

Student Affairs Committee

10/15/08 Sue Jameson Room

Present: K. Thompson, M. Buckley, D. Girman, L. Vega, M. Olson, J. Mahdavi, T. Hammond, M. Ghannadan

Absent: 2 vacant spots, Library and A&H

Proxies: None

Guests: R. Bruce @ 11:00 a.m.

Agenda: Amended as follows: Add “#3: Spring Enrollment”, and move original #3 business item to “#4: Evidence for repairing the base”. Agenda approved as amended.

Minutes: Approved.

Reports

Chair's Report (K. Thompson):

- Lisa Wyatt/CAPS reported back about counseling (4-5 week waiting list).
- Joyce Suzuki is new point person for Formal Resolution of Disputes.
- Senate is learning about Robert's Rules of Order.
- CFO Furukawa-Schlereth reported on SSU budget in light of state budget decision.

SAEM Report (M. Olson):

- Distributed draft of “Disruptive Student Behavior in the Classroom: A Guide for Faculty.” Karen recommended taking this forward also to FSAC. Suggestion to include strategies for use in faculty offices (e.g., for office hours confrontations).

ASI Report (T. Hammond):

- New resolution on shared governance coming: to remove non-voting line from service on different committees, including APC, EPC, SAC, and EPC and SAC subcommittees.
- Will report back on student views related to the potential move to having all 4-unit courses. Students had mixed opinions and want more information. K. Thompson will investigate the origins of this idea.

ACE Report (L. Vega):

- Putting advising hold on all undeclared students with more than 60 units until they declare a major.
- Going into all FIG & 102 classes to provide advising guidance.
- Parent/Family Weekend: approximately 400 non-students (i.e., family members) attended.

Liaison Reports:

- Athletic Council (D. Girman): The move of Athletics to A&F to get finances in order seems to be working out. Fundraising is ongoing. NCAA is tracking academic performance in athletes; SSU has highest academics in conference. Approved Sportsmanship Policy. Drug testing program coming.

- ❑ Academic Advising (D. Girman): Starting to get information about 1990's "Advising Council". Will be giving advice to RTP committee about including advising as a performance criteria.
- ❑ Scholarship Committee (M. Buckley): no meeting, ceremony was held for scholarship recipients.
- ❑ Fee Advisory (M. Buckley): meeting to occur on 10/17.

Business

1. Review of "Writing a Statement for the Fairness Board- Helpful Information"
 - ❑ Suggestions
 - Include a list of what needs to be in the statement (subject headings to organize the paper).
 - Specify length for each section.
 - Give examples of what "informal resolution" is. Italicize examples.
 - Question: can this document be emailed?
2. National Survey of Student Engagement (Guest: Rose Bruce):
 - ❑ Do we really compare to COPLAC? NSSE helps us answer that. Report seen by Provost's team, deans, president/vice presidents, Scott Miller (who will disseminate further among faculty) & on website: www.sonoma.edu/aa/ir.
 - ❑ Rose will provide item-by-item analysis from NSSE to K. Thompson.
3. Spring Enrollment (M. Olson): due to possibility of mid-year budget cuts, may limit number of units students can take to 16, which would reduce FTEs by 280 without reducing headcount or revenue. Discussion ensued. Mehdi & Tyler will email Mack with feedback from students.

Minutes respectfully submitted by J. Mahdavi.