

Student Affairs Committee Meeting of 03/03/04

Attendance

Richard DeLeon, Caitlin Hicks, Doug Jordan, Brigitte Lahme, Rand Link, Greg Roberts, Janet Swing

Absent: Karin Enstam, Karen Grady

Additional attendee: Larry Furukawa-Schlereth

Recorder: Doug Jordan

Minutes of 02/04/04

Approved with the following changes:

- Under minutes of 12/10/03, replace “Desick” with “Dzik”.
- Under Administration report, replace “CSCA” with “CSAC”. Also replace “...approximately 200 students” with “... approximately 200 students.”

Minutes of 02/18/04

Approved with the following changes:

- Under Additional attendees and Advising Policy Review with Provost Ochoa, replace “Chang” with “Chong”.
- Under Agenda of 02/18/04 and Business, replace “03/04 : __” with “03/04 : 15”.
- Under Program Review Task Force, replace “Karin Enstam volunteered to be the SAC representative...” with “Karin Enstam expressed interest in being the SAC representative...”.

Agenda of 03/03/04

Approved with the insertion of a new item 2., 03/04:17, New student admissions restrictions in the CSU. Also move previous item 2., 03/04:16, Student fees for credits above graduation requirements, to item 3.

Reports:

Academic Senate report by Brigitte Lahme. Brigitte reported that a presentation was made with a proposal to establish a joint Education in Doctorate (EDD) program with UC Davis and Sacramento State. Most of the classes would be at UC Davis but the program would also be available here at SSU. The program would be self-supporting from a financial standpoint. The Senate also passed a resolution to establish a committee to assess faculty confidence in the Senate and the Administration. Brigitte also noted that there was a new item on advising on the Senate agenda

Executive Committee report by Brigitte Lahme. Brigitte reported that Larry Schlereth gave a presentation on the proposal to raise student fees for excess hours. Further discussion of this item is contained later in this report. The WASC assessment committee will be on campus for their five-year review on March 24 and 25. One of their concerns is diversity on campus. Bob Coleman reported that the Residential Life task force is looking into how to better connect the curriculum with the student’s residential life on campus.

Administration Report by Rand Link. Rand noted that Propositions 57 and 58 both passed in yesterday's election. This is good news for the CSU and SSU. In addition, he noted that Proposition 55 also passed (narrowly) which will have a large impact on SSU. Passage of Prop 55 means that about \$20 million will be spent on the SSU campus on projects including renovations to Darwin Hall and a new academic office/music building. Rand also mentioned that the sixth annual Athletic Hall of Fame dinner was held last weekend.

Associated Students report by Richard DeLeon. Richard reported that AS is preparing (in conjunction CFA student interns) to have a rally on campus March 24th to make students more aware of state and national issues that impact students. There will also be a "teach-in" on campus (date TBD) to increase student awareness of budget issues at SSU.

ESAS report by Janet Swing. Janet reported that Career Services has a full slate of workshops scheduled for this semester including a Job Fair on March 25. She also noted that the Probation workshops have been very well attended and that these workshops are required for EOP and undeclared students.

Fee Advisory Committee report by Greg Roberts. Greg reported that the all but one of the Instructional Related Activities (IRA) programs were approved. He also reported that there was an extended discussion of what programs and activities are appropriate for IRA funding.

Scholarship Committee report by Doug Jordan. Doug reported that the scholarship committee is in the process of reviewing this year's scholarship applications. He has reviewed sixty applications of the eighty each member is requested to review.

Business

02/03: 07 Advising Policy review.

Janet Swing reported that the Faculty Professional Development committee is also aware of deficiencies with advising training for new faculty. She noted that this indicates that advising seems to be getting more attention in general. It was also reported that the SAC questions presented to Provost Ochoa at the last SAC meeting have been passed onto the Deans and the list of questions is now an agenda item for the Academic Affairs Council.

03/04: 16 Student fees for credits above graduation requirement.

Larry Furukawa-Schlereth arrived at 11 a.m. and gave the committee a detailed account of the proposal that students pay increased fees for "excess" credit hours. There are many drawbacks to the proposal from an implementation and student perspective and there was an extended discussion of these issues. Larry pointed out that one of the key issues is the definition of "excess" credit hours. In addition he noted that that Statewide Academic Senate feels it is very important address some of the following policies on all the CSU campuses before implementation of an increased fee for excess hours. What are the policies on:

- a. Timely declaration of majors, b. When a student can change majors, c. Student graduation plans, d. Student mandatory advising, e. Repeat classes, f. Probation, withdrawals, and double majors, g. Financial aid issues, h. Student degree audit, and i. Transfer student credit hours.

Larry pointed out that SAC may want to be proactive with respect to investigating some of these policies on the SSU campus.

The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.