

Student Affairs Committee

1 December 2010, 10:10 am-12pm Darwin 101

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

Absent: S. Cunningham (Lib) [parental leave],

Guests: C. Rhodes

Agenda: Approved.

Minutes of 11/10/10: Approved.

Reports

Chair's Report (J. Mahdavi):

- First reading of Fairness Board at Senate—removed “exigent”

SAEM Report (M. Lopez-Phillips):

- Offering to career counselor, waiting to see before second search position in spring contingent on mid-year budget.
- Consultants hope to have draft of effectiveness and best practices report for approval
- 10-unit first pass well received.
- S. Johnson (Associate Registrar) will be coordinating orientations for the remainder of year until permanently staffed.
- Spring numbers low—less transfers and graduate students, in part b/c competitive outreach from other CSUs. Graduating more. Over 400 graduating this semester.
- ACE Advisory Committee going well, esp. with fuzzy concept of an Advising Center, jointly funded within Academic and Student Affairs, one-stop service for students (not just undeclared, but all for lower-division (GE)), lessening workload for faculty, specific designated course release for incentivized faculty involvement, dedicated staff.

ASI Report (H. Purcell and N. Pratt):

- Proposal now to have AS be 1 per school, and then other student representatives as committee/task/interest area affiliated. It's popular. Nicole will forward SAC the presentation.

ACE Report (L. Vega):

- Undeclared advising going well, although some confusion in stretch 100A/B English course. Could be made more clear: FAQ being revised. Also Math 35/45.
- Career: Community meet-greet small but good.
- EOP: Yesterday last day for application to CSU, now awaiting rush of EOP apps.
- More first-year EOP students leaving midyear, in part b/c admitted at CSU-LB, Chico, etc., for Spring.
- Will be overseeing Nursing TEAS test from now on.

Liaison Reports:

- No reports: Scholarship Committee (I. Kanaana); Academic Advising (R. Lopez); Athletic Council (L. Vega)
- Fee Advisory (K. Thompson): Three applications for IRA funding, COMS course fee application not accepted (\$2,000), looked at IRA fund balances. A handful will be told

funds will be swept unless spent down in next 6 mos.; Referendum on Student Center is being organized for a student vote in the spring."

Business

Business Item #1: Multicultural Center, Women's Center (T.C. C. Rhodes, 10:15)

- ICC first funded through EOP back in the early 1980s, Women's Center in 1980s vision to reach a wide audience of women's students (athletes, Greek programs, residential) as more traditional age students came in as part of retention effort, in context of male-dominated faculty at time. First sexual assault coordinator (late 1980s/early 1990s) not run through Women's Center, in part b/c high rates of male assault/unwanted sexual advances. When Cris Montgomery took over Women's Center, took on some of this support. Dramatically reduced outreach to Res life, Greek, athletes. During 2005 budget crisis: CCGS collapsed Women's Center/ICC. In 2007-2010, poorly funded/staffed; moved back to Student Affairs from A&F. In Fall 2010, MCC renamed, one FT staff position with Chuck overseeing as director of staff (three third-time positions from Res Life: Heather French, Julie Greathouse, Crystal White). Now a center promoting inclusiveness on campus.
- Vision of a comprehensive center: Trying to work with national trend toward consolidation in mid-sized/smaller campuses. Intersectional approach. Generally for our size, 1-2 staff members and then grad student/undergrad interns.
- Student groups meeting at MCC now. Also Coordinator challenge to reach out to those students of color, women, men, LGBTQ not part of affiliated student clubs.
- Issue of Gender at MCC: Wants to make sure that broad range of women's needs/wants addressed in terms of programming and services. Also incorporating issues of men. Seeking programming through mini-grant proposals for Black History Month, Women's History Month, Gender Programming (\$3500 together). Also ASP for Heritage Lecture Series-type big names. Also trying to raise campus-wide engagement for each of the major months—MCC a clearinghouse to publicize and centralize, becomes generative of more comprehensive buy-in. Acknowledges gender one area less served currently.
- Staff training on working to help facilitate concerns of discrimination. Four diverse interns and four AS reps on Advisory Board.
- Anticipating a 1-2 year trajectory of full functionality. Plan of vision in January to go before Advisory Board for consideration.
- On the Women's Center: In ideal, when Student Center opens, plan for space for MCC and within it (3xmore space than currently). Hopefully women's issues/programming within this.
- Big Issue: The President and others: \$350,000 was supposed to be funded in one-time monies, so year-to-year it is vulnerable. (Supposed to be for Director of Diversity (\$50K), new center rent (\$150k), other for MCC staffing/programming.) As of yesterday, likely to be gone as of June 2011. This is a retention issue for underrepresented populations.
 - How can we act on this issue? Bringing it fully into Student Affairs with funding as regular budget item? Incorporated into Student Union/AS/EOP?
 - Diversity Subcommittee taking up this issue in relationship to Center for Gender.

Business Item #2: Senate Recruitment Presentation Comments

- Gina's sent the wrong presentation. J. Mahdavi will request the correct one and forward it to members of SAC for feedback.

Business Item #3: Class Attendance Policy

- What do we want in the policy—J. Mahdavi will draft.

Adjourned at 12:00 pm.
Minutes respectfully submitted by D. Romesburg