

Student Affairs Committee Darwin 101

Present: J. Mahdavi, P. Ramey, R. Lopez, M. Lopez-Phillips, M. Pearl(for Scott Nickleach)

Absent: D. Romesburg, Library vacant, L. Vega, K. Thompson

Proxies: None

Guests: B. Lesch McCaffrey

No quorum: minutes and agenda not approved.

### **Reports**

**Chair's Report (J. Mahdavi):** Class attendance policy goes to Senate next week. Advising Subcommittee new charge goes to Structure and Functions on April 5. Provost's 3 budget solutions: cost cutting, curricular changes/improvements, revenue generation.

**ACE Report (L. Vega):** absent

**SAEM Report (M. Lopez Phillips):** Budget forum—waiting to see what happens at state level. MLP hasn't spent any money. Working on orientation (Sean Johnson has taken it on). Working on CAPS fee. Seawolf Day on Saturday, have 800 students signed up, hoping for 1,000. Programs are being put on by faculty. MLP appreciates all the faculty and staff who volunteer to assist in this effort.

### **Liaison Reports**

**ASI Report (P. Ramey):** Student Center issue heating up. Election in April. Has found the opposition group and is helping to fund them. Making sure all have the correct facts.

Talking about proposal of change to academic calendar. Excited about that.

Campaigning for student elections began Monday.

**Athletic Council ():** absent

**Fee Advisor (Thompson):** absent

**Advising Report (R. Lopez):** Working on dates for when to begin advising advertising

Had presentation on student center.

Talk about consolidating advising functions. Some departments aren't pleased about it and others are. MLP clarifies that the idea isn't to preclude departments from doing their own efforts.

**Scholarship (L. Vega):** absent

Resolution on Stakeholder group passed. SAC should have a representative. Also, may need representation on SDS. (B. Lesch McCaffery).

### **Business**

1. Second Reading: Revised charge of Scholarship Committee: without a quorum, can't take action. However, a line such as "the committee chair's term is decided by the committee" is recommended. Mahdavi will consult with D. Jordan, chair of Scholarship.
2. CAPS Fee proposal (M. Lopez-Phillips)—memo from Dr. Wyatt regarding the counseling center. Feedback from Fee Advisory Committee—asked if counseling program can do some of the student advocacy job, but Dr. Wyatt and MLP say that the person in that role needs to have advanced licensure, so that isn't possible.

- a. Andy Merrifield/CFA concerned about the Executive Order—only one counselor and one counselor director on the committee. What is the licensing requirement?
- b. Fee proposed to be \$50/term. Necessary to meet national standards for counseling. Will add 2 counselors and a student advocate, plus post doc counselor. Fee helps preserve other elements of SAEM as it will fully fund the counselors. All staff will be funded by the fee.
- c. Counselors will not be faculty, will begin as 3 year appointment.
- d. SAC feels that counseling is essential and that this fee is vital

3. Proposed changes to academic calendar: to make SSU in line with other CSUs, which Chancellor has been pushing. Students want to be able to start summer earlier so they can go home and get jobs (they have gone home much later and are too late to find a job). Students also think 6 weeks off at winter break is far too long for “just hanging out” at home. Think it would help maintain school spirit and continuity.

- a. Downside: new teaching preps have been done during winter break. Also, a time to work on research.
- b. Make sure students get good advising so they know about taking pre-reqs.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Mahdavi