

## **Student Affairs Committee Minutes**

### **September 7, 2011**

**Present:** Jennifer Mahdavi (Chair), Izabela Kanaana, Tony Kerr, Amanda Kosty, Nicole Lawson, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Don Romesburg, Luis Vega

**Guest:** Ben Ford

**Absent:** Ron Lopez

**Approval of Agenda:** approved

**Approval of Minutes:** no previous minutes to approve

## **REPORTS**

### **Chair's Report:**

- Diversity subcommittee asked at senate for two at-large members, one will join our group as a liaison. Unlikely that we will have liaison to their group as SAC doesn't have an at-large member.
- RSCAP funding has been given by library budget.
- Search for a new ORSP Director will begin soon.
- Proposal at Senate meeting to change the structure of how an Senate Chair can run (so they can run for reelection, one extra term only). Vice Chair would no longer be chair elect, also reelectable for second term.

### **SAEM Report:**

- Career Counselor has left for job in SF, will be recruiting soon for position (SSP3). Multicultural Center Director (MPP) position under review now. Need to get feedback from an advisory group composed of faculty, student, and staff. Looking for MCC Interim Director now, hoping to open MCC ASAP.
- Interactive Theater Project was part of orientation this year. Very good response to skit on bystander behavior around sexual misconduct. Keri Harris is now full-time student advocate.

### **Associated Students Report:**

- AS reps to SAC appointed last night, hoping for more continuity than last year. Most student reps to committees are filled.
- AS will be working on policy revisions to simplify processes and procedures.
- Meetings will be every Tuesday at 6p.
- 'Sonoma Serves event coming soon, 9/24. Opportunity for 600 volunteers to go out into community and complete service projects. Kosty will get more info and send out email to the committee.

**ACE Report:**

- No report, as ACE doesn't exist anymore.
- Restructuring: Advising, Career & EOP are now standalone programs. Vega advises EOP only. Physical space has been rearranged as well.
- Testing & proctoring are doing well in new structure & gaining revenue through serving other institutions with independent testing.
- Mahdavi will review bylaws to clarify Vega's role as a continuing rep on the committee.

**Liaisons' Reports:** None**BUSINESS****1. Select Liaisons:**

- Lopez was liaison to Academic Advising last year, may continue this year.
- Thompson has already agreed to be the liaison to the Fees Committee.
- Vega will be the liaison to the Athletics Committee.
- Kanaana will be the liaison to the Scholarship Committee.
- Mahdavi send out email to confirm liaisons.

**2. SAC 2010-11 End of Year Report:**

- Members noted clerical changes regarding dates.
- Mahdavi requested that the committee brainstorm additional ideas for issues to highlight this year.

**3. Visit from Academic Senate Chair Ben Ford: SSU's 50<sup>th</sup> Year (T.C. 10:30):**

- SSU doesn't have cohesive academic story that we can share with world, hampers academic recruitment.
- Ford is speaking with committee to get feedback around identity that we can all support.
- Our current motto: lux orbis, lux mentis (light of the world, light of the mind).
- Question from committee: when & how was current mission statement formed? Could use past process for campus branding as precedent.
- Lunches at the Faculty Center can also serve as informal brainstorming forum in addition to other discussions.
- Ford will be talking AS.
- Thompson suggested: Transforming minds and inspiring responsibility,
- Romesburg suggested: Evolve, connect, transform

**4. Revisions to Cheating/Plagiarism, Grievance, and Grade Appeal policies:**

- Cheating & Plagiarism - II.F. what can we assign in lieu of RD? Should be changed to RP.
- Grade appeal - I.B. add link to grade appeal procedures.
- Grievance - Add statement from IV.A. to preamble

- Mahdavi will send out with changes to committee for second reading.

5. **Student Handbook for Grievances and Grade Appeals:**

- Introduction can be streamlined, less wordy, active voice.
- Mahdavi will send it out as a document to the committee so that changes can be tracked and shared.

--Minutes by Lawson