

Student Affairs Committee Meeting of 3/5/08

Attendance:

Leny Strobel, Jennifer Mahdavi, Maureen Buckley, Karen Thompson, Derek Girman, Janet Swing, Mack Olson, Caroline Oster (guest)

Absent: Rick Robison

Minutes of 2/20/08: Approved with these changes: (1) Correct name: Mack Olson; (2) change "Executive Committee Report by Karen Thompson" to "Chair's Report by Karen Thompson".

Agenda of 3/5/08: Approved

Reports:

Chair's Report: Karen Thompson

- WASC visit and meetings with various campus groups are scheduled for March 11-14.
- The CFO sent a proposal to the Senate for the SSU community to unite in opposition against proposed budget cuts. There is a "Call to Action" Panel who will be addressing this on 3/20, from 12-1:30pm.
- The GE Subcommittee is reviewing the GE "B" areas.
- A second reading on the proposal to approve FYE as a permanent course will be heard at the Senate tomorrow (3/6). Since FYE has been offered for two years, it needs to request permanent status from the Senate (as stipulated in campus curriculum policy). The FYE fulfills GE requirements in areas A1 and A3. (Janet asked if there is a moratorium on new GE courses).
- RTP Revision: online comments are invited. Second reading in the Senate this week. (Does SAC want to provide comment at the Senate meeting re: "Advising" in the RTP process?).
- At the Executive Committee meeting, there was discussion of a CSU- Statewide Senate proposition to address the status and concerns of FERP faculty, e.g., inferior offices available.
- The Strategic Planning document is now available online.
- Re: the Counseling Center Resolution by SAC which was discussed at the Executive Committee meeting, the resolution will be discussed again at the next Executive Committee meeting, since its funding request was in question. Also, Matthew Lopez-Phillips (via Mack Olson) suggested reviewing the resolution's ramifications on setting precedents about funding specific positions or staffing patterns. AS also is also going to look at the resolution.
- AS has passed a resolution to send a letter of sympathy to Northern Illinois University for the school's shooting victims.
- AS has passed a resolution to no longer renew membership and pay dues to the CSU/AS organization.

AS and ACE Report: Janet Swing:

- The Jobs Fair was successful. There were 108 employers (including 2 military groups) and 800 students who attended the event.

SAEM: Mack Olson

- See above comment on SAC's Counseling Center Resolution
- Need an ASI representative on the Priority Registration Committee

Scholarship Committee: Maureen Buckley

- The committee mentioned that available scholarship information is mostly on merit-based criteria. What about need-based scholarships? Should there be a web-based or campus-based resource to provide info on this?
- SAC suggestion: invite Laurie Ogg to a SAC meeting to give us info on what services her office provides.

Fee Advisory Committee: Maureen Buckley.

- Instructionally Related Activity (IRA) grants will be reviewed this weekend.
- Re: the fee increase, questions were raised on the line item for "mandatory online orientation on substance abuse." (Can SAEM answer this question?).

Campus Climate Committee: Leny Strobel

- The Professional Development Subcommittee has invited CCC to facilitate a two-hour diversity training on April 25, 12-2pm.
- School of Social Sciences is asking for CCC participation at their all-day annual diversity workshop on April 18.

Advising Subcommittee by Derek Girman

- See above comment (under EC and Senate Report) re: RTP process.
- Subcommittee is working on developing a Faculty Handbook.

Business:

1. **Grade Appeal:** The one-page draft sent to SAC by Laurel Holstrom on providing helpful info to faculty facing a grade appeal was approved. Mack Olson will liaison with Laurel on this.
2. **Priority Registration:** Derek Girman, Maureen Buckley, Janet Swing, Mack Olson will comprise this committee. Whitney Diver (AS) will be invited as AS rep. Committee will meet on April 2 to review applications.
3. **Advising:** SAC discussed various ways of disseminating information on how to implement the advising policy. Brainstorming ideas:
 - Launch an information campaign via flyers or cards
 - Advising workshops for students
 - Advising workshops for faculty
 - Use webmail to send info to students
 - Use pop-ups on campus webpage?
 - Support Jennie Tice who is coordinating "Major's Fair" on April 17.

Meeting adjourned: 11:45am.

Submitted by: Leny Strobel