

Student Affairs Committee

6 February 2013, 10:00 am-11:50am Sue Jameson Room

Present: K. Thompson (Chair, SBE), P. Neville (Student Union), L. Naumann (SOC SCI), Nicole Lawson (LIB), M. Lopez-Phillips (SA), S. Ayala (EDU)

Absent: T. Watts (S&T), L. Vega (EOP/Testing), AS representatives

Agenda Approval and Minutes 1/24/12: Deferred

Reports

Chair's Report (K. Thompson):

- President's Diversity Council is losing its chair when Dean Leeder retires. Senate Diversity Subcommittee discussing future structure of diversity committees. To be examined by Structures & Functions.
- Change coming forward in wording of Area B GE pattern to correct imbalance between science and math courses eligible. Should come forward at Senate in 2 weeks.
- AS working on a resolution related to advising; want to encourage consistency across schools.
- Two Facebook groups called Sonoma State Confessions (there are similar groups for other schools) have gotten started. First group put in some restrictions which led to creation of second group. Anonymous postings and, recently, racist, sexist, homophobic content. Campus looking into free speech protections and university obligations with general counsel. Some student discussion of bombing the site with positive content.

SA Report (M. Lopez-Phillips):

- Multiple campus task forces soon to be established by Provost and CFO in following areas:
 - Co-curricular/student life: Eric Dixon, Neil Markley, Heather Howard. Charge is to look at student experience.
 - Instructional technology.
 - Residential community and instructional capacity.
 - Urgent maintenance and repairs.
- SAC should have representation on student experience committees. N. Markley will be discussing these committees at Senate tomorrow.
- S. Ayala volunteered to serve on instructional technology task force. P. Neville volunteered to be a part of the co-curricular/student life task force.
- Not clear how services will be affected with push to recruit more out-of-state students. Will revenue generation really offset costs?

Res Life/CSLIS Report (P. Neville):

- Sonoma Student Union Corp. is in process of dissolving itself (since August); registered as 501(3)c so they have to go through some CO and state level hoops.
- Plan for dissolution has been initially approved, and hope is to be fully dissolved by end of March. Waiting for signature from state attorney general's office.
- Reasoning: current legal and auditing fees and required reserve are drain on monies received. New student center fee will still be received by Union, and more money can go directly to student services.
- Union has governing board w/majority student membership. This will go away, but will be replaced by Student Center Advisory Board (chaired by and with majority representation of students).
- P. Neville will send advisory board policy to SAC.
- Student Center: opening date just before first day of classes in August 2103. Dining Services move to be phased in because of short opening timeline. Public spaces and meeting rooms are priority for opening day. Landscaping plan in place as well.
- The pre-approved Student Union fee increase will begin in Fall 2013 (when building is in operation); student union fee will rise from approximately \$196 to \$356.

Testing/EOP (L. Vega): None

ASI Report: No representative.

Liaison Reports: all deferred

- Academic Advising Subcommittee (S. Ayala):
- ATI Committee (S. Ayala):
- Athletic Council (L. Vega):
- Fee Advisory Committee (N. Lawson):
- Scholarship Committee (L. Naumann):
- Senate Diversity Subcommittee:

Business:

1. Elect 2013/2014 Chair: Deferred

2. Disability Services for Students (T.C. 11:00 a.m. Brent Boyer):

- Boyer distributed informational document to committee reflecting student population statistics. Numbers increasing overall with ADD & Learning Disability being largest portions. Also seeing increase in autism spectrum which has created new challenges for classroom and residential life.
- Office does academic advising in addition to accommodation letters for each individual.
- Boyer also distributed DSS priority registration procedure document. Intent is to review eligibility on an individual basis to see what makes the most sense as an accommodation based on student needs. DSS provides opportunities for resubmission of eligibility rationale if needed and will also put an appeal process in place. Process has so far been implemented in phases beginning last fall (2012) with requirement to meet with advisor by November 1 for eligibility.
- Space is an issue because of the markedly increased demand for testing accommodations. DSS uses their offices and conference room, in addition to the tutoring center & the SAEM conference room. There is a clear long-term need for a campus testing center. DSS could handle alternative media, assistive technology requests, and additional time/quiet space requests with a testing center.
- Also, there is a definite future need for increased staff, which would allow Boyer to focus on more administration and planning for DSS.
- Boyer reinforced the idea that DSS needs to be a collective campus-wide effort. SAC could craft resolution to support this idea. This office is a prime example of demand far exceeding the services they can currently offer.
- Boyer also distributed a document with disability awareness month activities.

Adjourned at 11:55am

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by N. Lawson