

Student Affairs Committee

5 February 2014, 10:00 am-11:50 am, Stevenson 1056

Present: K. Thompson (Chair, SBE), N. Lawson (LIB), M. Cohen (S&T), P. Neville (Student Union), L. Vega (EOP/Testing), S. Ayala (EDU), J. Shulman (SOC SCI), R. Lopez (A&H), S. Anthony (AS)

Absent: M. Lopez-Phillips (CSAO), A. Green (AS)

Guests: H. Emry Ortiz (IS), N. Markley (A&F); Karina Nielsen (BIO)

Agenda Approval and Minutes 1/22/14: Add Business items #1 Elect a Chair for 2014-2015, #2 Discussion of Student Success Fee. Agenda approved with changes. Minutes approved with no changes.

Reports

Chair's Report (K. Thompson):

Much discussion around campus of Student Success Fee with Star and PD articles. No formal feedback requested until the white paper comes out on 2/15. Five campuses have instituted this type of fee recently.

Task force working on updating campus strategic plan (expired 2013), made up of deans and faculty.

Per Provost, we have full-time career center person, Anne Mansfield, and 3.5 advisors.

New scheduling software being rolled out for Fall 2014 classes to optimize room use. Already in use in events for about 8 yrs. Grade appeals and discrimination charges now to be considered more in concert (SAC will be reviewing next meeting). Career Fair coming up, flyer distributed.

SA Report (M. Lopez-Phillips): Lopez-Phillips unable to attend, but mentioned in Executive Committee that the campus is considering bringing back Parent & Family Weekend.

Res Life/CSLIS Report (N. Markley/P.Neville):

Per Markley:

There will be a formal letter coming soon regarding the reorganization of Campus Life. Took into account feedback and have decided not to implement reorganization plan presented last spring. In March, will be asking CRC for two new position in CSLIS. Also, will be looking for a strategy to bolster areas as they currently exist. Exception is that Mo Phillips will be taking a bigger role in programming. Starting a visioning/planning process soon with staff to decided priorities and initiatives going forward.

Per Neville:

Student Center Board of Advisors will be meeting this week to discuss disbursement of Student Center fee, then will bring document to SAC. Starting conversation with J. Kornfeld to set-up regular meeting between Markley, Lopez-Phillips, and Neville. CSLIS is continuing to deal with communication issues with club leaders. Had roundtable meeting with Greek leaders which was successful. Creating a newsletter. This week is activity for U-Engage program aimed at sophomores (document distributed).

Testing/EOP (L. Vega):

About halfway through reviewing Fall 2014 apps for EOP. March 2 is firm deadline for all docs. Expect that they will reach goal of 125 students.

J. Greathouse will be out on maternity until spring break, J. Kornfeld stepping in during interim. Possibility of adding formal testing center in 1st floor library space is currently under discussion.

AS Report (A. Green/S. Anthony):

This week AS will be discussing Student Success Fee, trying to get feedback from all students with open forum sessions across two weeks, scattered in the afternoons and evenings. Also, the beginning of the elections process is this week; AS is hoping to get more students to run for office. Deadline for signing up is Friday, 2/7.

Bruce Berkowitz retired last Friday, JUMP coordinator is leaving for Butler U in a couple of weeks, and Justin Gomez just announced that he will be leaving for Berkeley. AS will be down to just Erik Dickson and its Business Manager, so hiring process for new staff may be moved up from original summer timeline.

Liaison Reports:

Academic Advising Subcommittee (S. Ayala): none

ATI Committee (S. Ayala): Met with Lopez-Philips and set up schedule for new committee; will be meeting with larger university committee in March.

Athletic Council (L. Vega): none

Fee Advisory Committee (N. Lawson): FAC met this morning. Setting up weekly meetings in anticipation of coordinating referendum/alternative consultation process. Both estimated to take 60-70 days total.

Neither can begin until Provost's white paper is released on 2/15. Rules favor referendum when implementing new fees unless president presents compelling case for alternative consultation to FAC.

Scholarship Committee (J. Shulman): none

Alcohol & Drug Advisory (R. Lopez): none

Business:

1. Elect a Chair for 2014-2015:

Background info on duties: Run meetings, ensure that agenda and minutes are put together successfully, and communicate with members. Also serve on ExComm, Senate, and ACT. Sometimes work to drum up people to serve on SAC, particularly with AS. Occasionally chair serves as liaison when no one else is available.

Thompson has written job description and recommendations that she can share.

Some interest, but no one firmly available. Will do formal election by email. Possibility of shared chair (fall/spring) between Shulman and Lawson.

2. Discussion of Academic Success fee:

No formal proposal has been presented to SAC or any other committee yet. In terms of the ideas circulating currently, the proposed fee has been suggested to be \$200 - \$250 per semester and would be used to fund additional tenure track and part-time faculty, undergraduate advisors, and research. Probably would be phased in over 3 years. SLO successfully passed fee in mid-90s, so there could be could data on fee impact on diversity and graduation rates. Current tuition and fees are not fully covered by some grants, so this would heavily impact low-income students and diversity on campus. Anthony will share data on SLO & San Marcos fees with SAC.

At the next Senate meeting, Thompson on behalf of SAC will express extreme reluctance and hesitation to support fee because of potentially negative impact on students, particularly low-income and students of color.

SAC voted to include this in report to Senate.

3. Resolution on SSU Services to veterans:

See document attached to agenda from info from brainstorming session attended by Shulman. Also various Best Practices for Veterans documents from CAEL, APSCU & Texas A&M were distributed.

Brainstorming SAC ideas for services:

- Single point person, beyond A&R

- Find a way to provide discounts to vets (food, events, etc)

- Designated space

- Faculty/staff training for how to handle veterans and classroom issues

- Vet training on how to respond to faculty/student questions about service. Also workshops on how to transition from service member to student.

- Small task force to help point person. Reactivate veteran's committee w student representation.

- Designated academic advisor for vets

- Recommend use of term 'service members' rather than veterans

- How do we include family members of service members

- Programming specifically targeted at vets

- Adopt a Soldier program at Chico State

- Serve vets neutrally

- Pre-enrollment vs post-enrollment services

- Connect to local military bases for presentations collaboration

- Faculty/staff veterans group

We will probably need to start in area of 'Institutional Commitment to Provide Military and Veteran Student Support'. Bring all documents to continue conversation at next meeting.

4. Possible revisions to form used for informal resolution of cheating and plagiarism cases (T.C. 11:30 a.m. K. Nielsen):

Current form attached to agenda. Nielsen in the process of handling past cheating & plagiarism charges has found that some students are turned off by title of document (Record of Informal Resolution of Cheating and/or Plagiarism). Suggest that we add word 'allegation', which appears elsewhere in the document. Also, students sometimes want to add their own statement, or that it might be helpful to add an option for an attachment (summary comes from professor). Also brought up idea of adding extra space for professor summary (which is currently only 2 lines). Thompson will work on new draft of document for committee to consider.

Information items: none

Adjourned at 11:50am

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by N. Lawson