

Student Affairs Committee

20 November 2013, 10:00 -11:50 a.m., Stevenson 1056, Sue Jameson Room

Present: Karen Thompson (Chair, SBE), Nicole Lawson (LIB), Ron Lopez (A&H), Michael Cohen (S&T), Peter Neville (Student Union), Julie Shulman (SOC SCI), Luis Vega (EOP/Testing), Sandy Ayala (EDU), Claudia Sisomphou (AS)

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

Guests: H. Emery-Ortiz (IS)

Agenda Approval and Minutes 11/6/13: Agenda approved, minutes delayed until next meeting.

Reports

Chair's Report (K. Thompson):

- 39 acres have been added to the Fairfield Osborne preserve.
- Students are registering this week. 16 unit cap will include contract courses this time (internships, work experience, special study) which could make process more difficult.
- Bargaining for next faculty contract has begun, 5-6 months earlier than usual.
- At next Senate meeting (tomorrow), CFO Larry Schlereth will give budget report. Also, Senate will be looking at a revised temporary faculty review policy. Thompson can send email version of policy changes.

SA Report (M. Lopez-Phillips): None

Res Life/CSLIS Report (P. Neville):

- Housing office is moving ahead to host foster youth over intersession; right now looking at less the 5 students. There won't be Res Life or dining staff on duty, but students will be shown how to get assistance if needed.
- Student Life & campus fraternity co-sponsored cyber-bullying workshop, and over 500 students attended. Chartering deadline for new student organizations is 12/4/13.
- New Student Center opened last Wednesday. Not all facilities are open now, but most areas should be done by the start of spring classes. Bookstore remodel has been delayed until March.
- Student engagement reorg has gotten feedback which is being considered by N. Markley. Timetable and next steps are not clear at this time.

Testing/EOP (L. Vega):

- L. Vega attended national academic advisors conference. Saw pilot of pre-registration of all freshmen, which has the potential to reduce stress and save time. Also, workshop on looking at new ways to communicate with students, as email is in decline as a preferred method.
- J. Kornfeld looking into launching formal testing center at SSU, possibly using space in old Student Union building. Currently just two computers are available in Salazar in offices that double as conference rooms.
- 11/30 is application deadline for CSU, 3/2 will be firm deadline for complete EOP packets this year.

ASI Report:

- No formal report this week.
- Info item: Mark Levine (CA State Assembly member) coming to campus on 12/2. Event is open to all.
- A committee member suggested that AS look at issue of courses listed in the catalog that are no longer offered, as it can be misleading to prospective students. Suggestion to have a campus-wide effort to audit and remove defunct classes, since departments are hesitant to do it on their own.

Liaison Reports:

- Academic Advising Subcommittee (S. Ayala): None
- ATI Committee (S. Ayala): in process of submitting annual CSU report. Ayala will send copy of statewide survey and final report via email.

- Athletic Council (L. Vega): None
- Fee Advisory Committee (N. Lawson): 17 applications for eligibility for IRA funds received: a mix of club sports, lecture series, and other programs. FAC completed initial review on 11/19 and will invite representatives from several groups to answer questions at meeting on 12/3 before making final eligibility decisions.
- Scholarship Committee (J. Shulman): None
- Alcohol & Drug Advisory Committee (R. Lopez): None

Business:

1. Discussion on veterans at SSU:

- Shulman attended workshop last week on veterans and their higher education needs (not just mental health). She will share sample action plan created as part of workshop with group by email for next meeting. Could serve as starting point for future SAC resolution.
- Committee decided to wait to review workshop information, then craft a resolution for next semester.

2. Discussion of casino impact on students:

- Is some area of the university going to monitor the effect of the new casino on students, especially regarding drinking habits? How will we track impact?
- Residential Life sponsors an on-campus “casino night” which could also be used as an education event.
- Alcohol and Drug Advisory Committee may work on communication approaches for education and prevention.

Adjourned at 11:05am

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by N. Lawson