

Student Affairs Committee
Meeting of 11/08/2006

In Attendance:

Mark Fermanich, Leny Strobel, Janet Swing, Deb Kindy, Whitney Diver, Meri Storino
Paula Hammett

Absent: Doug Jordan, Matthew Mark Phillips

Recorder:

Leny Strobel

Minutes of 10/25/06: Approved with minor correction: Re: Business Item 3: Gustavo Gutierrez should be changed to Gustavo Flores. Item 5: Change to “Tim Tiemens re new housing on campus: to be rescheduled.”

Agenda of 11/08/06: Approved.

Academic Senate Report by Doug Jordan:

No report.

SAEM Report by Matthew Lopez-Philips

No report.

AS report by Whitney Diver

- Elaine Sundberg will make a presentation to AS regarding the planned shift from 3-4 units.
- APC charged a GE subcommittee to come up with an alternative GE plan looking at the 3-pt plan (Optimal-Probable-No New funding). The subcommittee is asking AS to provide input by Dec 8. AS is concerned that it has not been sufficiently apprised of the GE plan to be able to provide meaningful input by deadline.
Discussion: Paula Hammett suggested that perhaps AS can look at the current proposal and provide feedback. Also, clarify whether EPC, not APC, should be issuing the charge.

ACE report by Janet Swing

- The current undergraduate advising form will be phased out and replaced with Peoplesoft. ACE is anticipating possible questions from faculty on how to interpret Transfer Credit Report during transition.

Campus Climate Committee Report by Leny Strobel

- Campus Climate will do a Spring 07 Campus Climate Assessment Survey. The office of Institutional Research will distribute the survey to randomly selected classrooms.
- Plans are underway to bring resources (possibly faculty workshops, presentations) to SSU faculty on how to infuse multiculturalism in the curriculum.
Discussion: Paula Hammett asked if CCC has a current website. It is currently invisible on the SSU website.

Athletic Advisory Council Report by Deb Kindy:

- The committee wants to know if SAC would draft a general policy re Absences for all student commitments outside of academics e.g. jury duty, field trips, theater/arts co-curricular activities, athletics.

Discussion: Athletic Advisory Council may want to ask the Executive Committee if SAC is the committee that should be charged to draft this policy.

Fee Advisory Committee Report by Paula Hammett:

- \$2.3M in IRA funds is now available to SSU groups. Groups should check with Katie Pierce if they meet the eligibility criteria prior to applying.

Academic Advising Subcommittee Report by Mark Fermanich:

- The Peer Review report on the 22-Pts recommends the recruitment of a Director of Advising.
- Other recommendation: CMS system needs to be upgraded to facilitate advising.
- Re the Revision of the Academic Advising Policy: the Committee states that the Potential Mandatory Advising Policy is theoretically but not operationally sound. The committee will make their recommendations to SAC at the next meeting.

Business:

1. Advising Workshop Report: There were 15 attendees – new faculty, EMT adjuncts, other faculty. Janet Swing recommends that Doug send an email to the participants to ask them if the workshop met their needs.
2. Advising Policy Revision/Advising Plan Policy: Mark Fermanich stated that there is a need to work on the general advising policy before coming up with a mandatory advising plan.
Advising Subcommittee plans to do a Faculty Survey to determine needs related to advising.
Lenny Strobel asked if Departmental Program Reviews require an assessment of the effectiveness of their advising procedures.
Paula Hammett suggested that SAC make a recommendation to EPC that advising be part of Departmental Program Reviews.
Question: Is advising clearly articulated in Faculty job description? Is there time release for advising?
3. Fairness Board Charge: Committee approved the Fairness Board Charge with minor revisions.
4. USPC Goal: The committee agreed that there should be better coordination of various campus calendars re co-curricular programming on campus.
Question: Does the strategic goal of “quality student experience” need to be articulated within Campus Climate Committee as well? Is there a link between USPC and CCC?

Meeting adjourned at 11:45