

# Student Affairs Committee

6 March 2013, 10:00 am-11:50am Stevenson 1040

**Present:** K. Thompson (Chair, SBE), P. Neville (Student Union), L. Naumann (SOC SCI), Nicole Lawson (LIB), M. Lopez-Phillips (SA), T. Watts (S&T), L. Vega (EOP/Testing), S. Ayala (EDU)

**Absent:** A&H rep, AS reps

## Agenda Approval and Minutes 2/20/13:

- **Add business item 4) Request for priority registration. Approved with addition.**
- **Minutes approved with no changes.**

## Reports

### Chair's Report (K. Thompson):

- Resolution on foster youth passed with no changes; Senate voted to include rationale as well.
- Senate also passed change to GE Area B language.
- First reading of Course Instructional Materials policy generated lots of discussion.
- Faculty Equity 2 program to be funded.
- Paper SETEs will be discontinued at the end of this semester; they should be piloted this summer and fully online by fall.
- Carlos Ayala has been selected as permanent Dean of School of Ed.
- For short term there will no longer be director of diversity and inclusive excellence. Looking for better solution to bring together various campus committees and initiatives.
- Approximately 400 people showed up to diversity discussion after last SAC meeting, lots of students as well as faculty, staff, and administrators.

SA Report (M. Lopez-Phillips): Diversity discussion very successful. To be clear, all incidents listed in M. Fabionar's email have been addressed in some way. Lopez-Phillips gave Fabionar charge to set up bias-motivated incident protocol. Joyce Suzuki also involved in process. SAC can play a role as well.

Res Life/CSLIS Report (P. Neville): deferred

Testing/EOP (L. Vega): deferred

ASI Report: None

### Liaison Reports: all deferred

- Academic Advising Subcommittee (S. Ayala):
- ATI Committee (S. Ayala):
- Athletic Council (L. Vega):
- Fee Advisory Committee (N. Lawson):
- Scholarship Committee (L. Naumann):

## Business:

### **1. Report on 2102 National Survey of Student Engagement results (T.C. 10:30 a.m. S. Johnson):**

- S. Johnson presented results to NSSE survey taken every 2 years. NSSE measures how engaged students are at SSU and compares results to other universities.
- Johnson distributed document 'Interpreting the Benchmark Comparison Report'. Summarized results on each page – Level of Academic Challenge, Active and Collaborative Learning, Student-Faculty Interaction, Enriching Educational Experiences, Supportive campus Environment. All questions/results measure student perceptions.

- Johnson also distributed 'Interpreting the Multi-Year Benchmark Report', comparing 2012 to previous years' results. Shows that even in areas where SSU scores lower (statistically significant), we are doing better in each area over time, although those improvements may not be statistically significant.
- Also distributed 'Respondent Characteristics' which explains features of the sample. For 2012, students were notified once by email.
- Finally, he distributed 'The SSU Experience in Brief'. He gave this to Provost's office, Dean's Council, & Graduation Initiative Group.
- Lots of freshman year results, not as much senior response, why? Data highlighted is what NSSE has generally found campuses want to know more about.
- Can we go to other NSSE institutions who have made statistically significant improvement in areas where SSU is behind and share strategies? Johnson unsure; he has access to aggregate data, but individual data is usually private. Johnson can reach out to colleagues informally.
- What do we do with this data? Up to stakeholder groups (like SAC) to decide. Need to set up way to intentionally address the data annually. Thompson will check in with GIG (Grad Initiative Group) and other groups to see what their plans are for the data. Possibly revisit at future meeting.

## **2. Dispute Resolution Board membership requirements**

Reviewed wording changes SAC discussed at last meeting. Dispute Resolution Board is also reviewing. No comments or additional changes from SAC. Approved.

## **3. Proctoring procedures for athletes (T.C. 11:15 a.m., D. Dove)**

- Dove is Faculty Athletic Representative for SSU (role mandated by NCAA). FAR is appointed by president to maintain institutional control over athletic dept.
- About a year ago seemed to be a problem with off-campus proctoring policy (or lack thereof) at SSU. Dove asked coaches and found that 25 tests had been proctored in last 5 years. 3 teams accounted for 95% of proctoring. Concern about potentially abusive practice as currently implemented.
- Dove worked with small committee to develop policy. A slightly different, but significantly more problematic policy was passed by an online Athletic Council vote. He distributed the document that was the earlier draft which contains more specific language than the one included with our SAC agenda. FSAC is looking at the recently voted on policy as well.
- Dove asks that SAC request that more specific language be added back in to policy (especially regarding number of academic days off-campus and alternatives to proctoring).
- SAC discussed whether or not off-campus proctoring should be offered at all. University attendance policy addresses procedures for students to follow when they are absent on the day of an exam (or any other class meeting day). Is it good for student-athlete learning? Faculty?
- Thompson will talk to Dove about how best to proceed.

## **4. Request for priority registration: Deferred**

Adjourned at 11:55am

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by N. Lawson