

Student Affairs Committee

10 September 2014, 10:00 am – 11:50 am, Stevenson 1056

Present: J. Shulman, S. Ayala, M. Lopez-Philips, A. Mansfield, B. Zamora, J.

Sutanonpaiboon, N. Markley

Absent: L. Tesluk (AS), N. Lawson (LIB), M Cohen (S & T)

Welcome Jane and Bianca

Sandy Ayala will take notes

Reports:

Chair's Report (J. Shulman):

Final student numbers: 9,312

Executive committee recommended the Sustainability committee vision/mission

Hub plans:

- a) Last week there was a talk, Dr. John Perkinson, about race and policing in public lives
- b) Plans for civility themes in HUM events; Oct 8th—what does it mean to live in a civil society?
- c) Oct 22—anniversary of Andy Lopez' shooting, plans for a commemoration of his life (and broader them on equality and justice)

SA Report (M. Lopez-Philips):

CAPS is doing well. No wait list. Looking for two part-time counselors. One concern is the issue of whether to spend student money for accreditation.

ACE (A. Mansfield):

Things are fine in the career center - nothing different from last report. Center sees approximately 500 students. Will continue to seek input from other areas within ACE.

Associated Students (B. Zamora):

Resolutions and initiatives regarding access and quality of education.

Consultation on smoking ban policy

First resolution on the council - text book alternative pilot program

Future officer program - a pipeline leadership program for freshman who want to be future leaders.

Current cultural events within ASP- opportunities for students to join committees

Blazing blue Thursdays promotes student school spirit

Liaison reports:

Academic advising- has not yet met, still finding a Chair
Scholarship- First meeting on Sept. 26th
Athletic Council- no liaison yet
Fee advisory Council (M. Lopez-Phillips)
Asking IRA funding recipients to come to present their proposals (revisited)
Alcohol & Drug Advisory Committee (M. Lopez-Phillips)- working on awareness night

Business:

1. Feedback for Strategic Plan:
 - Questions:
 - Is this an update of a previous version that included more measureable goals?
 - What of these goals are carried over from previous plan and what are new/ what goals were met in previous plan?
 - Want inclusion of how these goals will be enacted and measured.
 - As in the section re: faculty, include the issues of retention and recruitment of diverse students and develop means to ease cost of living.
 - Identify how funds will be preserved/sustained for each of the various goals (e.g., to support research)
 - More focus on and support for student internship opportunities
 - Discussion of staff, in addition to faculty, growth
2. J. Shulman is meeting with Joyce regarding title IX/ handling of campus sexual assaults. Matthew explained the process of an investigation. Discussion followed regarding the process of investigating a student-on-student sexual assault, with or without alcohol. To consider: there is no way to get consent if someone is intoxicated. Questions raised: will drug and alcohol awareness week discuss sexual conduct and alcohol intertwined? It's been considered and will likely be addressed this way. What is the role of technology in sexual assault?
3. Time Certain: Neil- Campus Life
 - Two new staff in SLICE
 - Sports club have moved from campus rec to SLICE
 - Working with the HUB to create a half time gender and sexuality for the hub who will also be half time in programming
 - Veterans affairs transitioned over from admissions and records. It's 20% of Peter Neville's job now.
 - Last year's reorganization plans were shifted over summer, based on feedback.
 - Last year, Campus Life organized focus groups of 350 students and staff to figure out what was working, not working, liked, not liked... It was a big mix of students. Generally, people enjoyed the services. Four areas identified for change:
 - 1- Building Community on campus wide-level
 - 2- Spirit and tradition (what does it mean to be a Seawolf)

3- Wellness
4- Communication

- A staff retreat over the summer was used to discuss these four items. From these four areas that emerged from the focus groups, the staff decided to focus on (a) leadership, (b) increased collaboration, and (c) maintaining a common philosophy across areas.
- They consolidated all their programming, which falls under Mo. The student center is working out well - keeps everyone together and accessible. Mo has been asked to come up with 4 big weeks of events that addresses the student's input (above).
- There have developed four collaborative workgroups: student wellness, student/ staff training and development, joint training and development, student leadership development.
- Building cross-divisional collaboration. Now, Neil meets with Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Elaine Sundberg and John Kornfeld monthly.
- Recreation center has new equipment and some of it is accessible for wheelchairs.
- 80% of books at bookstore are available as rentals.
- Because of time, questions were tabled for next meeting.

4. Time Certain: Missy Barnett from emergency services
After hurricane Katrina, many state statutes were put into place.
We have four areas of work:

- 1- Emergency plan - if something happens, what do we do
 - 2- Action plan- specific documented action plan
 - 3- Emergency operations center: certain people on campus have been designated as a sort of temporary government so things can be coordinated efficiently
 - 4- Supplies- we have warehouse locations on campus that house water and food
- We also have to have drills and exercises to plan for this

- Distribution of emergency procedures flyers.

Sandy asked: what about procedures for after administrative hours for evening folks such as those in the School of Education? Missy: good question, we need to further consider this...

5. Prioritization of tasks:

Chair reviewed list of things to address in this committee for consideration:

Veterans services

Title IX /sexual assault

Need for increased professional staffing (e.g, career services_

Hispanic serving institution—allocation of funds

Campus reactions: Ferguson, Lopez

Facilities

Disaster preparedness

Professional staffing seems to be the first priority, as it informs and makes possible all others on the list. Conversation to be continued next meeting.

Adjourned at 11:54 a.m.
Respectfully Submitted:
Sandy Ayala