

Student Affairs Committee

10 October 2012, 10:00 am-11:50pm ST 1040

Present: K. Thompson (Chair, SBE), P. Neville (Student Union), I. Kanaana (S&T), L. Vega (EOP/Testing), R. Lopez (A&H), Nicole Lawson (LIB), A. Barker (AS)

Absent: M. Lopez-Phillips (SA), D. Romesburg (Soc Sci), S. Ayala (EDU), A. Combs (AS)

Guests: Neil Markley (A&F), M. Thigpen (ISS)

Agenda Approval and Minutes 9/26/12: both approved with no changes

Reports

Chair's Report (K. Thompson):

Resolution concerning proposal of CSU-wide 120 unit cap on degree programs approved by Senate along with a resolution supporting Prop 30. Next Senate meeting will discuss changes to M.A. in Spanish program. Thompson distributed revised proposed procedures for proctoring off-campus exams, also to be discussed at Senate. CAPS offering suicide prevention training program. Mark Fabionar will be invited to next SAC meeting to discuss role of the Hub (new MCC name) on campus and in new Student Center.

SA Report (M. Lopez-Phillips): Deferred

Res Life/CSLIS Report (P. Neville):

Res Life – Res halls are full, and coordinators are working to build good communities. Student CSAs spending a lot of time on a small percentage of students who are having difficulties.

CSLIS – A national sorority has been working this semester to establish itself on campus. Energy in CSLIS office will now shift to 140 other student organizations. SSU Corporation is dissolving itself; most programs and services shifted to new department: Student Union & Rec Center Operations. This past Friday staff of Rec Center, Res Life & CSLIS participated in ropes course for team building. This course is open to everyone on campus.

Testing/EOP (L.Vega): Next cycle for EOP applications has begun. Administering LSAT, GRE, and competency tests for freshmen. CLEP (College Level Examination Program) testing has been very successful and is a revenue generator. Students can test out of GE classes and gain credit. We're one of the only campuses in the area that is a testing center. CLEP is a national equivalency program open to anyone, not just SSU students.

ASI Report (A. Barker): Sonoma Serves program (community service day) was a success with good turnout. Last AS senate meeting was mostly reports. This week there will be resolution about student involvement, and AS will also be voting on vice-chair. Almost all committees are now covered with student reps.

Liaison Reports:

- Academic Advising Subcommittee (S. Ayala): Deferred
- ATI Committee (S. Ayala): Deferred
- Athletic Council (L. Vega): This weekend is homecoming, so come out to support. Next year there will be a celebration of Title IX. Council is reviewing fundraising support for each team; baseball has big individual funder (\$46K). Off-campus proctored exam policy created by this committee.
- Fee Advisory Committee (N. Lawson): FAC has not met yet this semester.
- Scholarship Committee (I. Kanaana): New online form being created for faculty reference letters to go with student applications; it will be an editable template. Applications due Jan 15, 2013. Funding amount should be at the same level as last year.
- Senate Diversity Subcommittee (R. Lopez): Mark Fabionar gave a report. Larger committee has decided to divide into three smaller committees to deal with different aspects of diversity on campus: plan of action for curriculum review, defining diversity as it pertains to curriculum, statements of significance of diversity in curriculum. Full committee will only meet once a month; 3 subcommittees will meet every other week.

Business:

1. Request for priority registration award (T.C. 10:25 a.m.)

SAC reviewed a proposal from Academic Affairs on the idea of rewarding students for attending information sessions on how to find and review their Academic Requirements Report (ARR) (formerly the Degree Progress Report (DPR)). Advising Center asked SAC its opinion related to the idea of offering priority registration as a prize for student attendance at one of the info sessions along with wolf bucks or some similar rewards. Thompson distributed the priority registration policy to guide the conversation. Proposal is that students would meet with student peer advisor to learn how to read and use report, and then students would be eligible for possible prize (one or two winners per semester). Possible drawback to offering priority registration prize is that students could view this report instead of (rather than along with) meeting their advisor, missing out on opportunities. Also the prize could create ill will with groups that have been rejected for priority registration in the past. How will Advising office handle the ARR orientations if the incentive is very popular? Small staff could be easily be overwhelmed with requests. Also, not clear how this prize would meet spirit and requirements of the priority registration policy.

Motion passes: SAC believes that offering priority registration as a prize does not meet the spirit and requirements of the priority registration policy (5 in favor, 1 opposed).

2. Discuss progress of merger of Student Affairs and Academic Affairs (T.C. 11:00 a.m.)

J. Kornfeld joined committee to discuss his new role in Student Affairs. He now manages Career Services, Orientation, Advising, EOP services, and Testing. His background – Director of Undergraduate Studies position created by Provost Ochoa to provide oversight and direction for UNIV courses. Kornfeld found that in this role he was working closely with SA staff to create learning communities. Last year he called an Advising Summit to foster communication. This summit will now be a yearly event with the next one on Tues, 10/16 in Schulz 1121, 10am-1pm. Kornfeld is working on reviving ACE (Advising, Career, EOP) group and is looking at the best way for this group to function. The units have lost a lot of support staff; currently there are 2 advisors for 1,400 undeclared students. In terms of orientation, John is working to create a new concept called “my first year at SSU”, covering the areas of academics, orientation, and campus life. Julie Greathouse is taking over the coordination of orientation.

Committee discussed how to improve communication around and accessibility of advising across campus. For example, many students are not aware of the change from DPR to ARR. John also had reservations around offering priority registration as prize of ARR orientation, because it could send message that students who don't get priority registration won't get classes.

3. Discuss new liaison positions

Liaison to Alumni Association position available. If no one volunteers we will not have liaison to this committee. Also, liaison needed for Alcohol and Drug Advisory Committee (ADAC). Let K. Thompson know if you're interested.

Items for the Good of the Order

Future item: suggestion that the committee not have hard copy agenda and minutes delivered to mailboxes. This information could go out by email only, leaving it up to members to print out and bring with them.

Adjourned at 11:55am

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by N. Lawson