

# Student Affairs Committee

12 September 2012, 10:00 am-11:50pm ST 1040

**Present:** D. Romesburg (Soc Sci), K. Thompson (Chair, SBE), I. Kanaana (S&T), M. Lopez-Phillips (SA), A. Gallino (AS), L. Vega (EOP/Testing), R. Lopez (A&H), S. Ayala (EDU), C. McDade (LIB, proxy), A. Barker (AS)

**Absent:** Nicole Lawson (LIB) [sent proxy], P. Neville (Student Union)

**Agenda Approval and Minutes 5/9/12 and 8/29/12:** All approved without changes

## Reports

### Chair's Report (K. Thompson)

Senate approved resolution to support Prop 30. Mayors of Rohnert Park and Cotati will be at next Senate meeting. On Academic Coordinating Team (ACT), focus for semester will be on brainstorming restructuring possibilities for the campus. "Trigger" for public higher education if Prop 30 fails could be higher than the \$250 million figure being discussed. Board of Trustees considering elimination of 9-unit upper-division GE requirement at September meeting. Library "It Matters!" series launches tomorrow. MCC event list distributed.

### SA Report (M. Lopez-Phillips)

New "Hub" name for MCC discussed. Idea is supposed to be action-oriented; up to us to continue that dialogue. President has not yet finalized approval of name change. E-chug alcohol education for all incoming students this year. Alcohol/Drug Advisory group discussing local hot spots of trouble/issues with alcohol and students. Working with neighbors in local area to both welcome and troubleshoot. Also nexus and Code of Conduct issues for formal/informal events. Challenges of recession, foreclosure, lack of policing greater student population in neighborhoods is leading neighbors to animosity and pressure points. Multiple educational prongs being tried along with informal citizenship conversations. Possibly develop a restorative justice program? Greeks offer some Th, F, Sat designated driving nights and Save a Seawolf program. Should there be an enrollment management report?

### ASI Report (A. Gallino and A. Barker)

Considering resolution on Prop 30 (linked to voter reg drive). Seeking to make student committee appointments. Two vacant Senate positions (School of Ed and Diversity Senator). Asked faculty to make announcements in class.

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

Note: change needed in agenda's reports section -- Testing/EOP ~~Advising~~ Report (L. Vega): EOP going into transition as Associate Director is retiring. Also the director of testing will be retiring, so there are leadership concerns going forward. B. Berkowitz, J. Kornfeld, and L. Vega meeting this term to create plan. Summer Bridge went well, but splintered b/c of cost; now 3-day summer and 2-day at start of term. New revenue being generated by CLEP (College Learning Equivalency Program) tests (in approximately 30 subjects). Edie Brown and Janet Swing now in charge of advising. Question of who is the right representative for reporting to SAC on advising. Advising information should get to SAC via liaison to Academic Advising Subcommittee.

Liaison Reports: No reports

**Business:**

**1. Elect secretary:** Nicole Lawson elected for 2012-2013 unanimously

**2. Determine liaisons to various committees:** Approved unanimously

Athletic Council: L. Vega

Fee Advisory Committee: N. Lawson

Scholarship Committee: I. Kanaana (Fall)/L. Vega (Spring)

Academic Advising Subcommittee: S. Ayala

ATI Committee: S. Ayala

Senate Diversity Subcommittee : R. Lopez

**3. Review SAC charge (deferred)**

**4. Review of 2011-12 end-of-year report (deferred)**

**5. Discuss progress of merger of Student Affairs with Academic Affairs (TC 11 am):**

Provost Rogerson visited SAC. Draft organization chart was distributed and discussed. Cost savings to address structural deficit of \$5 million overall. Savings attempted to reach \$800k. \$550k currently saved by moving people into some positions and not filling other positions. Retirements coming up as well; seeking existing people on campus to fill positions hopefully to reduce costs by another \$300k. Change mostly in reporting lines at this point. Strategy is one of multiple feedback loops. Advising, Career Services, EOP, Orientation talking to/overseen by Undergraduate Studies (J. Kornfeld). Academic Programs (E. Sundberg) now oversees Admissions/Records, Recruitment/Student Learning Services. Chief Student Affairs Officer continues to sit on cabinet, and has oversight for the whole of student affairs in terms of reporting. Still have a Student Affairs page on the website. Advantage now is improved communication. Study Abroad now housed in Extended Education. (Will lead to developing global outreach, but cost for international students has not changed.) SAC request: Added line under undergrad studies for testing. Matt Benny (grants officer) charged to look at new programs or external funding to help with student affairs positions.

Hopeful that communication will address challenges in expertise, training, evidence-/data-driven best practices across university areas addressing student needs, including N. Markley areas. Working on this now. Possible committees to be assembled, such as out-of-state recruitment, etc. Want to bring in Res Life and others. Hoping to clarify outcomes.

How can SAC help with process? Hoping we can help MLP drive the mission. Chief Student Affairs Officer continuing open door policy. SAC as possible initiator of discussion of what SSU's guiding principles for student affairs will be. MLP: Great support of Student Affairs in SAC over the years. Rationale needs to be beyond bottom line. Potential stronger position/clout by two voices at Cabinet (CSAO and Provost).

Adjourned at 11:45 am.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by D. Romesburg