

Student Affairs Committee

9 October 2013, 10:00 - 11:50 am, Stevenson 1056

Present: K. Thompson (Chair, SBE), Nicole Lawson (LIB), Ron Lopez (A&H), M. Cohen (S&T), Peter Neville (Student Union), Claudia Sisomphou (AS)

Absent: S. Ayala (EDU), Julie Shulman (SOC SCI), M. Lopez-Phillips (CSAO), L. Vega (EOP/Testing), AS rep

Guests: H. Emery Ortiz (IS)

Agenda Approval and Minutes 9/11/13 & 9/25/13: Agenda approved. 9/25/13 minutes approved with no changes. 9/11/13 minutes approved with a change to the last sentence in business item #4's first bullet item: delete "4 years of", so it will now read "...and she has advanced training in trauma counseling."

Reports

Chair's Report (K. Thompson):

- New CSU Chancellor White on campus today. There will be open forum in Weill Hall at 4 pm today.
- Mayor of Cotati was at last Senate meeting--very dynamic speaker. Talked about historical decisions made in Cotati and how they have affected the city.
- Head count of 9,120 student as of 9/26 (CA resident 9,040). Avg unit load is 13.67 overall; the avg unit load for undergrads is 14.804.
- Hired Director of Curricular Innovation and Educational Design: Anne Steckel (formerly Instructional Designer at Chico State).
- SSU at-a-glance infographic distributed; data based on survey of freshmen.
- Jason Wenrick reported on Instructional Technology task force (report distributed) at Senate.
- Black Scholars United are putting together a fundraising/awareness drive; campaign will be 'Becoming Seawolves United', and they'll be selling bracelets to symbolize campus unity.
- John Urbanski will be faculty rep to AS Elections Commissioner committee.
- 16 grant proposals submitted for GMC academic funds.
- AS Social Science senator has resigned; will need a new senator from the School.

SA Report (M. Lopez-Phillips): None

Res Life/CSLIS Report (P. Neville):

- Res Life staff have not heard any complaints about newly reduced quiet hours. Cindy Morozumi is working on increasing support for transfer students; held event this week.
- Trio Ariadne will be doing free performance in Weill Hall on Fri at 7:30 pm. Homecoming this weekend; flyers distributed.
- 140 student clubs active on campus this fall. Panhellenic summit conducted this fall for men and women.
- HUB is looking at grad celebration for cultural orgs at end of year. Variety of planning and funding approaches involved; trying to facilitate more joint planning and dependable funding.

Testing/EOP (L. Vega): None

ASI Report: Student Senate met on Friday. Appointed Sarah Dinari as AS Senator of Undeclared Studies.

Discussed recognition of 2013 CSU Trustee award recipient; not selected for SSU yet. Senator Annie Green working on class size and scheduling issues. Proposal to eliminate plastic water bottles and install refilling stations.

Liaison Reports:

- Academic Advising Subcommittee (S. Ayala): none
- ATI Committee (S. Ayala): none
- Athletic Council (L. Vega): none
- Scholarship Committee (J. Shulman): none

- Fee Advisory Committee (N. Lawson): FAC has continued discussing how to create an equitable formula for IRA fund disbursement. AS President will be meeting with President Arminana to get his support for any changes, as the committee's decisions are ultimately recommendations to the President.

Business:

1. Review of A&F reorganization plan for former Student Affairs areas:

- Areas of concern regarding reorg:
 - Shifting of staff into positions in which they have no expertise (Are they qualified? What kind of training will they get?).
 - If positions are vacated and then have to be rehired will these combinations of skills be found in potential candidates?
 - Will Rec Center funds be used for CSLIS and is that what students intended for those funds?
 - Markley mentioned that the new structure would better support RLCs in the 24 hr on-call duties. What does that mean in practical terms, helping out at off hours or with regular duties?
 - There has been lack of collaboration across all areas of student affairs in reorg planning. Lopez-Phillips and Kornfeld not included in conversations. AS also feels they weren't consulted early enough in the planning process.
 - Rather than waiting for separate areas to get in order, would be helpful to set-up regular meeting among all areas of student affairs to flesh out issues. Looking for better communication and coordination.
 - Seems to be perception that we won't be hiring a new director of Campus Rec (now Director of Leadership). Word in the street is that some programs including wilderness, super kids camp, nutrition, and massage could be cut in new model. According to P. Neville, only super kids camp is proposed to be cut in new model. Uncertainty and lack of communication is a problem.
 - Also concerns about staffing approach in Res Life. Possible lack of training and expertise with non-Master's degree staff.
- Thompson will create report or resolution on these issues to forward to Senate. She will put out additional call for concerns at next meeting.

2. Review Bias Response Team Draft Document:

- How do we report and respond to issues related to incivility and bias on campus? How does this work within established structure for reporting incidents that occur in class?
- Need to recognize that if there is a flashpoint incident like we had last semester that immediate response is critical. Need to be flexible and supportive (not too rigidly bound to policy).
- Bias Response Team could be a good group to create guidelines for quick response plan.
- In terms of members, add expert from relevant area of study to be on-call depending on incident. Add director of Res Life (with RLC).

3. Recommendations for improving transportation-related safety on campus:

- CRC task force recommended no changes to current policy. Overall, SAC sees areas for improvement in safety. What areas should committee tackle; what kinds of recommendations we should make?
- Nate Johnson forming campus safety committee (announced at CRC last week). Can we piggyback on this effort?
- SAC members present at the meeting split into 2 groups to discuss approaches to improving safety: Education and Infrastructure. Each group gave notes to K. Thompson, to be shared at 10/23 meeting.

4. Review EOP resolution from AS: deferred

Information items: Per Sisimphou, HIV/AIDS awareness event sponsored by local non-profit foodbank "Food for Thought", from 11/3-11/9. People will be wearing t-shirts that say 'Do I look positive?' on the front, and on the back 'Not sure, get tested?'. Will send additional info on event to SAC via email.

Future agenda items: Possible impact of new Rohnert Park casino on campus life.

Adjourned at 11:50 am.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by N. Lawson