

Student Affairs Committee

5 March 2014, 10:00 a.m.-11:50 a.m., Stevenson 1056

Present: K. Thompson (Chair, SBE), N. Lawson (LIB), M. Cohen (S&T), P. Neville (Student Union), L. Vega (EOP/Testing), S. Ayala (EDU), J. Shulman (SOC SCI), R. Lopez (A&H), M. Lopez-Phillips (CSAO), S. Anthony (AS)

Absent: A. Green (AS)

Guests: S. Cabaniss (S&T), N. Markley (A&F), Ann Mansfield (Career Svcs), Vanessa Bascherini (Academic Advisor), Alvin Nguyen (SYE Coordinator), Colleen Mahoney (Orientation & Summer Bridge)

Agenda approved with changes: Add TC of 11:00 a.m. to #2; add Form Priority Registration Committee as item #4 with TC of 11:35 a.m.

Minutes 2/5/14 approved with changes: The first 2 sentences of Neville's report should be the last 2 sentences under Markley's report, and they should be revised slightly to read as follows: "Student Center Board of Advisors will be meeting this week to discuss disbursement of Student Center fee, then will bring document to SAC. Starting conversation with J. Kornfeld to set up regular meetings with Markley, Lopez-Phillips, and Sundberg."

Reports

Chair's Report (K. Thompson):

- Course Outline policy passed at the last Senate meeting with little to no changes.
- Senate Diversity Subcommittee met with President's Diversity Council for first time.
- CFO Schlereth requesting addition of women's track team for gender equity.
- Parking lot D returning for reserved parking and some guest parking.
- Senate presentation and discussion of SSU Debt (Thompson distributed document).

SA Report (M. Lopez-Phillips):

Per M. Lopez-Phillips:

- Neil, John, Elaine, and MLP met last week and will set up regular meetings. Bias-motivated incident protocol has been sent to PDC. FAC met this morning, discussing gender equity and funding for club sports. Rough week for students per Counseling Center Director; increase in utilization of drop-in hours post mid-terms.

Per J. Kornfeld:

- Introductions of new Student academic advising staff (organization chart distributed).
- Money from Chancellor's office is improving bottleneck courses, but also providing more funding for student support services.
- Explained new Undergrad Studies organization chart based on redistributions from retirements and resignations. Full and part-time advisors (Yang is also RLC coordinator). Vega now full time testing coordinator. SYE coordinator is new. Funding for these positions is supposed to be added to undergrad studies base budget next year.
- Goals: need to grow the career center, at least one more professional; return to previous EOP advising levels (still .5 short); testing is revenue generator (for fee tests), but still not enough; need testing center.

Res Life/CSLIS Report (P.Neville):

Per Markley:

- Completing 24 focus groups to discuss and report on future of student services. In process of hiring two positions in CSLIS focused on club advising.
- Greeks held first annual community service day; 500 participants (about 50% of members).
- Distributed document on Student Union fee budget. Student Union fee made up of original fee + addition for Rec Center 12 yrs ago + new Student Center. Breakdown of revenue vs expenses. \$2.7 million left for operations after debt payments.
- Parking lot D will open next week for Reserved decal parking, official university guest parking, and timed parking spaces (about 30 spaces initially with a 30 minute timeframe). There will also be special event parking (which could close the lot periodically, mostly in the summertime and weekends).
- The budget report was also presented to Student Center Board of Advisors (Markley will report to them 4 times annually). Will try to bring more complete breakdown of Student Center budget to next meeting, since some of the inflow/outflow is captured in the Residential Life budget.

Per Neville

- 2 weeks ago Greek summit among new members in community (familiar issues).
- This Friday, CSLIS will have regular meeting among Greeks and Chiefs of Police of local agencies. Part of an effort to broaden student perceptive of living in a town and conducting events.

- Residence halls will be taking 25 students to upcoming Vienna Philharmonic and a post-concert event where some will be able to interact with artists. Another Res hall group will be going to Armstrong Woods, and another group will get a super food demonstration with chocolatier.
- Housing contracts are about to go out for next year.

Testing/EOP (L. Vega): deferred

AS Report (A. Green/S. Anthony):

- ASP came to AS a couple of weeks ago to talk about restructuring with departure of Bruce Berkowitz. Asked to create student coordinators for 6 different areas for a variety of events (more like a traditional programming board).
- Debates for AS VP today (Green is running, hence her absence).
- Academic Success Fee is no longer on the table, but could be brought back in future.
- AS passed a resolution requesting consistent labeling on waste bins. Another resolution requests water bottle refilling stations to be installed around campus.

Liaison Reports: all deferred

Academic Advising Subcommittee (S. Ayala):
 ATI Committee (S. Ayala):
 Athletic Council (L. Vega):
 Fee Advisory Committee (N. Lawson):
 Scholarship Committee (J. Shulman):
 Alcohol & Drug Advisory (R. Lopez):

Business:

1. Resolution on SSU Services to veterans: deferred
2. Possible revisions to form used for informal resolution of cheating and plagiarism cases (T.C. 11:00 a.m.):
 - Thompson distributed old and new revised version of form. Thompson made revisions based on K. Nielsen's concerns from last meeting. Some concerns that if it says 'alleged' in many places then the student's signing does not acknowledge sanctions and personal accountability. Should 'alleged' appear at all on the document? MLP will talk to Nielsen about her experience. Concluded first reading.
3. Addition to Grade Appeal Policy (T. C. 11:15 a.m. L. Holmstrom):
 - EO 1074 states that if discrimination is part of a grade appeal, then the grade appeal can be held in abeyance until the discrimination case is resolved. Also, discrimination case outcomes can be shared with DRB. Holmstrom suggests that SAC add language to the Grade Appeals Policy section C to that effect. May want to talk about this in grievance policy as well. Suggested that we remove specific names of people in favor of official roles in policy (at least one is person named now).
 - Also SAC could make recommendation to FSAC about workshops for all faculty to address harassment and discrimination in the classroom.
4. Form Priority Registration Committee (T.C. 11:35 a.m.): Some groups get status priority status automatically (NCAA athletes, DSS), but groups can also apply. We have received 1 application. Volunteers for this subcommittee: S. Anthony (Student), S. Ayala (Faculty), N. Lawson (Faculty), L. Vega (SSP), M. Lopez-Phillips (Admin).

Information items: none

Adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by N. Lawson