

Student Affairs Committee  
Meeting of 9/13/2006

**In Attendance:**

Mark Fermanich, Paula Hammett, Doug Jordan, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Leny Strobel, Janet Swing, Deb Kindy, Whitney Diver (AS Rep)

**Absent:** Maureen Buckley

Recorder: Leny Strobel

**Minutes of 8/30/06:** Approved with the following changes: Deb Kindy will be the liaison to the Athletic Council; Leny Strobel will be the liaison to the Campus Climate Committee; and Paula Hammett will be the liaison to the Fee Advisory Council.

**Agenda of 9/13/06:** Approved.

Academic Senate Report by Doug Jordan:

- WASC update: Three faculty associates were appointed and will meet for two years until March 2008.
- A Task Force will work on the proposal to move from 4units to 3units campus-wide. There was discussion where this should be the charge of the GE subcommittee or EPC. President Arminana is in favor of this proposal.
- Noel Byrne presented a resolution regarding the SSU Bookstore/Barnes and Noble issue for first reading. The resolution proposes to encourage faculty to boycott the bookstore. A Commission has been set up to look into Barnes and Noble taking over the bookstore.
- According to Larry Schlereth-Furukawa, audits are going on; there will be changes in the budget regarding student fee dollars which will now stay at SSU. SSU has some opportunity (as well as risks) in generating more money.
- The Provost's office will conduct a survey based on the Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACH) in relation to RTP issues and junior faculty issues.
- The Nursing Dept. will conduct a self-evaluation of teaching effectiveness via an online pilot program.
- Faculty reassignment time were approved.
- Pres. Arminana said that SSU enrollment is at 102%.

SAEM report by Matthew Lopez-Philips:

- Matthew raised the question of what SAC needs from SAEM regarding questions around Retention and Remediation. Responses: SAC needs demographic profile of freshment. Keep SAC informed of current student issues. Need to know current recruiting strategies and what we are targeting. Recommendations for co-curricular activities.

Associated Students report by Whitney Diver:

- Neal Markley gave a presentation to AS regarding the bookstore issue.

- Noel Byrne will also give a presentation to AS on the bookstore issue so that AS can hear both sides of the issue.
- AS wants to conduct a survey on how students feel about this issue. The STAR report on this issue is independent of what AS wants to do.
- AS will start mobilizing to get out the vote for the November election.
- AS wants look at the FYE (First Year Experience).

ACE report by Janet Swing:

- Janet attended a Retention Workshop this summer and will attend the National Conference on Academic Advising in October.

Academic Advising Subcommittee by Mark Fermanich:

- The subcommittee hasn't met. Attendance has been an issue because the charge from SAC to this subcommittee isn't clear.

Campus Climate Committee: No report

Fee Advisory Committee: No report

Athletic Advisory Council: No report

**Business:**

1. Advising Policy Revision:

Motion: The Academic Advising Subcommittee will write a new draft of Advising Policy and present to SAC by October. There was discussion on implementation issues and how to meet the 22Pts guidelines for graduation.

2. Campus-Wide Advising Workshop:

Discussion: Should SAC conduct advising workshops again as it did two years ago in conjunction with the Professional Development Committee? Janet will come up with a proposed outline for a presentation on Advising and schedule.

3. Hearing Procedures Revision

Laurel Holmstrom submitted a proposal to create a Fairness Board and Adjudication Procedures in regards to Grade Appeals, Student Grievance, and Cheating and Plagiarism issues, replacing the current procedures that are too legalistic and ponderous than necessary.

Discussion: Read the proposal more closely and bring questions and comments to the next meeting. Think "big picture" and then work on the details.

Meeting adjourned at 12pm.

