

Student Affairs Committee

15 September 2010, 10 am-12pm Darwin 101

Present: J. Mahdavi (Chair, Ed.), I. Kanaana (S & T), R. Lopez (A & H), K. Thompson (Bus), D. Romesburg (Soc Sci), M. Lopez-Phillips (SAEM), L. Vega ACE

Absent: P. Ramey (AS), S. Cunningham (Lib)

Guests: J. Wingard

Agenda: Approved unanimously with amendment of third business item.

Minutes of 9/1/10: Approved.

Reports

Chair's Report (J. Mahdavi):

- CSU Executive Order about counseling to delineate direct services to students required
- Allowing Spring applications but may not accept them. Will know by 9/26 if we will be open, closed or conditional acceptance.
- President has prioritized Vice Provost search if admin money comes available.
- Revised diversity commendation going to Senate for 2nd read this week.
- Class attendance policy @Athletics/ Academic Freedom subcoms.
- Time/Place/Manner free speech policy currently at FASC.

SAEM Report (M. Lopez-Phillips):

- ACE and Registrar working on conditional admits matching and prep to test (ELM and EPT) into math and English as well as j.c. and h.s. remediation plans.
- On Counseling: CSU draft executive order presented to presidents showing that some campuses underserve students, others less so. Student fee, general fund, and endowed funds recommended to sustain and grow counseling. President allowed to create fee, then goes through referendum or Fee Advisory Committee. Can look at victim's advocate, since position needs to be 65% to direct student services and by national standards should be 1:1000 counselor/student ratios. SSU needs to identify its own staffing pattern (1:2000?) built into fee system. SAC will give feedback when initial plan is created.
- Faculty review committee for ACE needs to be set ASAP; chair to task this.
- ASI leadership proposal for first-year leadership pilot project (\$1500).
- GE reform needs to consider systems and infrastructure in timeline.

ASI Report (P. Ramey): Absent.

ACE Report (L. Vega):

- EOP academy classes going well. Hold on EOP grants until see ACE.
- Undeclared advising: Seeing probationary students this month; Pulling back from workshops, instead one on one.
- Career services/ advising hope to hire before December to restore some positions lost in last cuts. M. Lopez-Phillips will bring forward staff hire proposals. Prioritizing career, articulation, and counseling first.
- World of Work: Agenda item next time on rights/responsibilities of recruitment? Suggested conduct guidelines? What dialogue should happen before WoW to mitigate disruption and honor free speech.
- Working to bring Kaplan and other sessions on campus for grad school prep.

Liaison Reports:

- No reports: Athletic Council (L. Vega); Scholarship Committee (I. Kanaana); Fee Advisory (K. Thompson)
- Academic Advising (R. Lopez):
 - Meeting alternate Thursdays 230-330 to SAC weeks for needs timeliness.
 - Wants clarification of duties—perhaps revise charge to make it less directly answerable to SAC for all decisions.

Business

Business Item #1: Senate Chair J. Wingard visit.

- Encouraged us to not personalize and be mindful that on SAC we represent entire schools, Senate more diverse, requires reintroduction of terms of discussion. Gives example of GE Reform challenge currently in discussion.
- Summarize issues discussed and why conclusions were drawn. Coherent SAC minutes reflecting this important.
- In SAC reporting to Senate, bring important stuff as actionable items eliciting response as way of focusing Senate to key matters.
- Report to the Senate all SAC recommendations to administration.
- K. Thompson expressed concern that Ex. Com. not block Senate-wide presentations on SAC information items deemed most important by SAC (Example of presenting recruiting plan/data to be not interrupted, then followed by time-certain discussion period). Also issue of civility.

Business Item #2: Victim / Advocate Memo (D. Romesburg presenting)

- Concerns articulated:
 - marginalization and victimization issues
 - inclusion of all protected categories
 - housed primarily in confidential office, part-time in Multicultural Center
 - Prioritize two positions: Student Advocate and Student Counselor
- D. Romesburg will revise and we will resolve online before next meeting

Business Item #3: Recruitment Report

- Encourage reporting ASAP, so we engage productive discussions with Senate.

Business Item #4: Party at M. Lopez-Phillips house: Friday, October 8, 5-7 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by D. Romesburg.