

Student Affairs Committee

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

Present: K. Thompson (Chair, SBE), R. Lopez (A&H), S. Ayala (EDU), M. Cohen (S&T), J. Shulman (SOC SCI), C. Sisomphou (AS), M. Lopez-Phillips (CSAO)

Absent: N. Lawson (LIB), P. Neville (Student Union), L. Vega (EOP/Testing)

Guest: A. Price (Admissions and Records)

Agenda Approval and Minutes 10/23/13: Agenda approved with addition of a third business item: "Impact of casino on students". 10/23/13 minutes approved with no changes.

Reports

Chair's Report (K. Thompson):

- Senate has been hearing reports from various task forces to identify the amount of funds needed to upgrade different aspects of campus operations. Tomorrow's task force report will be on funds needed to increase instructional capacity.
- At last Executive Committee meeting, the revision to the policy on the Periodic Evaluation of Temporary Faculty was deemed ready to move forward to the Senate.

Student Affairs Report (M. Lopez-Phillips):

- Higher number of cases of student misconduct currently, as is typical at this point in the semester.
- Today is move-in day for the Student Center.
- Nov. 8th is the deadline for IRA eligibility applications to be submitted to the Fee Advisory Committee.
- Alcohol and Drug Advisory Committee is meeting this afternoon. It will be looking at policy for safe and responsible alcohol use, including system to encourage other students to report incidents when a student is in trouble. Idea is to not have a punitive side to reporting so students will be more motivated to report.
- Panel yesterday at Commons on Andy Lopez shooting. M. Fabionar organized the event as a solutions-oriented approach. Dialogue was designed to engage students with community issues.

Res Life/CSLIS Report (P. Neville): No report

Testing/EOP (L. Vega): No report

ASI Report (C. Sisomphou): No report

Liaison Reports:

- Academic Advising Subcommittee (S. Ayala):
 - Adrienne Price attended last meeting and discussed advising of military veterans. She helped with suggesting revisions to advising forms for vets.
- ATI Committee (M. Lopez-Phillips): Working on annual report to Chancellor's Office.
- Athletic Council (L. Vega): No report
- Scholarship Committee (J. Shulman):
 - Information on last year's scholarships:
 - 603 applications submitted; 574 files considered (compared to 521 last year)
 - 290 awards made to 215 students; 75 students got more than 1 award
 - Total amount awarded: \$496,692; average award was \$1,049 per student
 - Committee is talking about expanding the categories of ethnicity to help committee learn about distribution of awards.
- Fee Advisory Committee (N. Lawson): No report

Business:

1. Review FSAC response to Dispute Resolution Board's recommendations on timely feedback to students

- SAC prefers the following wording for the newly proposed bullet item in the Course Outline Policy: "Feedback on course work should be provided to students within a reasonable timeframe." SAC members felt that the FSAC wording focused on the *timeframe* and not the *feedback*.
- If FSAC is devoted to its proposed bullet, SAC would prefer the following slight modification: "Feedback on course work should be provided to students within a reasonable timeframe that fits the course design."

2. Discussion on veterans at SSU (T.C. 11:00 Adrienne Price):

- At SSU, approximately 150 veterans and dependents are currently receiving benefits. Approximately 75 are veterans.
 - Veterans get priority registration. Vets have 36 months to use the benefits from the G.I. Bill. Should cover 4 years of college, assuming 9 months of school per year. Many vets "spend" their benefits at junior colleges and may need encouragement/guidance to move into 4-year universities.
 - Majority of veterans graduate.
 - Anticipating increased numbers of veterans, so plan is to enhance advising services.
- A. Price distributed multiple handouts to show the types of forms given to veterans during advising.
- Upcoming: Vets luncheon on Nov. 7th; Veterans Day benefits/discounts being offered; each department will have its own veterans advisor.
- Need a place for vets to meet, such as a "Vets Office". Also, need to explore the availability of federal and state funding to support the hiring of another veterans coordinator.
- Need to enhance connection between junior colleges and SSU for transition is easier for vets.
- SSU's transfer orientations have a table for vets. Maybe we should add a break-out session too?
- Work-study program is available through which we can hire veterans who are currently receiving benefits. Work-study students need extensive training, though, and staffing isn't sufficient at this time to allow for this.

3. Discussion on casino impact on students: Postponed to next meeting

Adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by K. Thompson