

Student Affairs Committee

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

Present: K. Thompson (Chair, SBE), P. Neville (Student Union), I. Kanaana (S&T), D. Romesburg (Soc Sci), S. Ayala (EDU), Nicole Lawson (LIB), A. Barker (AS), A. Galliano (AS), M. Lopez-Phillips (SA), L. Vega (EOP/Testing)

Absent: R. Lopez (A&H)

Agenda Approval and Minutes 10/10/12: both approved with no changes

Reports

Chair's Report (K. Thompson):

- At the last Senate meeting, EPC brought forward a process for implementing experimental GE courses, and there was a report on international programs. At the next Senate meeting, there will be revisions to MA in Spanish and MBA.
- At Executive Committee, the President reported that Prop 30 was polling below 50%. Provost will make an additional 200K available for Spring 2013 courses. Trustees considering 3 new student fees for fall 2013: extra unit (over 18), super senior, and course repeat.
- Attended advising summit (notes distributed).

SA Report (M. Lopez-Phillips):

- Dealing with an increase in disruptive students and student crises on campus recently. Starting to see behavioral impact of 9K students. Worrisome that SA knowledge and skills are stretched thin, particularly during unexpected absences. CAPS has just begun a waiting list and still has drop-in sessions. Looking into how to build academic skills to help prevent cheating and plagiarism. How can this be incorporated into orientation and then post-offense training at Writing Center or Library?
- Update on crisis advocacy and outreach. Crisis Advocate piece has been given to a counselor on a temporary basis; working on additional licensure. Administrative tasks have been separated out.

Res Life/CSLIS Report (P. Neville): Experiencing same uptick in student crises.

Testing/EOP (L.Vega): CLEP is increasing in popularity. Accepting EOP apps for next year. Waiting for prop 30 to see if EOP director position will be filled.

ASI Report (A. Barker):

- At Board meeting last week, discussed resolution on 120-unit Trustees proposal. Opposition based on possible impact on students and program accreditation.
- Resolution under consideration to request that Business courses be added to GE pattern to increase options and exposure to business classes for non-business majors.
- Passed a resolution regarding commitment to fostering positive relationships with surrounding communities. There have been town/gown relation problems recently, particularly regarding student behavior in M section.
- Voter registration drive is wrapping up; over 900 students registered (10% of students) so far. Get out and vote event in the quad this Thursday. Resolution on new student fees will get first reading at next meeting.
- Diversity Senator has been appointed: Bianca Zamora. Search for elections commissioner has begun.

Liaison Reports:

- Academic Advising Subcommittee (S. Ayala): notes distributed earlier by K. Thompson.
- ATI Committee (S. Ayala): Committee sent out reminder to everyone to get course materials ordered for next semester.
- Athletic Council (L. Vega): deferred

- Fee Advisory Committee (N. Lawson): deferred
- Scholarship Committee (I. Kanaana): deferred
- Senate Diversity Subcommittee (R. Lopez): deferred

Business:

1. Discuss new liaison positions

Liaison needed for Alcohol and Drug Advisory Committee. Faculty member preferred and can be scheduled around faculty schedule. Let K. Thompson know if you're interested. Also let her know if you'd like to be a liaison to the Alumni Association.

2. Hear report on The Hub (formerly known as the MCC) (T.C. 10:20 a.m.):

Mark Fabionar, MCC Director, described his ideas about the Hub. He looks forward to working with SAC to develop the student as a whole person. He is working on making sure that programs and the center are a safe space for exploring diverse programming. Initiatives so far:

- Beginning this summer convened student reps from different groups for dinners to make connections. It's called the Transcultural Leadership Collective and includes Black Scholars, QSA, Hmong Club, ASP, SAGE (among others). Helps cultivate a sense of community. Have discussed how else awareness practice can be implemented intentionally and explored how groups can come together as a coalition for programming. Working to move student leaders and culture forward.
- HUB (stands for: Honoring the past, Understanding the present, Building the future) launch had about 130 people participate; website should be live in 2-3 weeks. Safe Zone and Ally training program in Hub too.
- Recently hired several student assistants who are now working with ASP to partner around history and heritage months.
- Also starting Just Vitality program with partners on campus – focuses on how we can learn to treat each other ethically.
- Spoke Poetry program brings in poets active around diversity issues. Programs include some students and some nationally known slam poets.
- Campus Community and Civility Series is a brownbag program for discussing sensitive and hot topic issues.

Mostly working to develop infrastructure and process for himself and SAs. Communication about events so far has been through email blasts, flyers, and facebook. Will be adding to all-faculty list soon. SAC discussed outreach opportunities (tagging programming for interest groups) and how to utilize experts on campus.

3. Address safety concerns about bicycle and skateboard use on campus: Deferred

4. Review proposed policy for online instruction (T.C. 11:30 a.m.):

Deborah Roberts, Chair of APC, joined SAC to discuss Online Course Policy. SSU was one of two campuses with no formal online policy, though we have had fully online degrees for ten years. APC made an effort to put all needs on table, even if they can't be met by current resources (such as IT). SETEs will need to be approved for online completion (something already done in Nursing). Policy will protect faculty who don't want to take courses online, but sets guidelines for those who do. Last section of the policy notes that existing courses can be moved online after consultation with department of program. SAC suggested adding 'or hybrid courses' to all parts of section III for clarity and consistency. Also, it's unclear how Student Affairs will deal with conduct issues with distance-learning students (hard to have face-to-face meetings).

Adjourned at 11:50am

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by N. Lawson