

Student Affairs Committee

29 August 2012, 10:00 am-12pm ST 1040

Present: K. Thompson (Chair, SBE), I. Kanaana (S&T), D. Romesburg (Soc Sci), N. Lawson (LIB), M. Lopez-Phillips (SAEM), P. Neville (Student Union)

Absent: L. Vega (Advising), J. Mahdavi (Edu), R. Lopez (A&H)

Agenda Approval: Approved with additional Business items – 1. Election of Secretary; 2. Discussion of liaison roles.

Approval of Minutes 5/9/12: Deferred to 9/12/12

Reports

Chair's Report (K. Thompson):

- Executive Committee met last week. Discussed what might happen if prop 30 doesn't pass. Recs: increase in fees, 3rd tier tuition, benefits sharing for employees, decrease in sabbaticals and assign times. No new hires. Campus would still have to find other half of \$250 million cut.
- Current savings from Academic & Student Affairs merger is \$550K. Hoping to get to \$800K total cost savings.
- Call for a faculty rep on Student Center Board of Advisors.
- Provost will be attending the next SAC meeting. Would like to send any questions that require data or research. Thoughts?
 - Recently shared that SSU has 78% tenure track faculty. What data was used to calculate tenure track vs. adjunct/lecturer ratio?
 - What has been lost and gained by merger of Student Affairs and Academic Affairs? What positions have been eliminated? Tasks moved?
 - What are his thoughts on the role of the multicultural center?
 - In addition to organization and funding changes, what is the evidence-based, data driven conceptualization of what the function of student affairs is on campus? What is its part in building the student experience? Without agreed pedagogical approach, hard to know where it fits.
 - For broader discussion: What sort of co-curricular efforts will be made in new merged model (ex. health and wellness)?

SAEM Report (M. Lopez-Phillips):

- New MCC Director, Mark Fabionar, has created 'Hub' brand and logo for center. He is working with students, diversity groups on campus, and the advisory board to develop programs. Also working on multimedia outreach.
- Crisis Advocate, Kerri Harris resigned over summer. Position will now be more oriented toward victims' advocacy and outreach; currently some work is being shifted to counselors for confidentiality reasons. Hope to have new job description approved for recruitment shortly so we can hire in time for the spring semester.
- M. Lopez-Phillips is now the Conduct Officer for campus. 95 cases outstanding.
- 9034 students this year. Avg unit load 12.94; goal was 13.5.
- Career counselor is likely leaving in a few months. How do we leverage career center as support for students who are feeling pressure to pick major and be marketable? Build business relationships & foster internships for students.

- Safe Zone training was conducted this summer. Program may eventually be incorporated into MCC.

ASI Report (vacant): No report.

Res Life/CSLIS Report (P. Neville): No report

Advising Report (L. Vega): No report.

Liaison Reports: No reports

Business:

1. **SAC Secretary:** N. Lawson offered to serve as secretary for 12/13. Official decision postponed until 9/12 when more members are present.
2. **Liaison Positions** – SAC needs to determine liaisons to: Fee Advisory Committee (K. Thompson 11/12), Scholarship Committee (I. Kanaana 11/12), Advising Subcommittee (R. Lopez 11/12), and Athletic Council (L. Vega 11/12). Decisions postponed until 9/12 meeting.
3. **Review SAC Charge: postponed until 9/12.**
4. **Review 2011-2012 end-of-year report:** postponed until 9/12.
5. **Dispute Resolution Procedures (TC 11:00 am):** Laurel Holmstrom joined committee to discuss recommendations from the Dispute Resolution Board (DRB) that some adjustments be made to procedures. Two recommendations:
 - Create avenues for early intervention before cases rise to the level of formal dispute resolution proceedings.
 - Develop Student Advocate position; someone who can serve as student resource and guide through the dispute process and facilitate early resolution when possible.

Committee discussed examples of long, complicated policy and grade disputes. Earlier intervention could better serve both students and the faculty involved. Majority of cases come from graduate programs. Perhaps SAC can speak with grad studies about how to approach this issue? With regard to the student advocate, it's important to know what such a role looks like to the board. M. Lopez-Phillips often informally acts in this capacity. He will consult with Chair of DRB, Michael Visser, and bring more information back to SAC. K. Thompson will talk to Grad Studies about how they're currently handling situations where students aren't meeting program standards.

Adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by N. Lawson