

Student Affairs Committee

30 March 2011, 10:10 am-12pm Darwin 101

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

Absent: S. Cunningham (Lib) [parental leave], P. Ramey (AS)

Guests: E. Newman, B. Lesch McCaffry

Agenda: Approved.

Minutes of 3/2/11: Approved.

Reports

Chair's Report (J. Mahdavi):

- Dire budget just got worse.
- Waitlisting via PeopleSoft is going to be opt-in for Fall 2011.
- Three passes for registration, with Reg A and B in second pass
- Scholarship charge just to be left alone.
- 4/5 will bring Academic Advising Subcom change to Structure & Functions

SAEM Report (M. Lopez-Phillips):

- \$1 million more will have to be cut from SAEM; no director of MCC, no new recruiters, no new career counselors (only 1 now), lacking a second needed staff position for club support, judicial affairs. Huge challenge in moving forward to provide basic student services, health, enrollment, climate, community. Incredibly difficult to plan even short-term in current climate. Deeper cuts may lead to new round of staff/faculty reductions.
- Administration looking for efficiencies, for example, in budgeting across areas.
- Question asked about enterprises reserves being resourced, either through loan or allocation, toward filling some of the budgetary gaps—unclear how that will go.

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

- Elections are coming up in April. Student Center: information sessions first, forums rights before elections.
- Proposal to ban smoking completely on campus revised to smoking only in parking lots. Ticketing fines a possibility.

ACE Report (L. Vega):

- GE Pattern changes—setting up faculty training workshops for later in the spring.
- EOP: Offers of admission to 150, 200 more pending. Total pool same as last year but offers of admission down by 1/3 from last year.
- Testing push in April/May (Math/English placement), then also monthly in summer
- 5 orientations in June, 1 in July.

Liaison Reports:

- ❑ Academic Advising (R. Lopez): Latino Family Summit (all done in Spanish) last Saturday hugely successful—started by Latino Greeks, Student Affairs now do. Rising percentages

of Latinos on campus will require greater services, financial aid. Will enable us to receive federal monies when will hit a certain threshold as a Latino-serving institution?

- ❑ Fee Advisory (K. Thompson): Reviewing applications for IRA funding (about 30 from continuing, 3 newly eligible), deciding who is going to get what funding.
- ❑ Athletic Council (L. Vega): Fine-tuning NCAA regulation compliance
- ❑ No reports: Scholarship Committee (I. Kanaana);
- ❑ Senate Diversity Subcommittee informal report (B. McCaffry): How were complaints of harassment, violence, discrimination processed on campus formally and informally? Request for Town Hall or other means to inform students of range of services available, how they work, where to go. Also how to inform faculty / staff, perhaps via department meetings?

Business

- Business Item #1: Revisions to Class Attendance Policy
 - At Senate: Desire for phrase that instructors decide what can be made up; defining “approved activities” and “reasonable.”
 - Cut “They must also inform students....” From third paragraph; In second paragraph, after “able to be provided.” Add “There are class activities, labs, or assignments that cannot be reasonably made up.”
 - First sentence, replace “important” with “essential.” Cut second sentence. Move last sentence of second paragraph to be last sentence of first paragraph.
- Business Item #2: Discontinuance of Academic Programs (TC 11:40 E. Newman)
 - Credential has moved out of minor into main section since the draft we saw, now defining credential program near start of document.
 - Main changes to old policy brought by T. Stearns to EPC: 1. Added who could initiate discontinuance; 2. Give rights to faculty to contest de facto discontinuance through defunding or consolidation; 3. Proposed changes could be proposed to EPC.
 - SAC has mostly formatting rather than substantive concerns. Does this make it easier to discontinue a program? Potentially, but vastly increases reasons why programs can bring investigation/recourse of de facto discontinuance before EPC rather than simply bringing complaint before dean. Attempting greater transparency, accountability.
- Business Item #3: Gender and Sexual Health Exploratory Work Group
 - D. Romesburg put forward as SAC nominee

Adjourned at 11:59 am.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by D. Romesburg