

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