

## **Student Affairs Committee**

21 March 2012, 10:00 am-12pm ST 1040

**Present:** J. Mahdavi (Chair, Ed.), D. Romesburg (Soc Sci), Katie Havens (AS), P. Neville (Student Union), N. Markley (A&F), K. Thompson (Bus), M. Lopez-Phillips (SAEM)

**Absent:** L. Vega (Advising), Nicole Lawson (LIB), Gina Bishop (AS), I. Kanaana (S&T), R. Lopez (A&H)

### **Agenda Approval and Minutes of 3/7/12: No quorum**

#### **Reports**

Chair's Report (J. Mahdavi): Provost seeking to turn cuts away from Academic Affairs. With A&F, at least to minimize cuts (\$2.6 million initial) to direct instruction. Concerns for SAEM? Enrollments closed for Spring 13, except law-mandated transfer students.

CSU system calling for 15- / 16-unit cap for all undergrads.

A&F report at Senate—hiring an artistic director for GMC in planning stages. Also idea of merging Student Union corporation with other auxiliaries.

SAEM Report: Reduction in overall enrollment—3% as possibility of cost-saving. Creates glut for fall transfers if not spring, meaning resultant less first-time freshman in Fall 2013? Also talk of not admitting, or delaying admission, could lead to more students going out of state, private. Looking to system-wide as well as local cuts.

ASI Report (K. Havens): Bucks Start Here campaign, biggest percentage of all campuses; elections going on until today, many positions uncontested. ASI discussion of board of advisors for student center, climate protection act (calling on President to come up with climate action plan). Working on ASI priorities for academic affairs.

Res Life (N. Markley, P. Neville): As reductions made, not filling management positions one cost-saving measure as people retire / leave. Still \$350,000 needs to be cut via campus life. Consideration of Student Union and Enterprises consolidation, since each has a substantial administrative overhead for corporate management (\$200k ballpark). If SU (and / or Enterprises) folded into A&F, student-led board control given up, relative autonomy lost for centralization under A&F for sake of efficiencies. Would be potentially granted advisory board, no longer directorship.

Student Center Board of Advisors plan proposed: Recommendation body rather than leadership body. Centers on operations rather than programming, which will still be elsewhere (ASP, MCC, ASI). 11 Members: 7 students, 1 Pres designee, A&F designee, Entrepreneurial Activities, faculty. Chair student. May want to add another faculty member, SAC perhaps?

Conversation about the importance of pedagogy related to student life / student affairs in leading Res Life and CSLIS, which are now a part of A&F division rather than SAEM.

Advising Report (L. Vega): No report.

#### **Liaison Reports:**

- ☐ Fee Advisory (K. Thompson): IRA fee money allocation being determined, likely to hold at past levels, still sorting. Final decisions being made post-Spring Break.
- ☐ No Reports: Academic Advising; Scholarship Committee; Athletic Council

**Business:** No new business

**Workshop:** Continuing compilation of comparative student services data. Working toward subject headings, outline?

Adjourned at 11:30 am.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by D. Romesburg