

Standing Committee Annual Report

Name of Committee or Council:

Student Wellness Steering Committee

Chair:

Jeff Rutter

Meeting Dates in Current Year:

9-5-18; 10-10-18; 2-6-19; 4-3-19

Major Actions or Accomplishments:

- Built inaugural committee structure and membership
- Strengthened community capacity by facilitating communication within and across committees and departments
- Established precedent for subcommittee chairs to follow/encouraged goal setting, action planning, and reporting
- Identified opportunities to liaise with senior leadership/engage President's Cabinet in key messages pertaining to student health and wellness
- Identified opportunity to engage in outward-facing outreach initiatives, including partnerships with area mental health agencies and government organizations that will continue to meet on a quarterly basis
- Responded to state of Tennessee passage of legislation pertaining to suicide prevention in higher education
 - Formed suicide prevention task force
 - Formed suicide intervention task force
 - Formed suicide postvention task force