

Student Affairs Committee Meeting of 09/03/08

Attendance: Karen Thompson, Maureen Buckley, Derek Girman, Luis Vega, Jennifer Mahdavi, Mack Olson, Tyler Hammond

Absent: Representative from the School of Arts and Humanities

Agenda was approved.

Minutes of 05/14/08 were approved without changes.

Reports

Chair's Report (K. Thompson)

- ☐ Athletics Dept. was moved from Student Affairs Division to Administration and Finance—without faculty consultation.
- ☐ WASC has 6 major recommendations to be complied with by Oct. 2009. See report. Item #6 regarding diversity is most likely within SAC's purview.
- ☐ President's Diversity Council will be formed soon to create actionable items & implement them. Will replace Campus Climate Committee so will require a change in SAC's bylaws.
- ☐ President Arminana reported that the CSU will be \$250 million short based on the current state budget. The CSU as a whole is overenrolled by 11,000 students.
- ☐ CSU can make payroll through December out of the General Fund.
- ☐ The Library will not be sending a representative to SAC for the Fall 2008 semester.

SAEM Report (M. Olson)

- ☐ Summer Orientations are now being evaluated and planning is getting started for next summer. The cost of SSU's orientation is the highest relative to other CSUs. Parents seemed to be impressed with the campus and faculty. What do we do if students don't attend a mandatory orientation?
- ☐ Drugs and alcohol items:
 - o SAEM is involved in responding to the CSU Presidents' proposal to lower the drinking age to 18.
 - o SAEM hired Judi Toogood-Reynolds as a new Drug and Alcohol Counselor: nationally certified.
 - o 2nd year of online alcohol education program. 50% fewer alcohol referrals to Mack's office last year.

ASI Report (T. Hammond)

- ☐ Planning for new University Center.
- ☐ Working on resolution for textbook affordability.

ACE Report (L. Vega)

- ☐ Largest EOP group ever admitted this semester. Successful Summer Bridge program.
- ☐ Only .5 career counselor position currently for entire university. Interviewing for a new person. Doing lots of online advising. Developing an online Career Center Tour.
- ☐ Many students are interested in work-study positions, but there are not enough jobs for them all due to budget cutbacks.
- ☐ Unit 3 and Unit 4 issues surrounding teaching continue. SSPs will no longer do presentations to classes until the Chancellor clarifies matters.
- ☐ Students are having lots of trouble getting classes. "Consent of Instructor" on Peoplesoft appears to be a deterrent for students.

No liaison reports.

Business Item #1: Appoint secretary

J. Mahdavi agreed to serve as secretary for 2008-2009.

Business Item #2: Appoint liaisons to committees:

Derek Girman to Athletic Council

Maureen Buckley to Scholarship

Maureen Buckley to Fee Advisory

No liaison was appointed to Campus Climate Committee since CCC has been dissolved.

Derek Girman to Advising Subcommittee

Business Item #3: Report on Fairness Board Training

Laurel Holmstrom updated SAC on the training given to the new Fairness Board members (14 of them). FB is the new way to hear grade appeals, honesty cases and grievances.

- ☐ The Board scheduled meeting times. Sept. 12 is first date: 3 cases to hear that day.
- ☐ Agreed to 1-hour evaluation meeting each semester
- ☐ New Website: Senate → Fairness Board. Make sure policies are linked to forms.
- ☐ Chair is Diana Grant from CCJ for Fall 2008. Will work with all parties to make sure all forms are completed. Members of Fairness Board will serve 2-year terms.
- ☐ The FB Chair or Laurel will be invited to report on Fairness Board activities once each semester.

Business Item #4: End of Year Report and Planning Discussion

2007-2008 end-of-year report moved to 9/17/08 meeting.

Planning Priorities for 2008-09 Academic Year (from 05/14/08 list)

- ☐ As planned in May 2008:
 - Get at least 1 ASI rep: done—Tyler Hammond is our new rep.
 - Strategic Plan input: Karen will go to meetings as SAC Chair.
 - Collaborating with Chuck Rhodes on a survey of perceived needs regarding “After-Hours Services.”
 - Matthew Lopez-Philips will attend more SAC meetings to increase communication flow.
 - Consulting group report on Student Affairs Division is not yet finished.
- ☐ New thoughts
 - Work to support better advising practices
 - What do students want? Career advising, emotional support, class advising???
 - Add emphasis to increasing and supporting diversity of students.
 - Bifurcation of liberal arts institution vs. comprehensive university? What kind of university do students think they are going to?
 - What’s the SSU mission?
 - Counseling Resolution: keep it visible.

Business Item #5: President’s Response to 3/6 Resolution of No-Confidence

SAC members will read responses and email Karen with thoughts as to what areas SAC would like to comment on this semester.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by J. Mahdavi.