

Student Affairs Committee

25 April 2012, 10:00 am-12pm ST 1040

Present: D. Romesburg (Soc Sci), Katie Havens (AS), K. Thompson (Bus), Gina Bishop (AS), J. Mahdavi (Chair, Ed.), R. Lopez (A&H), I. Kanaana (S&T)

Absent: L. Vega (Advising), M. Lopez-Phillips (SAEM), P. Neville (Student Union), N. Markley (A&F), Nicole Lawson (LIB)

Visitors: Matt Benney (SAEM)

Agenda Approval and Minutes of 3/7/12 and 4/11/12: Approved and 4/11 approved as amended.

Reports

Chair's Report (J. Mahdavi): CFA/CSU resuming negotiations. Student University grants to Grad Students resolution passed Senate. Trustees continued funding for another year while considering further. Second Advising Summit well attended, will continue: Members of Advising Subcom, Advising Center (SAEM), John Kornfield, SAC chair, Senate chair, student rep. Advising Subcommittee continuing to do good work. Dean for Sci/Tech finalists being considered.

SAEM Report (Matt): Plan to make first round of budget cuts, but not if November cuts needed. Would be fairly catastrophic, probably narrowing division to federal requirements, state laws, executive order, and Admissions and Records. Likely some executive orders would have to fall by wayside. Would mean layoffs. Morale very low, workload very high right now.

ASI Report (K. Havens): AS reps at state student summit last week and Monday lobbied state reps for service areas. Strong support from our reps. Approved budget for AS, strong showing of sports clubs concerned about losing support for catastrophic injury insurance. Ended up funded. AS also encouraged them to become more generally involved in advocating for student services. Approved resolution on preserving student services.

Res Life (P. Neville): As part of a longstanding process, Sonoma Student Union Corporation April 13 Board of Directors meeting Neil Markley announced intention of University to not renew operating agreement. Would mean that it would not be auxiliary, but stateside in within University. Would save overhead of operating auxiliary. Would be under Entrepreneurial Activities, under A&F, which is where it currently resides. Many key things not changed in this shift. One key thing, concern of AS: Lose Board of Directors control, but would still have majority-student Advisory Board for Student Center. Yesterday work that two vacancies, one in outdoor recreation, one in CLIS go ahead to fill positions first by internal hire of SSP, then, if needed, wider. On one-year basis.

Advising Report (L. Vega): No report.

Liaison Reports:

- Fee Advisory (K. Thompson): Finished for year. Notifications to come soon.
- Academic Advising (R. Lopez): Advising Group much more mobilized energy, organization than in recent past. Producing advising maps, other ways of making options transparent. Need to educate students, effectively tracking them, and helping to train

advisors to be advisors. Why is there no evaluation for RTP of advising? Have set up: Guide for Academic Success for students. Hope to centralize a cohesive advising committee from various strands.

- Scholarship Committee (I. Kanaana): Goal to send notifications by May 1: \$280,500 distributed. \$11,000 not awarded for very restrictive ones. Monies will be redistributed if some students go to another school to candidates lower ranked. Concern about highest scholarship not able to fully cover costs, even thought it could a few years ago.
- No Reports: Athletic Council

Business:

1. Resolution from Associated Students: Preserve our Student Services and Programs. AS recognition that these are essential programs and services for student experience, including community engagement, diversity, and quality. Link of in-class and out-of-class, extracurricular experiences. Prep for workforce competition. Approved at last AS meeting.

- SAC endorsement: Resolve that the Academic Senate of SSU endorse the Resolution from Associated Students to Preserve our Student Services and Programs. Unanimous. Chair will draft resolved elements and get approval via email.

Workshop: Chair sketched out initial draft, we are working on it. Chair will finish and get SAC members to give final feedback and try to submit to final Academic Senate meeting.

Adjourned at 11:45 am.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by D. Romesburg