

Student Affairs Committee  
4/28/10 Darwin 101

Present: D. Girman, J. Mahdavi, L. Vega, K. Thompson, P. Ramey, R. Lopez

Absent: Library vacant, M. Lopez-Phillips, D. Romesburg,

Proxies: None

Guests:

Agenda: Approved

Minutes: Approved

### Reports

**Chair's Report (D. Girman):** Provost is trying to reduce units of assigned time for faculty serving on faculty governance. SSU above mean for assigned time for CSU.

**ACE Report (L. Vega)** Doubled up advising. New GE pattern means many changes.

**SAEM Report: none**

### Liaison Reports

**ASI Report (P. Ramey):** Discussed vote of no confidence. Wrote a resolution to ask Academic Senate not to pursue no confidence—but resolution was rejected because students didn't think it is a good idea to tell Senate what to do. Winners of student elections announced last week. Turnout doubled this year.

**Athletic Council (D. Girman):** Didn't meet. Much interest related to business item number 1.

**Fee Advisor (J. Mahdavi):** Meets April 30 to discuss amounts of money to be distributed.

**Advising Report (R. Lopez):** All advising announcements went out. Question/concern: putting holds on students isn't realistic for workload of person placing hold or faculty member responsible for doing advising.

### Business

1. Review of Class Attendance Policy (missed assignments): Girman has extensively researched the issue and found nothing substantial to guide this revision. This seems to impinge on academic freedom
  - a. May let policy stand- but this is confusing to students and faculty
  - b. May add the phrase "faculty member may make reasonable accommodation" and also "student must provide due notice."
  - c. May take advice from Academic Freedom subcommittee
2. Review overall Student Rights and Responsibilities Document: members should compare Judicial Affairs website to catalog. These documents don't match. A close look would help with revisions.
3. Draft Registration Hold Proposal: What is the workload issue? Which departments are having trouble with this? Do we change the policy or make a resolution to Senate to put a mechanism in place to force advising. Ex Comm strongly supports the idea of a resolution about revising. Advising Subcommittee is resisting.

- a. Revision ideas:
  - i. "implement a ONE TIME registration hold..."
  - ii. "after meeting with a faculty advisor for UNDERGRADUATE students"
  - iii. Change title: "Mandatory Registration Holds for UNDERGRADUATE..."
  - iv. Under rationale, "long ~~anecdotal~~ history." Also add reference to surveys that cite poor advising
  - v. Italicize name of initiative "Closing Graduation..."
- b. This resolution aimed at SAEM.
- c. Girman will take resolution to FSAC for review.

4. Memo to VP of SAEM regarding Victim's Advocate position

- a. Wording derived from job descriptions of such positions elsewhere.
- b. Girman will report on this at ExComm and at Senate as part of report and then send the memo on to M. Lopez-Phillips