

Student Affairs Committee

03/04/09 Sue Jameson Room

Present: K. Thompson, M. Buckley, D. Girman, L. Vega, M. Olson, J. Mahdavi, R. Lopez, M. Ghannadan

Absent: T. Hammond, 1 vacant spot (Library)

Proxies: None

Guests: Janet Swing

Agenda: approved

Minutes: approved

Reports

Chair's Report (K. Thompson):

- ☐ Called attention to diversity activities and accessibility workshops that will be happening on campus.
- ☐ Free speech issues:
 - Code of Conduct for World of Work has been modified to remove language that restricted free speech.
 - Work is ongoing on the matter of the free speech permits. K. Thompson and T. Woods (Chair of the Academic Freedom Subcommittee) are engaged in continuing discussions with the administration on this matter. The administration is working with its lawyers to develop a "time, place and manner" policy for SSU.
- ☐ Senate: Statement of Collegiality passed. 4 workgroups have been organized within the Senate's Ad-hoc Diversity Committee. Biology curriculum change approved. 13 faculty searches are being undertaken presently.
- ☐ After -hours survey: K. Thompson met with Rose Bruce and Chuck Rhodes. Bruce recommended using a shorter version of the survey. Re: sampling, Rose recommended selecting about 100 sections to get 1000 students; we'll oversample in areas with many night and weekend classes. Will need to submit plan to IRB once C. Rhodes speaks with the Noel-Levitz people.
- ☐ D. Girman attended Exec. Comm:
 - Retention task force being created; needs refinement.
 - Bookstore ordering is still a concern.
 - Getting Recruitment Report presented to Senate became controversial.

SAEM Report (M. Olson):

- ☐ Summer orientation planning is underway. Students attending during the first 3 orientation sessions will get higher priority registration. Students needing remedial math or English will be pre-enrolled. Working more on advertising fee waivers for lower income students. Online orientation is being developed. All students must take EPT/ELM by May 2.
- ☐ Division is discussing SAEM role in WASC visit.
- ☐ Enrollment looks to be on target for the fall semester.

ASI Report (M. Ghannadan):

- ☐ Passed resolution regarding funding for external programs: want to focus on funding internal programs that ASI has more control over. Considering moving CSLIS to internal program so that it can still be funded. No longer funded: peer advising counselors, weekend programming (The Scene), ASP.
- ☐ Passed resolution to rename the old gym “Wolves’ Den”—for more school spirit.
- ☐ Will discuss registration at meeting this week. Provost will be attending.
- ☐ Will ask students about their opinion of where to buy textbooks.

ACE Report (L. Vega):

- ☐ Concern that peer advising counselors are being cut while students are complaining about not having access to such mentors. Peer advisors assist approximately 1000 undeclared students each year.
- ☐ Slow time for advising; expect more in April.
- ☐ 40th anniversary of EOP. Sending 5 students and 1 counselor to Sacramento to 2-day conference. Showcasing Academy - helps with retention.
- ☐ FAFSA due March 2.
- ☐ World of Work (WOW) Career fair: half as many employers, but more prepared students than last year. Approximately 500 students attended WOW.

Liaison Reports:

- ☐ Athletic Council (D. Girman): Meets tomorrow. Derek wants to know whether students want to work with Athletic Council to increase school spirit. M. Ghannadan said he’d take the question to ASI.
- ☐ Academic Advising (J. Mahdavi): Worked on developing table of contents for Advising Handbook.
- ☐ Scholarship Committee (M. Buckley): Are reading scholarship applications- each person reads 45-60 files. Letters of recommendation not being read, except in cases where the scholarship requires it. In the next few years, funding for scholarships is in danger due to the poor economy and decline in investments.
- ☐ Fee Advisory (M. Buckley): Getting ready for weekend reviewing IRA proposals. Art department requesting a fee increase for supplies, but there’s a debate over a fee increase for live models—will poll other universities for their practices.

Business

1. Suggestions for future of Center for Culture, Gender and Sexuality (CCGS):
 - ☐ Senate’s Ad-hoc Diversity Committee has asked for SAC’s input. Juliette Schiller, faculty member, is heading the Center for the semester. Is it a multi-cultural center or something else? The mission is unclear.
 - ☐ R. Lopez says his students who are Hispanic and Native American don’t like the mixed model, since it seems to water down the services for each group. Women don’t feel comfortable talking in a mixed group. Need a private space.
 - ☐ Need more space to meet student needs.
 - ☐ If it is a Center, it needs to have an advisory board, community members, etc.
 - ☐ Need more hotlines.
 - ☐ May need to separate it out into separate units for different groups.
 - ☐ Vision seems to conflict with available space/budget/personnel.

- ☐ Could leadership of the different constituencies come together to plan? These leaders could form the advisory board.
2. Advising Center Discussion (Janet Swing, guest):
- ☐ Precipitated by email from Sharon L. Cabaniss from Math Dept. Cabaniss feels that Advising Center needs to be reviewed because there aren't enough resources to adequately do the work to advise and retain students.
 - ☐ Janet reports that services haven't been reviewed in last 15 years.
 - ☐ Relying heavily on peer mentors—perhaps 1000 students seen by them (these are the ones who had been funded by AS; Advising Center is now hoping for IRA funding to continue this important program).
 - ☐ The email request seems to confuse ACE with the larger issues of Academic Advising.
 - ☐ The Advising Subcommittee has developed a model for Academic Advising
 - ☐ Not a bad thing to get a report on how advising is done on campus. This report could be gathered from information already existing on campus. ACE would welcome the report.
 - ☐ Janet is very concerned about the lack of Career Advising that is available.
 - ☐ Need to clarify with Ad Hoc Diversity committee whether any of this information is wanted by that group.
 - ☐ EOP numbers are down by about 80 students compared to last year (500- 420). Ratios steadily decreasing. This is something to be worried about.
 - ☐ Karen will talk with Barbara Lesch-McCaffrey, co-Chair of the Ad-hoc Diversity Committee, about what they might like SAC to do. Luis will bring EOP retention numbers to the next SAC meeting. Also, year-end reports will be brought.

Adjourned: 11:55 AM

Minutes respectfully submitted by J. Mahdavi.