

Student Affairs Committee

23 October 2013, 10:00 - 11:50 a.m., Stevenson 1056, Sue Jameson Room

Present: K. Thompson (Chair, SBE), Ron Lopez (A&H), S. Ayala (EDU), M. Cohen (S&T), Peter Neville (Student Union), Claudia Sisomphou (AS), M. Lopez-Phillips (CSAO)

Absent: Julie Shulman (SOC SCI), Nicole Lawson (LIB), L. Vega (EOP/Testing)

Guests: Nate Johnson (Chief of Police, SSU), Neil Markley (A&F), H. Emery Ortiz (IS)

Agenda Approval and Minutes 10/9/13: Agenda approved. 10/9/13 minutes approved with no changes.

Reports

Chair's Report (K. Thompson):

- Senate has been hearing reports from various task forces that investigated the amount of funds needed to upgrade different aspects of campus operations. Most recent report was on funds needed to bring buildings/infrastructure up to an appropriate level. Next report will be on funds needed to increase instructional capacity. K. Thompson will email a link to the Senate webpage that serves as the repository for these reports.
- Draft policy for School of Extended and International Education course offerings will be sent out shortly. Please review and submit comments to Chair of Academic Planning Committee, Deborah Roberts.
- At last Executive Committee meeting, Provost Rogerson reported on the most recent faculty census numbers. (K. Thompson distributed document.) Also, J. Wenrick asked for guidance on how to prioritize classroom renovation as money becomes available and on what process should be used. Executive Committee referred him to the Academic Planning Committee for assistance with these questions.

Res Life/CSLIS Report (P. Neville):

- National Alcohol Awareness Week sponsored by CSLIS and Residential Life. Dialogue on alcohol use and alcohol abuse was attended by 100 students.

Testing/EOP (L. Vega): None

ASI Report (C. Sisomphou):

- Many more students came to Homecoming dance than expected (~1000), so it had to be shut down early.

SA Report (M. Lopez-Phillips):

- Posters, flyers, lawn signs, and events for Alcohol Awareness Week.
- Nov. 14th: veterans awareness workshop for Counseling faculty and students.
- Applications for IRA eligibility due by Nov. 8th.

Liaison Reports:

- Academic Advising Subcommittee (S. Ayala):
 - Discussed advising of military veterans. See <http://www.sonoma.edu/veterans/>
 - Grant received to hire an advising coordinator.
- ATI Committee (M. Lopez-Phillips): Haven't met yet. Need a faculty co-chair.
- Athletic Council (L. Vega): none
- Scholarship Committee (J. Shulman): none
- Fee Advisory Committee (N. Lawson): none

Business:

1. **Recommendations for improving transportation-related safety on campus (T.C. 10:15 SSU Police Chief Nate Johnson)**
 - Safety on campus

- A new committee (the CRC Task Force on Campus Safety) is looking at broad safety issues on campus such as police staffing, effectiveness of current safety measures, police efficiency, and new issues arising from the GMC, casino, and new student center.
- Transportation
 - Regarding parking, SSU probably has the most parking spaces per capita within the CSU. Card swipe entry being investigated.
 - Recognize that there are concerns on campus related to various modes of transportation and their interaction. Previous skateboarding-related death on campus was caused by unsafe behavior. Need to address transportation safety concerns with a three-pronged approach: education, enforcement, and engineering.
 - Enforce law 2001-3: County fine of \$115 for unsafe behavior. Enforcement needs to be consistent and long-term.
 - An officer will be surveying the campus to assess behavior.
 - Campus culture needs to be addressed. For example, signs are ignored near the pub. Carts on campus are also not always driven safely. Faculty, staff, administration, and students will need to work together to bring about culture change.
 - UC Davis could be a model. Bicycle traffic circles; gates come down at certain hours to exclude vehicle traffic.
 - Regarding a skateboarder on our campus riding inside Stevenson Hall and any repeated incidents occurring with regularity, the police need to be informed of the pattern, so that an officer can be present.
 - The Transportation Committee will be addressing the various issues surrounding transportation-related safety on campus and will bring recommendations to the CRC.
 - Need to be systematic in addressing these issues. Faculty should be more involved in reminding students of the rules; we need to take a community approach. Some ideas: designated cart paths, improving lighting, requiring a Sonoma State bicycle license and skateboard license.
 - SAC will share information with Chief Johnson since he is a common conduit for multiple groups on campus.
 - C. Sisomphou raised suggestion of bringing a representative from the Climate Protection Campaign to educate on campus.

2. Review of A&F reorganization plan for former Student Affairs areas (T.C. 11:00 Neil Markley):

- Summary document “SAC Concerns and Recommendations Regarding Proposed A&F Reorganization of Former Student Affairs Areas” was distributed.
 - N. Markley suggested that a summary of concerns is useful but recommendations may be premature. K. Thompson noted that the recommendations can be seen as proposed solutions.
 - N. Markley’s responses to questions:
 - Implementation will be in Spring 2014, if reorganization approved by various constituents. Process will be collaborative.
 - The new Student Center building will be paid off after 30 years; it will open on Nov. 13th.
 - No changes to the reorganization plan have yet been made; will start to work in the feedback received.
 - No budget documents ready to show SAC yet.
 - Concerns from AS are mainly service-oriented, but also highlight concerns about having staff do the jobs they were hired to do, and how money will be tracked.
 - Committee agreed with taking the document forward to the Senate as a report.

3. Discussion on casino impact on students:

- M. Lopez-Phillips: A number of employment opportunities; a potential place for events.
- R. Lopez: Concern about drinking alcohol and driving to and from; consider development of a shuttle.
- C. Sisomphou: Students aren’t sure who will be running the casino.

Adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by M. Cohen