

Student Affairs Committee
Meeting of 05/12/04

Attendance

Karin Enstam, Karen Grady, Caitlin Hicks, Doug Jordan, Brigitte Lahme, Rand Link, Greg Roberts, Janet Swing

Guest Speaker: Gustavo Flores

Absent: Richard DeLeon, Phil Huang

Recorder: Doug Jordan

Minutes of 04/28/04

Approved with the following changes:

In the Reports section: change “EPC” to “Executive Committee” two times.

Agenda of 05/12/04

Approved with no changes.

Reports:

Academic Senate report by Brigitte Lahme. Brigitte reported that there was a first reading of the new Strategic Plan. The Vice-Mayor of Cotati visited and discussed the city's building plans. Les Adler, the Dean of the School of Extended Education, reported that faculty that taught summer school the past three summers will be paid at their normal academic rate. The pay rate for this coming summer school will be paid at the Extended Education scale that has been used in the past. The future of summer school sessions is now in doubt due to budget constraints.

Executive Committee report by Brigitte Lahme. The main item of discussion was a proposal by Provost Ochoa to require incoming freshman to have laptop computers.

Administration Report by Rand Link. Rand reported that Governor Schwarzenegger has negotiated a Higher Education Compact with the CSU and UC systems. The net result is that the academic year 2004-2005 should be the low point in terms of budget and enrollment for the CSU and the budget and enrollment will increase (slowly) for the 2005-2006 academic year and out years. The Compact still needs approval by the CSU and the State Legislature (possibly).

ESAS by Janet Swing. Janet reported that Provost Ochoa has put forth a proposal that the grade of “W” be removed as an official grade that can be given to students. She also reported that some freshmen have not been able to register for any units during first registration period.

Other committee reports were postponed to allow time for the Guest Speaker.

Business

02/03: 07 Advising Policy Review. Brigitte passed out a draft of a memo from the SAC to the Academic Counsel making suggestions with respect to advising. Suggestions include asking the Deans for time for an advising session during the convocation meeting in the Fall and assembling a booklet with information about GE requirements.

There was also some discussion of the memo to SAC from the Academic Advising Subcommittee requesting that that committee be disbanded or re-charged. A motion was passed to forward the memo to the Executive Committee rather than just re-charge the committee.

03/04: 19 Freshman Class 2004/2005- Guest Speaker Gustavo Flores, Interim Director of Admissions.

The Interim Director gave the SAC an excellent overview of the makeup of the incoming freshman, transfer, and graduate student classes. There were a total of 9275 applications for the incoming freshman class, about 6000 offer letters were sent out, and the incoming class will be approximately 1200 students. Academic standards for the incoming freshman class are higher than they have been in the past and he thinks that the standards may be higher next year also. He expects that there will continue to be a lot of interest among prospective students for coming to SSU into the future given the size of the school and attractiveness of location. He also provided details about the incoming transfer and graduate classes and promised to provide details about minority participation in the incoming class in a month or so.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58.