

Student Affairs Committee

4 December 2013, 10:00 -11:50 a.m., Stevenson 1056, Sue Jameson Room

Present: Karen Thompson (Chair, SBE), Nicole Lawson (LIB), Ron Lopez (A&H), Michael Cohen (S&T), Peter Neville (Student Union), Luis Vega (EOP/Testing), Sandra Ayala (EDU), Claudia Sisomphou (AS)

Absent: Julie Shulman (SOC SCI), Matthew Lopez-Phillips (CSAO), AS rep

Guests: Hope Emery Ortiz (IS)

Agenda Approval and Minutes 11/6/13 and 11/20/13: Add Business Item #3, on SETEs. Agenda approved with addition. Minutes approved with one typo fix on 11/20 minutes; in first bullet of Residential Life Report after the semi-colon, it should read “right now looking at less than 5 students”.

Reports

Chair's Report (K. Thompson):

- Distributed copies of L. Schlereth's presentation to Academic Senate on Budget 101.
- Also distributed copy of letter from L. Schlereth to President Arminana on implementation of Senate Resolution Regarding Foster Youth Attending SSU. Housing will be free for foster youth during this holiday break; fees may be added in the future.
- Finished review of revisions to temporary faculty policy at Senate as well. Revised policy was approved.
- Faculty should have received GSI check retroactive to July; additional \$80 will now appear in future paychecks
- Per the Academic Coordinating Team meeting, Academic Affairs budget gap was filled by one-time funds last year. Requested student FTE target increase from Chancellor who granted at 3.58% increase (instead of 5% SSU hoped for) = 8,083 FTES.
- Also discussed student success fee which Provost Rogerson will be discussing later in meeting.

SA Report (M. Lopez-Phillips): No report

Residential Life/CSLIS Report (P. Neville):

- Residential Life is filling CSA vacancies. Res Life office will move in former housing office space in Zinfandel (with move of Housing to new Student Center). Game room in old Zinfandel market in progress and will open soon. Amici's will be closing soon, and space will become a lounge and programming space.
- CSLIS is in process of approving student orgs; deadline is today for spring. Having spring club fair for student organizations in January near Student Center.
- Recently have seen lots of students bringing families into Student Center to show it to them.
- P. Neville doesn't know yet about future plans for proposed student engagement reorganization. Neville will ask N. Markley to pass along update.

Testing/EOP (L. Vega):

- Testing – Looking to possibility of adding MCAT in 2015 year cycle. MCAT is a 9 hour exam, and is currently moving to an online platform. Labs would need to have a locked-down browser, so L. Vega is discussing that with IT. It could be a revenue generator and our campus is a good candidate.
- EOP – In a teleconference of CSU EOP directors meeting, President of CSU San Bernardino (host) said EOP program is only as good as the campus president wants it to be. SSU has fewer staff in EOP than some smaller campuses like Humboldt. Also highlighted CSU push for students to register for Obamacare.

ASI Report:

- On Monday, Mark Levine (CA assembly member) came to campus. Not great student attendance, but some staff representation. Discussed possibilities for CSU online education, making virtual labs for science courses available, difficulty of transferring from junior college to 4 year schools, and push for better advising to make transfer more seamless. Another Assembly member invited to campus for spring semester, and AS will try to advertise better.

Liaison Reports:

- Academic Advising Subcommittee (S. Ayala): No report
- ATI Committee (S. Ayala): Still waiting for final report mentioned at last meeting. Will send CSU-wide report including SSU data to SAC for discussion at a future meeting.
- Athletic Council (L. Vega):
 - In February or March 2014, the new baseball facility will be open. In June 2014, Larry Allen (alum and hall of famer) will come for a fundraising dinner.
 - Lauren Morimoto talked to Larry about why the Director of Compliance was not replaced; the campus would save \$50K and room would be available for women's team to meet.
 - Athletics department students had Halloween party with some problematic incidents; one student in black face costume and other ethnically insensitive costumes. Joyce Suzuki was contacted and suggested that the Athletics department should address it. Athletics is considering having a panel for students to discuss issues, doing a survey, and/or having a liaison to Residential Life. No action yet, but will report in future.
 - Also, there's a need for an all-weather field as SSU fields are in high demand; current fields are hard to maintain and very expensive.
- Fee Advisory Committee (N. Lawson): No report
- Scholarship Committee (J. Shulman): No report
- Alcohol & Drug Advisory Committee (R. Lopez): Will be discussing an alcohol handbook for parents.

Business:

1. Resolution on SSU services to veterans: Deferred

2. Discussion with Provost (T.C. 11 a.m. A. Rogerson):

- Has been asked by President Arminana to investigate possibility of adding student success fee, up to \$250 a semester. It would help to mount more classes.
- Would be designed to help those students who want to pay additional fee to graduate in 4 years, but would benefit all.
- High student debt on campus, so goal would be to keep fee under \$500 per year (likely \$480). That would bring \$4 million per year to Academic Affairs.
- What would make students want to pay additional fee? Is 4 year promise doable on \$4 million? Maybe not, but could propose that all would graduate in a more timely manner.
- Funds would go to:
 - 1. Hiring more faculty (10-12 Tenure-Track)
 - 2. Investing in advising – more career and undeclared focused
 - 3. Increasing money for undergraduate scholarships
- Fee would be phased in over 3 years. Advising and career services would be first recipients of funds.
- Discussion of possibly marketing a 5 year degree, since that is the reality nowadays. A member suggested the idea of offering some kind of priority registration for an additional fee. A member asked about how to waive the proposed fee for low-income students.
- Not clear if the President would get feedback on this by student referendum or alternative consultation.

3. Discussion of SETEs

- Students in science lab courses getting separate SETEs for discussion and labs.
- Also SETEs distributed in classes where they're not supposed to be.

Information items: H. Emery Ortiz has had a few students mention that some finals are being offered during 'dead week', and it looks like this will be the case during next 3 years because of when Thanksgiving falls on calendar. Is this issue that SAC should consider for future?

Adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by N. Lawson