

Student Affairs Committee

2/4/09 Sue Jameson Room

Present: K. Thompson, M. Buckley, D. Girman, M. Olson, J. Mahdavi, T. Hammond, M. Ghannadan

Absent: L. Vega, 2 vacant spots, Library and A&H (S. Jaffe?)

Proxies: None

Guests: None

Agenda: Approved

Minutes: Approved

Reports

Chair's Report (K. Thompson):

- Cal Grants will be funded at 85% from the State. This amount will be sufficient to cover SSU students' needs for this semester.
- Black History Month has many scheduled events. Information on the activities was passed around the table.
- A&H rep Jaffe may not be on the committee after all.
- Report shared from L.R. Bruce about Freshman Ethnicity 2008.
- Section of the Higher Education Act was distributed that discusses changes in campus textbook policies.
- SAC received request from School of Science and Technology's Curriculum committee about transfer/second baccalaureate admissions. Request was also sent to SAEM. Mack Olson will report on SAEM's response at the next meeting.

SAEM Report (M. Olson):

- Retreat was held in SAEM about mission/strategic plan. SAEM is having a division-wide meeting about developing the plan this week. Focus is on what the priorities are for the division.
- Working with CCGS to plan for its future.
- Planning for new student center is ongoing. If new residential halls fill, there is a better chance of building going on.

ASI Report (T. Hammond):

- Senator from Sci/Tech had to resign due to schedule conflict.
- ASI is considering resolutions. Some are directed at enhancing school spirit, particularly related to sports and running for office.

ACE Report (L. Vega): absent

Liaison Reports:

- Athletic Council (D. Girman): meets tomorrow, will ask how they can help with school spirit.
- Academic Advising (D. Girman): meets tomorrow, looking at RTP guidelines; looking at how advising affects diversity.
- Scholarship Committee (M. Buckley): has not met. Committee has been engaged in an email discussion about the letters of recommendation requirement. Those who offered opinions suggested that the committee could forgo the letters in light of the statistical findings indicating their lack of relevance.
- Fee Advisory (M. Buckley): has not met, but first meeting will focus on Instructionally Related Activity funds.

Business

1. Elect chair for 2009-10

- Derek Girman nominated. Unanimously named chair of SAC for 2009-2010. (This was the first official vote for our student members!)

2. Assignment of Liaison Positions for this year

- Academic Advising Subcommittee** : Jennifer Mahdavi will take over for Derek Girman starting with this week's meeting.
- All other liaison assignments remain the same.

3. Development of questions for after-hours services survey

- Campus police services are responsive on evenings and weekends.
- The health center hours are adequate.
- Adequate food services are available on evenings and weekends.
- There is an adequate selection of food available on campus.
- Quiet study spaces are available for students during evenings and weekends.
- Department administrative offices are open during evenings and weekends.
- The IT Help Desk is open adequately during evenings and weekends.
- The bookstore has convenient evening and weekend hours.
- Customer Service and/or financial aid is/are open adequately during evenings and weekends.
- There are comfortable gathering places for students on campus.

Meeting adjourned 11:25 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by J. Mahdavi.