

Student Affairs Committee
Meeting of 9/27/2006

In Attendance:

Mark Fermanich, Paula Hammett, Doug Jordan, Matthew Lopez-Philips, Leny Strobel, Janet Swing, Deb Kindy, Witney Diver, Meri Storino (proxy for Maureen Buckley)

Recorder:

Leny Strobel

Minutes of 9/13/06: Approved.

Agenda of 9/27/06: Approved.

Academic Senate Report by Doug Jordan:

- Senate passed a resolution opposing the \$12M revenue bond for the Green Music Center.
- The Board of Trustees voted to approve the \$12M revenue bond.
- SSU will shift to year-round schedule starting Summer 2007.
- The Campus Climate Committee has been reconstituted.
- Policy revisions are underway on Sabbatical applications.
- There will be a name change from “School” to “Colleges” but the process is yet to be determined on how to go about it.
- Bookstore Study Group was approved.

SAEM report by Matthew Lopez-Philips

- Matthew shared the powerpoint presentation on the 2006 Freshmen Profile.
- Census goals were met. Need to pay attention to Retention issues.
- CSAs are busy adjudicating residential life issues.

Discussion: Question regarding graduate students who are admitted by the university but do not meet departmental admission criteria – what to do? Matthew will consult with Vayta and Gina at A and R to help clarify this issue. This will be a new agenda item to discuss.

ACE report by Janet Swing

- Re the SAFE Program presentations in the Spring; the Alcohol and Drug policy has pulled out from the presentation due to understaffing.

Discussion: Regarding Retention issues: there is a need to address “early transfers.” There is currently no mechanism for tracking the data and patterns of “early transfers” aside from anecdotal data.

AS report by Whitney Diver

- AS voted against the Barnes and Noble boycott. AS wants to focus on students getting the services they need.

Athletic Advisory Council by Deb Kindy

- The Council drafted an Attendance Policy for Athletes and this was forwarded to Kathryn Crabbe's office a while ago. The Council wants to know if any action will be taken anytime soon.

Discussion: SAC will follow up. This will be added to agenda item next meeting.

Academic Advising Subcommittee by Mark Fermanich

- Mark raised to conduct a survey to determine faculty needs regarding advising policies and procedures. Committee members agreed that this should be done.

Fee Advisory Committee: No report

Campus Climate Committee: No report

Business:

1. Advising Policy Revision: still under review by the subcommittee.
2. Campus-Wide Advising Workshop: SAC will sponsor an Advising Workshop for Faculty in November. Dates, venue, time to be determined and firmed up before next meeting. Will coordinate with the Professional Development Subcommittee and the office of Vice Provost Belay.

Discussion/Questions: Should the advising workshop be made part of the Faculty Orientation? Should SAC draft another resolution proposing to hire a Director of Advising? There is a need to address the issue of resource allocation (staffing, funding) towards implementation of an advising policy which, as it's written, demands more of departments and faculty.

3. Hearing Procedures Revision – reschedule for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at noon.