

MINUTES OF THE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
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Members Present: M. Jackson (chair), N. Nisbett, C. Coon, G. Kim, , L. Weiser, D. Drexler, R. Wanjema, A. Gill, B. Sethuramasamyraka,

Guests: Janell Morillo (Campus Coordinator of Academic Advising)

Members Absent: M. Dangi, M Menchaca,

The meeting was called to order at 10:05a.m. in Thomas Administration, room #117.

1. Minutes from April 9th, 2014 and September 10th we reviewed. MSC to approve both without amendments.
2. This meeting included a number of new members so we began the meeting with brief introductions from each committee member.
3. We discussed recent activities and Janelle provided an overview of our current involvement with APM 205 – Policy on Undergraduate Student Academic Advising.
4. The committee reviewed suggested definitions of advising that had been submitted by committee members.
5. Members suggested that it might be useful to conduct brief interviews with a number of current advisors across campus.
6. The committee composed a short list of questions about the strengths and weaknesses of the definitions we had composed, the types of advising they do on campus, and the differences between mentoring and advising. Each committee member then committed to interview advisors in their departments or colleges.
7. The student representative raised advising issues related to Dog Days. The main concern was that students might not know that they can register for classes during a broader time period. Other members suggested that Dog Days may have become too much of a catch all with varied activities being conducted on these days. Providing a larger number of Dog Days may not be helpful for those who work and have limited financial means to attend a greater number of Dog Days. Members suggested that students are mainly focused on class registration during Dog Days and that we could improve the process by conducting a follow-up meeting (this has been tried before but the

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follow-up wasn't mandatory and wasn't well attended). Conclusions were that we could perhaps do a better job of communicating Dog Days information with students. The Student representative will meet with the provost and others and update the committee at the next meeting.

MSC to adjourn at 10:45 a.m.