

Student Affairs Committee
Meeting of 10/10/07

Attendance:

Karen Thompson, Derek Girman, Leny Strobel, Janet Swing, Kaitlin Fisher, Mack Olson, Jennifer Mahdavi, Maureen Buckley, Rick Robison
Absent: Matthew Lopez-Phillips,

Minutes of 9/26/07: Approved

Agenda of 10/10/07: Approved

Reports:

Executive Committee Report by Karen Thompson

Senate will do a second reading on the Cheating and Plagiarism Policy and Procedures on 10/11. The Grade Appeal and Student Grievance Policies will be presented to the EC in two weeks.

Other discussions: State Auditor's report on CIHS; L. Furukawa-Schlereth reported on eight ongoing audits in various areas; nondiscrimination policy in relation to ads for military recruitment on campus; improving the functionality of Peoplesoft re Human Resources and Financial Management.

There is a delay in the Faculty Housing Project due to Rohnert Park city government litigation re water and sewage use.

McNair Scholarship (\$22,000) was announced. This fund goes toward support of low-income students pursuing graduate studies.

SAEM Report by Mack Olson

Parents/Family Weekend was successful. Twenty parents were identified to develop a Parent Association at SSU.

The search for Orientation Coordinator position has been posted.

ASI Report by Kaitlin Fisher

John Kornfeld from FYE talked to AS about the First Year Experience (FYE) program. AS seeks to improve student representation in SOAR.

Academic Subcommittee Report by Janet Swing

There is a need to create a training manual for Faculty on how to use CMS/Peoplesoft.

Scholarship Committee by Maureen Buckley

There was discussion about the proposed Ropes Course at SSU; need to do cost-benefit analysis.

Athletics Committee by Rick Robison

There was discussion about a soccer player who, though ineligible, was allowed to play.

There are repercussions for SSU at the NCA level when this happens.

Other discussions: all athletes are required to go through an alcohol and drug awareness orientation program; the Athletics Dept is currently \$153,000 in the red because the more successful they are, the higher the costs of participation at the CCA and NCA levels. There has been frequent turnover of personnel in the department; Yvonne Burbank, the new Asst. Athletic Director will oversee advising and compliance.

Campus Climate Committee by Leny Strobel

Pres. Arminana attended the CCC meeting and provided input on the topic of safety issues on campus related to lack of sufficient lighting on parking lots. He also provided comments about the results of the CCC survey.

CCC is planning a series of diversity workshops to address the issues identified by the CCC survey. A subcommittee was appointed to draft a response to the survey for dissemination and another subcommittee is charged to come up with a proposal for CCC-sponsored activities in the Spring.

Note: ACE can provide data on retention rates of students of color.

Business:

1. New policies and procedures for Drops, Withdrawals, Incompletes, Repeats. There was discussion of current SSU policies and it was agreed that SSU clearly defines its policies but that Peoplesoft currently does not have mechanisms for tracking some data, e.g., Withdrawals.
2. Impaction. Janet provided a list of “high demand” majors. There is a need to provide information to undeclared majors about “high demand” majors. Discussion to be continued.

Meeting adjourned: 12noon.