

Student Affairs Committee

04/01/09 Sue Jameson Room

Present: K. Thompson, D. Girman, L. Vega, M. Olson, R. Lopez, M. Buckley, T. Hammond, M. Ghannadan

Absent: J. Mahdavi, 1 vacant spot (Library)

Proxies: None

Agenda: Approved with addition of Academic Technology Plan as business item #4.

Minutes: Approved.

Reports

Chair's Report (K. Thompson):

- ❑ Senate will be doing a second reading on the updated RTP policy. There will also be a discussion of new programs for ENSP and Philosophy. Bruce Peterson will be giving a brief presentation on the EOP program.
- ❑ Executive Committee has the following on its agenda: recommendations for CCGS from Senate's Ad-hoc Committee on Diversity, new executive MBA program, and WASC updates.

SAEM Report (M. Olson):

- ❑ Seawolf Day brought in approximately 2000 potential students. There was more faculty involvement this year than in the past. It appears that more students are using Seawolf Day to decide on whether to come to SSU or not.
- ❑ SSU admissions are now closed to all but graduate and international applicants. Last year, SSU had received 12,269 applications at this point; this year, 11,221 are in. A&R is planning on 1600 first-time freshmen.
 - Priority for applications is as follows: local service area applicants with a minimum 2900 index score, CSU-approved EOP applicants, out-of-service-area applicants with minimum 3200 index score. If applicant is out-of-service-area and below 3200, then he/she is put on a waiting list.
 - 617 ERDs received so far -- about 200 less than last year at this time.

ASI Report (T. Hammond):

- ❑ Heather Hanson and Jenny Tice were elected as 2009-2010 AS President and VP.

ACE Report (L. Vega):

- ❑ ACE is running five probation workshops for students with GPAs below 2.0. The presentations will cover the causes of lower grades and provide advice on how to improve one's GPA. Policies and procedures will also be discussed.
 - Probation letters are sent to undeclared students by ACE. The Registrar sends out probation letters to students who have declared majors.
- ❑ Interviews are in progress for applicants for the open Career Center position.

Liaison Reports:

- ❑ Athletic Council (D. Girman):
 - Continuing discussions about revising the catalog policy regarding class attendance for athletes.
- ❑ Academic Advising (J. Mahdavi): absent.

- ❑ Scholarship Committee (M. Buckley): The committee has completed the reading of the scholarship applications. The next meeting will be the follow-up and debriefing meeting.
- ❑ Fee Advisory (M. Buckley): The committee accomplished its weekend meeting to hear requests for IRA funding. Some groups that already receive funding presented proposals for additional funds.

Business

1. Suggestions for future of CCGS – Second reading

- ❑ Some members were still concerned about the contradictory statements related to providing separate spaces for meeting vs. the interns' wish to not see the Center separated. Karen will bring up these concerns during the Senate reading.
- ❑ Motion to endorse and co-sponsor the Ad-hoc Committee's recommendations for CCGS was seconded. Motion passed.

2. Priority registration committee discussion

- ❑ Priority Registration committee met and decided to deny the Rowing Club's request for priority registration. Committee members did not think the application fulfilled any of the criteria required for priority standing.

3. Academic Affairs Strategic Plan

- ❑ SAC reviewed the AA Strategic Plan and provided suggestions for various sections of the Plan. Karen will send a memo to Art Warmoth, Scott Miller, and Eduardo Ochoa. The memo follows...

DATE: April 6, 2009

TO: Joint Council on Academic Planning (JCAP)

FROM: Karen Thompson, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee

RE: Academic Affairs Strategic Plan

The Student Affairs Committee (SAC) reviewed JCAP's proposal for the Academic Affairs Strategic Plan on April 1, 2009. SAC would first like to commend JCAP on its hard work in putting together this important document. We also appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback and praise JCAP on opening up the conversation to all.

SAC would like to propose some suggestions for modifications to the AA Strategic Plan. These are listed in the order in which they occur in the document.

1. For the Mission, SAC feels the meaning of "its" in the first sentence is unclear. Does "its" refer to SSU, Academic Affairs, or excellence? We propose that the end of the first sentence be modified to read...

"As the educational center of Sonoma State University, Academic Affairs promotes excellence in teaching and learning, inquiry, and service in the context of its diverse cultural and natural environments."
2. For the Vision, SAC wondered why we are limiting our vision solely to the "North Bay Region" (even assuming service-area-related concerns). We propose making the sentence more visionary by modifying the end of the sentence to read...

"...catalyst for social, cultural, and economic progress in the North Bay Region and beyond."

3. Under Strategic Area 3, SAC members could not understand the meaning of Initiative 3.1.1. The term "class level distribution" is confusing. Does it refer to freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors? Or is it tapping into diversity? We do not have an acceptable alternative wording, since we don't have a clear idea of what the initiative is.
4. Under Strategic Area 3, SAC found Initiative 3.1.4 to be vague and seemingly focused on hitting a certain target number of international students, rather than highlighting the merits of a more diverse international student population. A possible rewording might be...

"Initiative 3.1.4. Achieve a distinctive international presence in the student body by increasing admissions and support systems for international students."
5. Under Strategic Area 3, Initiative 3.1.5 targets a variety of student groups, but leaves out one particular group that SAC feels is critical to recognize. This group includes students who are active duty or veteran military members and their families. Here's our proposal for how to modify this initiative to include these individuals...

"Initiative 3.1.5. Develop and support an economically, socially, and culturally diverse student body with respect to disability, age, gender, and sexual orientation, as well as with regard to active duty or veteran military status and the family members of service personnel."
6. Under Strategic Area 6, SAC is concerned about the implications of Initiative 6.1.1. SAC's first choice would be that this initiative is **removed** from the document entirely, due to concerns about the integrity of current graduate programs. SAC's second choice is for a rewording of the initiative to read...

"Initiative 6.1.1. Offer selected professional and applied programs, mainly at the graduate level, on a self-support basis through Extended Education or through local community partnerships, in a manner that safeguards the integrity of existing graduate programs."

4. Academic Technology Plan

- Discussion of this Plan was postponed until SAC's next meeting.
- Karen will invite Barbara Butler and Brett Christie to the April 22nd meeting to inform us about the Plan.

Adjourned: 11:45 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by K. Thompson and T. Hammond.