

Student Affairs Committee

3 February 2016, 10:00am-11:50am, Student Affairs Conference Room (International Hall)

Present: Ron Lopez (Chair, A&H), Nicole Lawson (LIB), Damien Wilson (BUS), George Ledin (S&T), C. Morozumi (Campus Life), A. Mansfield (ACE), Russell de Jong (AS)

Absent: C. Christian (ENSP), S. Ayala (EDU), M. Lopez-Phillips (Student Affairs), J. Hazelwood (A&H), AS Rep – Vacant

Agenda Approval and Minutes 11/18/15 – both approved with no changes

Reports

Chair's Report (R. Lopez):

- Edgar Arroyo and Iris Olivera will be coming today to speak about the issue of the campus housing deposit. Also discussion of the number of disqualified students. Committee will also be continuing business from last semester regarding attendance policy and class participation.

SA Report (M. Lopez-Phillips): none

Campus Life (C. Morozumi):

- SSU Veterans Affairs serves 60 veterans and 230 children of veterans. Ceremony last week for alum who was commissioned to second lieutenant. Trying to bring more events like this on campus.
- CSLIS in the middle of Lobofest right now, some education and some social programming. Next big event will be Spring Fling. Siblings weekend will be 2/14, 180 siblings registered to attend (open to on and off campus). Next week outreach targeted to commuter students, coffee and survey of student needs in student center parking lot.
- Res Life focusing on diversity and sustainability issues. Student satisfaction survey in November got 60% response and good cross-section of population. Responses show that many students are woefully under-prepared for college. Students rate that their self and life management skills are lacking and not taught at SSU. Very notable to Res life staff this past fall as well, more so than in past semesters. Mosaic house (diversity-focused) will discontinued next year and will be First Gen house instead.

ACE (A. Mansfield):

- 203 transfer students this spring. EOP admissions up from 125 to 140 for fall 2016. Looking at orientation sessions to better support first gen students. Foster Youth program is hosting event looking for donations on 2/25.
- Career Fair will be held on 2/25, 110 employers (plus wait list). Clear need and demand for more small career fairs throughout the year. Collaborating with students in Culinary services to provide development as part of the event. Has developed an assessment for career services training and events.

AS Report (R. de Jong): deferred

Liaison Reports: all deferred

Academic Advising Subcommittee (J. Hazelwood):

ATI Committee (S. Ayala):

Athletic Council (J. Sutanonpaiboon):

Fee Advisory Committee (N. Lawson):

Scholarship Committee (A. Mansfield):

Alcohol & Drug Advisory (R. Lopez):

Business:

1. Edgar Arroyo and Iris Olivera, T.C. 10:30am

- Iris offered prepared comments. Issue faced by low income students: \$400 housing deposit required for fresh and sophomores. Brought concerns to housing director, but were unsatisfied with answers. Questioned how money was used. Response was that it went toward campus rent and office expenses for housing, also teaches students responsibility. Amount and stress are very difficult for many students, hard to focus on classes when housing is insecure.
- Edgar decided not to live on campus because of inability to pay deposit. EOP helped him to find housing two weeks before school.
- Can deposit be based on income? Cut to \$200? Waived for low income students (solutions offered by Edgar and Iris)?
- Payment plan for deposit is available (into 2 equal portions), but this is still hard for low income students to manage. Also due dates for deposit were unclear from emails received regarding housing.
- Deposit is applied toward the advertised toward total on-campus housing cost.
- Could due dates for deposits be changed to make sure that they're after the financial aid disbursement?
- Students feel strongly that the housing deposit issue represents institutional classism.
- Lopez suggests that we get deposit and disbursement dates and more data from students who have left campus housing for these reasons. Also invite Director of Housing, Nicole Hendry, and Director of EOP, Julie Greathouse, to future SAC meeting to respond to some of these concerns.
- Morozumi was able to find and share email that was sent to EOP students in November with notification and recommendations.
- After more discussion it became clear that while logistics and notification timelines are important, the amount of the deposit is just unmanageable for some students.

2. Institutional Research visit regarding disqualified students, T.C. 11:15 am

- Sean Johnson from IR, now called Director of Record Reporting and Analytics. Here today to talk about freshman who were academically disqualified at the end of their first term (below 1.0 GPA).
- Reasoning for no probation is that such a low GPA to start is very hard to recover from. Early disqualification allows students to move to a community college and recover GPA and credits before returning to SSU or other four year college.
- 104 students this year, which is high (double the usual amount 35-45 of years past). Johnson distributed doc with numbers on this group by school, participation in Greek life, ethnicity, working on campus (no way to get reliable data for off campus work), etc. Latino students are over-represented.
- How can this inform student services and support as SSU tries to become official HSI?
- E-advising initiative – looking to bring advising info to students and faculty in more timely way. First part was seawolf scheduler rolled out last semester. Allowed for easy scheduling around time of days and days of week when students can and can't take classes. 50% of students used it after launch.
- Students who used it on average had 1 more credit registered than students who did not. Next piece is the Degree Planner software that allows students to plan a pathway to their degree course by course, works with curriculum as set up by department.
- Sean will be back to give presentation on degree planner to SAC.

Information items: Future business item: why students leave SSU aside from academic disqualification.

Adjourned at 11:50am

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by N. Lawson