

## **Student Affairs Committee**

27 April 2011, 10:10 am-12pm Darwin 101

**Present:** J. Mahdavi (Chair, Ed.), D. Romesburg (Soc Sci), M. Lopez-Phillips (SAEM), Scott Nickleach (S&T) for I. Kannana, R. Lopez (A&H), K. Thompson (Bus)

**Absent:** S. Cunningham (Lib), P. Ramey (AS), L. Vega (ACE), N. Pratt (AS),

**Guests:** Barbara Lesch-McCaffry

**Agenda:** Approved.

**Minutes of 3/30/11:** Approved.

### **Reports**

Chair's Report (J. Mahdavi):

- Academic Advising Sub Com charge change approved by Structures and Functions
- Intellectual Property protections being resolved.
- Fearful that revised Class Attendance policy reworked by Senate may leave students with fewer rights, because a line has been added: "Faculty have the primary authority to set attendance policy, according to discipline standards." Might lead to greater load before Dispute Resolution board. Will be considered in finalizing second reading at next Senate mtg.
- Don Romesburg (SAC rep to Gender and Sexual Health Stakeholder Working Group) will be the faculty co-chair with Chuck Rhodes as administration co-chair.

SAEM Report (M. Lopez-Phillips):

- Looking at second pass systems that will avoid overload / crash; also seeking greater bandwidth.
- Celebration banquets, clubs, transitions closing term; Greek week happening, Disability Awareness Week programming; Clothesline and Take Back the Night next week.
- Heightened anxiety, stress in general around uncertainty of budget cuts affecting staff. Calls for us to continue to commit to collaboration and communication across staff, faculty, administration and students.
- Orientation with have Interactive Theater program related to sexual misconduct and racial issues on campus as well as supplying info on resources.

ASI Report (P. Ramey / N. Pratt):

ACE Report (L. Vega):

Liaison Reports:

- Academic Advising (R. Lopez): A3 not on GE, few availabilities. Being held back until August after first-year students given the chance to enroll.
- Fee Advisory (K. Thompson): Continuing to work out funding for IRA requests as requests this year are much greater than the pool of funds available for distribution. Also alternative consultation on mental health fee issues is being worked out relative to the Chancellor's mandated health fee. ASI was concerned about procedure used for

alternative consultation and is charged with getting a broad sample of student opinion on the proposed fee.

- No reports: Scholarship Committee (I. Kanaana); Athletic Council (L. Vega)
- Senate Diversity Subcommittee informal report (B. McCaffry): Awareness of link between SAC and SDS—working to change bylaws to expand to have two at-large seats and mutual SAC liaisons with SDS. Also concern of lack of campus knowledge about existing resources to address discrimination on campus. Hopefully in early fall info session also launching Student Advocate role.

## **Business**

- Business Item #1: President's Diversity Council: Communication from PDC and PDC Task Group
  - Referred from curriculum working group from Ex Com to all standing committees to consider if our committees should take on any of these issues.
  - Question about in #4 including explicit mention of co-curricular diversity programming as it affirmed "continuous learning" on campus.
  - Could SAC assist in #5 to help develop partnerships, or expanded to include co-curricular or collaborative work across departments and with community to create space for SAC to be involved.
  - Example of Women's History Month—what opportunity could come with greater SAEM and SAC collaboration with faculty and departments around developing continuous learning.
  - SAEM, Senate Diversity Subcom, Police and various repositories for #2 currently, but how can it be channeled through centralized technologies, staffing and protocols? Should it be maintained via Director of Diversity and Inclusive Excellence?
  - Approved: We support this document and call for PDC to create a greater clarification around best practices for "the multicultural competency curriculum" so that schools and departments can better assess whether they are meeting them, how to implement them and how to enhance them as needed. SAC feels its opportunity for meaningful involvement would come through co-curricular approaches to a "continuous learning" environment.

Adjourned at 11:29 am.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by D. Romesburg