

Student Affairs Committee
Meeting of 05/14/08

Attendance:

Karen Thompson, Maureen Buckley, Derek Girman, Janet Swing, Jennifer Mahdavi, Rick Robison

Absent: Leny Strobel, Mack Olson

Minutes of 4/30/08: Approved with the following change: Under Business Item 2, there should be a second bullet that reads, “SAC believes that the Free Speech Permit violates the Guidelines contained in the CSU’s Handbook of Free Speech Issues”.

Agenda for 5/14/08: Approved.

Reports:

Chair's Report: Karen Thompson

- From the last Executive Committee meeting: (1) The Provost informed the Executive Committee that Sonoma State has declared impaction status for the 2009/2010 academic year. (2) In response to the AS request to have student representatives on all search committees, the Structure and Functions Committee proposed that students should have more equal voice on student affairs-related administrative search committees, but not on all search committees.
- From the last Senate meeting: (1) It was announced that the Dept. of Mathematics will now be called the Dept. of Mathematics and Statistics. (2) The revised RTP policy was discussed again. Voting on that policy is expected at the last Senate meeting. (3) Robert Train’s report on International Programs at SSU showed that SSU is 4th in terms of the number of students sent abroad. Currently, there are 56 students who have been accepted for study abroad programs in 11 countries. Also, SSU has 70 international students on campus from approximately 20 countries.
- An ad-hoc committee has been formed to investigate the issue of “after-hours” services to students. Karen will be speaking with Chuck Rhodes this summer to coordinate SAC’s role in the process.
- Committee membership for the 2008/2009 academic year: Derek, Maureen, Jennifer, Karen, and Mack will be returning. Luis Vega will be the new ACE representative. It’s unclear if the Library will be sending a representative. A replacement for Leny Strobel will be needed for Fall 2008 while she is on leave.

SAEM Report: Mack Olson

- No report.

Fee Advisory Committee Report: Maureen Buckley

- No report.

Scholarship Committee Report: Maureen Buckley

- No report.

ACE Report: Janet Swing

- Luis Vega will be the new SAC rep from ACE in the Fall, replacing Janet Swing.
- The EOP FTF numbers have increased. EOP enrollment for Fall 2008 is 110 as of today.
- Career Services is losing its only professional staff employee, Brent Bynum. That position may go unfilled, leaving Career Services in some serious trouble.

Advising Subcommittee Report: Derek Girman

- Completing the Faculty Advising Handbook is on the agenda for 2008/2009.

Athletics Council Report: Rick Robison

- Athletics is currently working on getting approval for a new drug testing policy. The policy would put SSU in line with NCAA rules, but requires approximately \$28,000 per year to implement.

Campus Climate Committee Report: Leny Strobel

- The CCC is discussing a proposal to have one gender-neutral restroom in each building on campus.

Business:Item 1. SSU Strategic Plan

- The Committee reviewed the Plan and found that more student affairs-related objectives could/should be added. The particular Strategic Areas that might be enhanced include Areas III, IV, VI, and VIII. Also, the Committee had suggestions for Appendix C under the headings of “Diversity,” “Enrollment Management,” “Faculty and Staff Development,” and “Quality of Student Experience.”

Item 2. Planning for the 2008/2009 Academic Year

- Karen will contact Derek Pierre over the summer to request an AS rep for SAC.
- SAC will seek input on SSU’s Strategic Plan.
- SAC will collaborate with the Student Affairs Division on the “after-hours” services issue.
- SAC will invite Matthew Lopez-Phillips to meetings to gain more insight into issues.
- SAC will discuss the results of the consulting group’s report on the Student Affairs Division.
- SAC will provide more guidance to the Advising Subcommittee.
- SAC will work on promoting better advising at SSU.

Meeting ended: 11:30 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janet Swing.