

#FREETHEPERIOD

# Meeting with Dr. Sheri Atkinson

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JANUARY 25, 2019 / 9:00 - 9:30 PM / 2224 DUTTON HALL - ASSC VICE  
CHANCELLOR FOR STUDENT LIFE

## ATTENDEES

Dr. Sheri Atkinson  
Wei-Wei Chen  
Kristen Leung  
Annie Wang  
Binwant Kahlon  
Hung Doan

## AGENDA

### Our Questions?

1. How permanent is the \$12,000 Student Affairs funding for the 2019-2020 school year?
  - a. And how did you decide \$12,000?
    - i. Just what they had available. It may be coming from the Student Services Fund but Sheri will check for us.
  - b. Have you discuss with the medical/nursing school regarding discount on product?
    - i. They get discount products.
    - ii. Who's in charge of finding the vendor?
    - iii. **Make recommendation on a vendor**
      1. **Guidelines we recommend when purchasing: include in spring project report**
  - c. Where is the funding from discretionary funds written into budget?
    - i. Carry forwards and current budget funds
    - ii. But unsure
  - d. Where is the funding for other bathroom supplies coming from (can we just expand that budget?)
    - i. Still soft money. But this is the right direction.
    - ii. Continue to meet with Sheri in order to keep this on her radar so she can advocate for the project. Fall 2019 and Winter 2020. Every Spring is when the University starts the budgeting process so strategically meet in order to place this topic on the table again next year.

- iii. Toilet paper and paper towels and soap money may be coming from General Fund.
  - 1. **Talk to him about the funding of bathroom products.**
  - 2. **John A. Zertuche, Director, Facilities Management, Building Maintenance Services [jzertuche@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jzertuche@ucdavis.edu)**
- e. Is Student Affairs/admin looking for something during the 2019 to 2020 school year to confirm further funding?
  - i. If so, how do we measure it?
    - 1. Not clear yet but perhaps we could provide some of our templates. Custodial services would be tracking.
- 2. What was/is the approval process for these funds? (who has approved and who knows?)
  - a. Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs: Emily Galindo
  - b. Vice Chancellor for Finance, Operations, and Administration (FOA): [Kelly Ratliff](#)
    - i. Oversees budget for university
- 3. What facts can we publically state?
  - a. **Share that we have a commitment from student affairs and that we'll continue working on the project with administration who supports our initiative.**
- 4. Relationship with custodial services
  - a. What did they agree to?
  - b. Gender Neutral and Men's bathrooms?
  - c. What is the status on installing waste receptacles
    - i. not discussed

## Pilot Program Report

- 1. Updates
  - a. Fall 2018 Numbers (Kristen)
- 2. Stats/Estimated Budget
  - a. Average 19 pads, 12 tampons (\$0.11/unit)
    - i. Per Bathroom
    - ii. \$3.41/day
    - iii. Approx. 245 instructional days/school year
    - iv. \$835.45/Bathroom/Academic Year
- 3. Products
  - a. Aunt Flow pads, cardboard applicator tampons, dispenser boxes
    - i. Price match
    - ii. Eco-friendly (biodegradable)
    - iii. Easier dispenser (handfills > one by one)
    - iv. Does the school/medical/nursing schools have a working relationship with any distributor

- b. Weekly Usage
  - c. Survey
    - 302 Respondents
    - 34.03% missed some or all of class or work during the 2017-2018 school year due to lack of access to menstrual products at least once
    - 47% Respondents stated that menstrual products are a financial burden
    - 90.7% definitely supported providing period products on campus for free
  - d. Testimonials
4. Plan Going Forward
- a. Winter 2019, Spring 2019
    - i. Collaborating with SHCS to measure impact on sexual health survey and National College Health Assessment Survey
    - ii. Incorporate responses into project report

### **Moving Forward - University Funding**

1. Spring 2019? Fall 2019
2. Proposed phases
  - a. The essential buildings (At least 5 buildings)
    - i. The Spring 2018 - Fall 2018 buildings were picked based on Custodial Services recommendations of high traffic areas: Shields Library, Wellman, Science Lecture, SCC, *Engineering Area* - Kemper or Roessler or Bainer
3. Logistics
  - a. Storage
    - i. Custodial Services?
  - b. Restocking
    - i. Custodial Services?
    - ii. Time it takes to reload

## NOTES

- Helps to emphasize/clarify that goal is immediate emergency need rather than take-home supply
- Student affairs budget requests in early spring

## ACTION ITEMS

- Sheri will speak with facilities & cc us on email, ask about vending machines and some commitment on stocking

## NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA