

Student Affairs Committee

2 February 2011, 10:10 am-12pm Darwin 101

Present: J. Mahdavi (Chair, Ed.), D. Romesburg (Soc Sci), M. Lopez-Phillips (SAEM), K. Thompson (Bus), R. Lopez (A&H), N. Pratt (AS)

Absent: S. Cunningham (Lib) [parental leave], H. Purcell (AS), I. Kanaana (S & T), L. Vega (ACE)

Guests: B. Lesch McCaffry, J. Hess, S. Cabaniss

Agenda: Approved.

Minutes of 11/10/10: Approved.

Reports

Chair's Report (J. Mahdavi):

- JCAP: Student Advising Task Force: Dean Leeder, J. Lillig (Chair, AAS), J. Mahdavi (Chair, SAC); J. Kornfeld (Director of Undergraduate Studies) looking into one-stop Advising Center with GE, major, career under one roof; directors of advising; lead advisors from schools in Advising Center; expand peer advising; enhance role of Academic Advising Subcommittee.
- SAC encouraging internship centralization of community, departments, and prospective interns partnering through this site (new Career Center?). Also bringing in Mereth? Certainly course release for the designated professors from each school there. Will need additional staff focus/support from advising as well. Challenges of clear expectations are of students with bureaucracy and paperwork as well as internship experience. Being able to account for centralized student issues/feedback.

SAEM Report (M. Lopez-Phillips):

- Working on World of Work; Black History Month kicked off, amazing turnout and collaboration this year; Clothesline Project (J. Hess); Attentiveness to Women's History Month—MMC; Res Life Coordinators transitioning in next weeks. Enrollment planning going back to last year's numbers, lower projections but uncertain. Likely that Advising Director position not be replaced in the near future. SAEM only has one active person—Student Affairs thin in many areas, risk exposures and challenges will be furthered by budget cuts. Could lose as many as 9 staff from this round in Student Affairs. 16% Greek right now and rising, asking for more advising and meeting space.
- Comments on consultants' report—agenda item for 2/16.

ASI Report (H. Purcell and N. Pratt):

- Solid retreat.

ACE Report (L. Vega): none

Liaison Reports:

- ❑ Fee Advisory (K. Thompson): Working on referendum wording for Student Center, preparing ballot for mid-semester. March-April consideration of student fee requests.
- ❑ No reports: Scholarship Committee (I. Kanaana); Academic Advising (R. Lopez); Athletic Council (L. Vega)

Business

Business Item #1: Class attendance policy-revision:

- Approved Revision: “For students who miss class for valid reasons, instructors are also responsible for providing an opportunity...”
- EPC taking up on 2/24. FSAC will discuss on 2/10. Also consult with Athletics Council, Dispute Resolution Board and Academic Freedom Subcommittee

Business Item #2: Diversity Stakeholders Resolution (B. Lesch-McCaffry, S. Cabinas) (11 AM TC)

- On issue of some other committee to take this charge. Met with MLP re: work needing to be done, MCC, Advisory Board; Met with Dean Leeder—this is not under the Pres. Diversity Com’s frame of the long-term strategic plan and then direct/monitor that diversity plan, but PDC would co-sponsor work group; CFA Af Am committee considering co-sponsorship tomorrow.
- Change proposal: reflect “work group” vs. “committee”—clarify specific function.
- Looking to streamline, focus and maximize resources.
- Sen. Div Sub Com inviting stakeholders to assess issues: First is ethnic/racial stakeholders (CALS, AMCS, Committee for Racial Responsibility, BSU). Current MCC staff said can’t come to meeting or even send intern b/c so overwhelmed. Report indicates current model unsustainable (divided three ways): Funded for next year? Dean Leeder indicates Director of Diversity and Inclusive Excellence position funded for next year. E. Vasquez does not see this as her role—more of a coordinator/participant rather than initiator. So goal of this working group is to make the various institutional diversity components together to work most efficiently to solve the problem.
- Advising for SAC co-sponsorship of Diversity Stakeholder’s Exploratory Working Group to address three areas: Gender programming and support; Student advocate/support; sustainable funding for diversity efforts. Goal is to get stakeholders together to get a solid proposal by end of S11, first implementations by then, with final approval by F11.
- MLP concerned about how to juggle all of the needs in time of budget crisis. Unclear what the best possible course forward it—frustrated, stuck but unsure whether another working group will fill in the gaps. BLM: Can the Infrastructure Sub Com of the PDC push to insist this is a key priority of the PDC, MLP? If so, DSEWG not needed. But it needs to come from A&F, not from cutting sections or SAEM staff. MLP: How do we move it? That’s the central question. Is it better to hold committees accountable (PDC, SDC, DoD) for clarification of priorities of this institution or do we need another work group to do this? He’s unsure. How about this meeting happening through MLP calling through Infrastructure Sub Com will be discussed before next meet.
- J. Hess believes this working group clarifies civic responsibility of action.
- J. Mahdavi continued concern for how formation of this will move forward.

Business Item #3: Election of 2011-12 SAC chair—J. Mahdavi wins!