

**Student Affairs Committee
Meeting of 11/7/07**

Attendance:

Leny Strobel, Kaitlin Fisher, Mack Olson, Jennifer Mahdavi, Maureen Buckley, Rick Robison

Absent: Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Karen Thompson, Derek Girman, Janet Swing

Minutes of 10/24/07: Approved

Agenda of 11/11/07: Approved

Reports:

SAEM Report by Mack Olson (see Business Item 2)

ASI Report by Kaitlin Fisher

ASI passed a resolution and presented it to the Senate asking that no student fees be used to cover the Athletic Department's Basketball tournament expenses in view of the recent rejection by the Senate of US Army's sponsorship of said tournament. Provost Ochoa has responded to this and stated that IRA funds will be used instead.

Scholarship Committee by Maureen Buckley

The proposed Ropes Course at SSU is moving forward.

Athletics Committee by Rick Robison

Continued discussion on the impact of the decision not to allow US Army sponsorship of the basketball tournament. SSU has decided to cover the costs by using IRA funds.

Campus Climate Committee by Leny Strobel

CCC has submitted a response statement on the Climate Campus Survey results to the President. The response statement was approved and will be disseminated campus-wide. Dr. Laurie Lippin, diversity consultant, made a half-four presentation to CCC about her proposals on how to better address the diversity issues raised in the survey. She talked about her consulting work in various types of organizations across the country (corporate, nonprofit, academic) and shared her philosophy about inclusivity and multiculturalism. If SSU can bring her in, she wants to propose various strategies (e.g. townhall meetings, Faculty Intensives, workshop series) for addressing the diversity issues on campus. She proposes to further conduct an assessment needs or stakeholder buy-in in the process. She will continue to meet with Dr. Belay in further discussions.

Business:

1. Resolution on increasing SSU's preparedness for students with emotional distress. Based on the input from Lisa Wyatt and Michael Pinkston's presentation at the last meeting, Maureen Buckley will draft a resolution from SAC to be presented to the Senate. Recommendations will include: need for additional staffing in the Counseling Center and need to train faculty on how to deal with student distress.
2. Recordkeeping of student violations under the Cheating and Plagiarism Policy. According to Mack Olson, under Executive Order 970, cheating and plagiarism records cannot be put on student transcripts. This policy only allows expulsion and suspensions (for two consecutive semesters) on transcripts. However, the office of

Judicial Affairs keeps records of informal and formal complaints and their resolutions. It is, therefore, important that faculty follow procedures stated in the policy.

Mack stated that only the Senate could make the decision to change the Executive Order so SAC may want to submit a recommendation in this regard.

Meeting adjourned: 11am.