

# Student Affairs Committee

19 November 2014, 10:00 am-11:50 am, Stevenson 1056

**Present:** J. Shulman (Chair, SBE), N. Lawson S. Ayala (EDU), (LIB), M. Cohen (S&T), J. Sutanonpaiboon (BUS), R. Lopez (CALS), N. Markley (Campus Life), Anne Mansfield (ACE), B. Zamora (AS), L. Tesluk (AS)

**Absent:** M. Lopez-Phillips (CSAO)

**Guests:** Hope Emery-Ortiz (SEIE)

**Agenda Approval and Minutes 11/5/14: Additional business item #5: SAC representative needed for Graduation Initiative Group (GIG). Amend minutes to reflect that Christian George gave ASP presentation to GIG. Both approved with changes.**

## Reports

### Chair's Report (J. Shulman):

- Grad Initiative Group needs a student rep and more faculty reps from standing committees. GIG is looking both at increasing grad rate and decreasing time to graduation.
- Some discussion of implementing electric charging stations for vehicles, seems to be moving forward. Also talking about improving overall campus lighting.
- CAPS coordinating mental health awareness week in March, partnering with NAMI and Counseling dept.

### SA Report (M. Lopez-Phillips): None

### Campus Life (N. Markely):

- Student Center very busy. Group has been formed to facilitate student art displays in Center. First installation will be installed over winter break.
- Student Center Board of Advisors looking at process for scheduling of the spaces, specifically scheduling horizon. For the fall scheduling was not confirmed until December and based on priority list some groups may have had short notice that space were not available to them.
- Res Life is very busy, number of alcohol transports up this year - probably because people are less afraid to ask for help.
- CSLIS had Greek Awards reception last week to honor exemplary members in philanthropy, public service, and good deeds.

### ACE (A. Mansfield):

- Busy with registration and undeclared advising. Have had a few workshops for undeclared students.
- Career Center holding workshop today on Internships.
- Continuing recruitment for Job Fair, currently 60 employers. Also working on event for to prepare students for job fair, as they have received employer feedback that students are under-prepared.
- Have hosted several FIG classes in Career Center space.

### AS Report (L. Tesluk/B. Zamora):

- Work group looking at increasing access to student services, currently in research phase (meeting with reps from various depts). Looking at EOP, CAPS, Academic Advising, Tutorial Center.
- Passed resolution commending 'Ticket for Success' program.
- This week AS Senate is discussing increase in AS fee of \$3 to support Tutorial Center. Will continue to increase \$3 a year for 4 years, \$3 for Tutorial Center and the rest for grants to student clubs and orgs, ASP, JUMP, student government. Would to students in spring for vote.
- Also discussing SIF (student involvement representation fee) for CSSA (body for all CSU AS orgs), opt out fee. Would support advocating for students at the CSU level. This fee is going to the CSU Board of Trustees for approval.

### Liaison Reports:

- Academic Advising Subcommittee (S. Ayala): Last meeting Julie Greathouse came in to discuss EOP, Foster students, and AB 540 (Dreamer students). There is a misperception that they get some special admission and don't meet regular admission standards, but this is not true. All have similar support needs. Over half are undeclared majors. Many struggle with knowing what resources are available on campus. Biggest advising challenge is helping them find a career path. Brent Boyer also came in to discuss DSS students and services.
- ATI Committee (S. Ayala): Larger group hasn't met yet, but they are submitting statewide report this week.
- Athletic Council (J. Sutanonpaiboon): None
- Fee Advisory Committee (N. Lawson): Continued meetings with IRA funded groups. Discussed increase in AS fee noted on AS report above, as FAC will have to facilitate the referendum process.
- Scholarship Committee (R. Lopez): None
- Alcohol & Drug Advisory (R. Lopez): Student Health Center continuing drug-screening project for student athletes (?) and education on alcohol poisoning. CAPS is still under-staffed. Calls are down overall on town/gown issues.

### **Business:**

#### **1. Peter Neville, Veteran's Services (T.C. 10am)**

- Neville shared copy of 2012 Veteran's Resource Book and summary document that he created listing tasks and programs for unit.
- SSU has been serving veterans for many years, change last year brought services into A&F.
- Peter handles both administrative and programming side. For purposes of VA he the School Certifying Officer (so he can enter data into VA system).
- Currently serve 50 veterans/active duty reservists, 185 dependents (162 CalVet; 23 VA). Cal Vet program - a yearly tuition waiver program. Federal VA program - mixture of tuition, campus-based fees, books, and housing.
- As Certifying Officer, Neville also confirms to VA that person is alive, registered, attending class and making progress toward a degree.
- Offered list of programmatic goals:
  - Orientation and regular meetings for Veterans
  - Assess
  - Student organization
  - New Student Orientation/Seawolf Decision Day presence
  - Awareness programs for faculty/staff
  - Outreach to area services for Veterans
  - Web site and social media
  - Campus activities/celebrations
  - Commencement acknowledgement
- Committee asked about possible programs to dispel stereotypes about veterans as unpredictable, aggressive. Neville recently attended conference on just that topic. Nothing has come up yet at SSU, but this is problem nationally so we should be proactive.
- Overall more resources are needed for this position. It has turned out to be more than the 20% of Neville's time initially proposed.
- Still working assessment of veterans needs at SSU.

**2. Next meeting - working meeting/bring laptops and data gathered thus far - Shulman will send reminder to committee before our next meeting.**

### 3. Questions from Structures & Functions

- Growing concerns on campus that are many vacancies on standing committee. S&F is looking at reorganizing governance to resolve this and be more efficient.
- Asking all standing committees to answer four questions:
  - Do we have reps from all schools? Could our business be handled by a smaller group? –
    - Yes we have reps from all schools. We are the only academic senate group that works on student affairs issues. Only place where all departments can come to the table.
  - Do we need to have a standing meeting or can we meet as issues arise?
    - Yes we need to regularly because this committee needs to be proactive on student support issues. It would be very difficult to find time in every schedule on an ad hoc basis. We are the only place for everyone to be in the loop on these issues.
  - Do you see your committees charge overlapping with others? If so, which ones?
    - We are really unique in that we address student affairs issues directly.
  - Does your committee have an excessive workload? Could this be dealt out to other committees or a new committee?
    - No manageable as is.

### 4. Progress on report - needs and relative gaps compared to similar CSU campuses

**a. Additions or changes to report** - Cindy Morizumi has entered a lot of data. Mansfield and Tesluk will adding their numbers in the near future.

**5. SAC representative needed for GIG** - Tesluk expressed interest, but needs to check his schedule. Faculty should let Julie know if they are interested.

**Information items:** None

Adjourned at 11:45am

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by N. Lawson