistant Vice Chancellor Jacob Diaz. The new residence hall will not only help offset that demand, but will also allow the university to expand programming targeted toward residential students. Once the new hall is complete, on-campus housing capacity will increase to a projected 20 percent of overall student enrollment.

“I’m excited for what it’s going to do for campus life,” said Diaz. “It will help students become even more engaged with our university and our community, which will enhance their chances for overall success.”

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