

Student Affairs Committee

11/12/08 Sue Jameson Room

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

Absent: 2 vacant spots, Library and A&H

Proxies: None

Guests: None

Agenda: Approved

Minutes: Approved

Reports

Chair's Report (K. Thompson):

- Course reductions for spring are on the horizon. 16 unit standard in effect (see policy).

SAEM Report (M. Olson):

- SAEM directors have all day meeting tomorrow about budget.
- Mack will be spending about 7 hours/week in CCGS to supervise/help interns.
- Finalizing "Student Alert Team" procedures.

ASI Report (T. Hammond):

- Passed CA Budget resolution-- kept focus on CSU; now a team is working on dissemination of resolution.
- Voted to accept ASI audit of 07-08—no problems; standard yearly practice.

ACE Report (L. Vega):

- Academic workshops well attended. "Declaring a major" workshops also successful.
- An advisor returned from maternity leave.
- Working closely with Roseland University Prep High School to help get these students admitted to SSU.

Liaison Reports:

- Athletic Council (D. Girman): Passed policy on drug testing; will implement soon. Paid for by Athletic Division, random testing is a new standard for Div. 2 athletics. Girman can provide a copy of the policy by request.
- Academic Advising (D. Girman): Worked on rationale for repairing the base. Made recommendation for a new model for Advising Council; whole model must be adopted for it to work, according to committee. Also: Will take up advising as related to the RTP Policy tomorrow—proposal would need to go to departments as they develop localized RTP policies.
- Scholarship Committee (M. Buckley): no meeting yet.
- Fee Advisory (M. Buckley): met Friday, but Maureen was at a conference.

Business

1. Recommendation on ASI Resolution on the Student Vote:

- Discussion about extent to which committees currently take formal votes.
- Pros: Validates student collaborative decision making, students involved in political process, rationale attached to resolution is compelling in terms of cons raised below, students will see their power & get more involved, increased school spirit, learning process for students.
- Cons: Short term on committee—don't have long term context, making quorum has been a problem—but this could make attendance more attractive, students may feel bullied, students may have short-term perspective on the university, sometimes students can't be found to fill seats.
- Questions: how often do students & faculty disagree? Do faculty have votes on student governance committees & should they?
- Move: Recommend to Structure and Functions that 2 student representatives from AS are allowed to be voting members on SAC. (DG). Second (MB). Discussion about wording of motion. Aye: 5, No: 0, Abstain: 0—motion carried.

2. Review of faculty handbook for dealing with disruptive students:

- Mack: changed language to "may" to reduce mandates and faculty workload. No policy in CSU for involuntary withdrawal from university.
- Title needs to be more descriptive. Also, put in phone numbers for Deans' offices. Will there be a form for incidence report? Can't have a required form because that is a workload issue. Would like to develop a web form to get this information. Most important item on the form is the incident report.
- Faculty will be educated about this policy. Mack is also working with CAPS and the police department about handling students with more severe issues. Need to create a network of information.
- Under "What constitutes disruption:" recommend bullet pointing the examples for clarity.
- What happens after a report is filed? Add that information into policy. This goes into student conduct policies.
- What about in-the-faculty-office or email-based harassment?
- Motion: SAC endorses the ongoing development of the "Student Classroom and Course-Related Behavior" document for faculty (JM). Second (MB): Aye: 5, No: 0, Abstain: 0.

Meeting adjourned 11:45

Minutes respectfully submitted by J. Mahdavi.