

## **Student Affairs Committee**

10/29/08 Sue Jameson Room

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

**Absent:** 2 vacant spots, Library and A&H

**Proxies:** None

**Guests:** C. Rhodes, 11:00 AM

**Agenda:** Approved.

**Minutes:** Approved.

### **Reports**

Chair's Report (K. Thompson):

- ☐ There will be a 16-unit standard for students for Spring 2009 registration. The current thinking of the policy is that students will be able to petition for loads beyond 16. Students will be able to add up to 20 units once the add-drop period starts. Class sizes will be frozen at current enrollment limits.
- ☐ There is a strong possibility that the CSU will have to shoulder another budget cut mid-year.
- ☐ Idea: SAC work with AS to advocate for CSU budget.

SAEM Report (M. Olson):

- ☐ Working on how to deal with cuts; meet 11/13.
- ☐ Polishing the document on disruptive students. Also, working on the creation of a student alert team. Feedback is being gathered. Also, developing "bias-motivated incident protocol" to support victims and witnesses of hate crimes, discriminatory actions, etc. on campus. Mack will bring final draft of faculty handbook for dealing with disruptive students.

ASI Report (T. Hammond):

- ☐ Emergency meeting held regarding 16 unit policy & budget crisis.
- ☐ ASI is developing three resolutions currently.
  - Resolution on limitation on education.
  - Resolution on CA budget.
  - Resolution on lack of communication and trust.

ACE Report (L. Vega):

- ☐ Workshops are being held to help students choose majors in 5 areas and are being cohosted with departments. Policy is working that involves putting holds on Peoplesoft for undeclared students having more than 60 units.

Liaison Reports:

- ☐ Athletic Council (D. Girman): Meets 10/30. Will be voting on anew drug testing policy (NCAA-related).
- ☐ Academic Advising (D. Girman): Meets 10/30—see business item 3. Recommendations for advising RTP are in the works.
- ☐ Scholarship Committee (M. Buckley): Hasn't met.

- ☐ Fee Advisory (M. Buckley): Overenrollment has led to extra fees being available for other activities. Clubs that missed the proposal for funding last year will be invited to apply for some of this money.

## **Business**

### 1. National Survey of Student Engagement survey results:

- ☐ Effect size interpretation changed, so now there are significant differences that didn't seem to exist before.
- ☐ Discussion of areas that we appear to do poorly on, such as independent study with faculty member, research with faculty member.
- ☐ Categories of concern: SFI, EEE, SCE. Are we really the university we say we are?
- ☐ How can this information be disseminated? WASC response team, President Scott Miller (regarding bifurcated mission), bring to attention of FSAC, Diversity Committees.

### 2. After-hours survey planning (T.C. 11 AM, C. Rhodes):

- ☐ Rhodes reported that starting in Fall 2009, SSU will be able to guarantee on-campus housing for 2 years (3200 students total; approx. 50% of undergrads). A CRC task force, working with some SAC members will work on developing a survey to administer in Spring 2009 to investigate students needs on campus. The survey will be a national, pre-tested survey to which we'll add our specific after-hours-related items. Next, we might conduct focus groups.
- ☐ Get one or two faculty and a student member of SAC to work with the committee developing survey. Jennifer, Karen, and Mehdi agreed to work with the CRC task force.
- ☐ (SIDE TOPIC): Faculty-in-Residence program—tied to FYE, student engagement is up. We have some students who don't live on campus who are participating in the program. Tuscany will also have an FIR apartment in Fall 2009. Considering other program options: sophomore learning community, international community.

### 3. Repairing the base:

- ☐ See "Rationale for the Need for Increased Staffing in Counseling and Psychological Services" provided by Lisa Wyatt. Note decrease in part-time counselors since 05-06 and maternity leave of one of the full time counselors.
- ☐ Add the following to the document.
  - o 3200 students, not 3000 on campus.
  - o 4-5 week waiting list.
  - o Question: could MFTs be hired again?
- ☐ Advising Subcommittee: Will develop a rationale similar to CAPS one.

## **Item for the Good of the Order**

For future: need a new chair for SAC next year. K. Thompson encouraged interested parties to consider being chair.

Minutes respectfully submitted by J. Mahdavi.