

Student Affairs Committee

15 December 2010, 10:10 am-12pm Darwin 101

Present: J. Mahdavi (Chair, Ed.), D. Romesburg (Soc Sci), M. Lopez-Phillips (SAEM), I. Kanaana (S & T), K. Thompson (Bus), R. Lopez (A&H), L. Vega (ACE)

Absent: S. Cunningham (Lib) [parental leave], N. Pratt (AS), H. Purcell (AS)

Guests: B. Lesch McCaffry

Agenda: Approved.

Minutes of 11/10/10: Approved.

Reports

Chair's Report (J. Mahdavi):

- Vice Provost search on
- Provost said State-side vs. Extended Ed for summer—possible August class still?
- 14 TT searches ongoing
- Average unit load in by first three days of 2nd pass: 13.75. CALS, MATH had a pilot waitlist program on PeopleSoft and opened a second section as demand came.

SAEM Report (M. Lopez-Phillips):

ASI Report (H. Purcell and N. Pratt):

ACE Report (L. Vega):

Liaison Reports:

- No reports: Scholarship Committee (I. Kanaana); Academic Advising (R. Lopez); Athletic Council (L. Vega); Fee Advisory (K. Thompson)

Business

Business Item #1: Resolution on Creating a Diversity Stakeholder's Committee (B. Lesch McCaffrey, S. Cabinas (TC 10:30)

- CCGS merge led to ad hoc group expressing formal concern resolution of reduction of staff, lack of resource/campus support (not counseling but community), programming related to women/gender issues, programming sporadic, and finally lack of victim's support. CCGS framed primarily as assisting students to put on events.
- Concerned that MCC in same fashion—not leading production but generated elsewhere. Concern that ASP S11 list had no women's events in Women's History Month
- Worry of elimination of \$330k "off the top" for MCC and Diversity Director.
- Decided WRC not best model to move forward
- Instead, proposing Stakeholder's Group on Diversity (inspired by 1987 model that brought on WRC) across campus to address three areas: Gender programming and support; Student advocate/support; sustainable funding for diversity efforts. Goal is to get stakeholders together to get a solid proposal by end of S11, first implementations by then, with final approval by F11.
- Why another group? Strong concern expressed by multiple committee members. President's Diversity Committee has not taken on these issues and this is one of many

issues for them, this brings focus. Plus AS, Student Union, SSU Finance not represented on PDC. M. Lopez-Philips: Resources Subcommittee of PDC not active now. Of two minds: A) Worries if we don't utilize current structures, holding them accountable, yet B) current issue around art controversy revealed no capacity for rapid response there.

Should we have a resolution demanding PDC handle this, giving timeline mandate? This is outside the Senate's Diversity Committee's charge. Need multi-level buy-in. R. Lopez advocates because it sounds focused in a way standing committees are not. S. Cabiniss—this might be a line in one of the matrices of one of the four areas, but not central to why PDC exists. More working toward reporting; on a timetable to finish up other priorities. So idea here is to bring everyone together to move forward.

- Possibility of grant funding for diversity related programming (CAMP, for example), that might fund components of diversity initiatives?
- B. Lesch McCaffrey will go to PDC (MLP and co-chair Elaine Leeder) to feel this out first, to get a sense of its capacity to address.

Business Item #2: Class Attendance Policy

- Discussion of a more inclusive and more prescriptive policy for class attendance.
Recommend that:
 - Policy be broken into paragraphs
 - Add a sentence about faculty putting attendance policy in the syllabus
 - Maintain awareness that some class assignments cannot be replicated
 - Specify that the list of reasons that students may legitimately miss class is not all inclusive.
- Phrasing of policy in positive terms (what should be done, rather than what should be avoided) was noted as a positive aspect of the new policy
- Mahdavi will revise policy according to feedback and bring it back to SAC before sending it out for wider consultation.

Minutes respectfully submitted by D. Romesburg/J. Mahdavi