

Student Affairs Committee
Meeting of 3/8/06

Attendance

Karin Enstam, Janet Swing, Doug Jordan, Brigitte Lahme, Paula Hammett, Mark Fermanich, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Eric Halmstrom

Absent: Katharyn Crabbe, Greg Roberts

Recorder: Brigitte Lahme

Minutes of 2/22/06

Approved.

Agenda of 3/8/06

Approved.

Reports:

Executive Committee report by Doug Jordan: The following topics were discussed:

- Best Practices in Advising will go to the senate as an information item.
- Priority Registration Policy will go to the senate tomorrow.

Academic Senate report by Doug Jordan:

- Dr. Craig Smith, the Faculty Trustee visited the senate. He mentioned that the May revise of the Governor's budget is expected to include an increase for the CSU.
- The senate received a detailed budget report for the Green Music Center.

SAEM report by Matthew Lopez-Phillips: A new Student Code of Conduct has come into effect. The university is working very hard to ensure that the new freshmen class next year is big enough. Since the new freshmen class is expected to be much larger than usual, it is likely that mostly freshmen will receive housing on campus next year.

ACE report by Janet Swing: No report.

AS report: No report.

Academic Advising Subcommittee Report by Mark Fermanich:

Carol Blackshire-Belay is interested in starting an advising center and would like feedback from AAS. AAS is also reviewing the advising website. Glenn Brassington has looked through CMS and found advising opportunities in the system that are currently not enabled.

Campus Climate Committee report by Phil Huang: No report.

Fee Advisory Committee report by Janet Swing: The FAC is meeting today. Janet will substitute for Greg.

Athletic Advisory Council report by Karin Enstam: No report..

Scholarship Committee report: No report.

Business

05/06:3 Student Background Check Policy

Elaine Sundberg will attend the next SAC meeting to discuss this issue.

05/06:6: Course Repeat Policy

The associated students to not agree with parts of the policy and request that the policy be reviewed. In particular, they find it too restrictive that if a student repeats a class more than once, successive grades will be averaged and not replaced. SAC thinks that the policy does not require a revision, it is still quite generous in allowing students to replace a grade lower than a C once.

05/06:7: Honors at Graduation Policy

President Arminana received a letter from a former student outlining why she did not graduate with honors. In her opinion requiring 45 graded units in residence is too restrictive and hurts transfer students. She was 1 graded unit below the requirement. The president sent the letter to SAC for a response. Many SAC members remember the case of the student clearly, which resulted in a revision of the Honors at Graduation Policy. However, SAC agreed with its previous assessment that the case of this student was more of an advising issue than a policy issue. The student should have been advised to take one more graded unit to ensure that she was eligible for graduation with honors. SAC does not see a need to revise the policy.

05/06:7: PeopleSoft progress toward graduation report

Leo Alvillar and Amanda Crawford gave a report on the progress CMS has made. Leo in particular mentioned the Transfer Credit Report and other tools for advising such as the Degree Progress Report. Leo also solicited feedback from faculty and students on how to improve the CMS functions.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.