

Student Affairs Committee

Agenda - September 11, 2013

Present: Augustine Ayuk, Dennis Miller, Jr., Jeff Jacobs, Charlotte Swint, Khamis Bilbeis, Scott Bailey, Mark Daddona, Ken Nguyen.

Welcome. Started promptly at noon.

1. Introduction of new members. Augustine, Charlotte, Mark, Dennis, and Scott were present. S

2. Approval of minutes (August 7, 2013). Scott motioned, Charlotte seconded; minutes approved at 12:04 pm.

Business.

3. BUSINESS

a. Lactation room request. It was brought up at the end of the Faculty Senate meeting; it was well received. The idea was well received; it passed to be sent to Facility's Management. The president of CSU is elated by the notion. There is nothing for a university initiative; the form Scott submitted has passed. This won't act until 2014 or 2015. Mark asked if we talked about what was next in the process. According to Mark, Scott, Barbara, and then Robert Vaughn have to sign/ approve the paperwork/initiative, then the rep from Academic Affairs. It would be a conflict of interest for anyone else to sign. The Facility Committee has to find us space, they give ideas; as well there may be space here in the Student Center. We may have to give a Power Point presentation on this initiative. Their first meeting probably is in October; they are pretty good at brainstorming (ie, give other recommendations on space on campus). Barbara gave us compliant steps from which we can begin the process.

b. Sexual education in dorms. Discussed last year, how can we handle the spread of STDs on campus? Charlotte: Polly Parks might be able to discuss in more detail. Jeff said the questions were good, but from where are these reports/statistics coming? Jeff reminded the committee that stuff has been done, and what was said at the April 10th meeting was critical and not backed up by statistics. The University Health Center does supply the students with sexual education; there are 18 RAs in Laker Hall (students mainly 17 – 19 years old). The student organizations also serve as role models to the

students. Jeff said he would be more than happy to bring in this year's program. Polly might be able to pull statistics from university health center. What is the common STD rate in general? Only 8 cases of HIV have been reported on campus. Scott asked if there was anything the student affairs committee can do to address this issue? We can talk with students in classes, other faculty can engage in this dialogue in class. Study habits, good choices for healthy living, etc (proactive responses or focus). How can we support this? Collaborations with health services, for example? What experts can provide a different type of program? Mark Daddona said this might be a good time to also find out how students are fairing. Charlotte reminds us she brought up Polly because she was on a search committee; Polly is, however, getting herself situated (new hire). We could make incentives for the students, extra credit. The RAs also have programming committees; they also determine a part of the program. Freshmen take surveys the third and tenth week of school, to identify if they are high risk for dropping out. Are there any questions about sex or sexual behavior? Maybe from the point of view, pregnancies, may delay graduation dates? How does that affect retention rates? Mark is going (then Delandra Hunter) to check on this. If condoms are distributed to Clayton Station, there is a concern that students won't return to class. Some of the administration may not be happy with condom stations, etc. Should faculty be educated by what we are being done? The previous administration was much more conservative, so they may be more receptive. What about students who are 18 – 20 and not living on campus? Many freshmen, for example, only attend the PTC campus. This is something else we should examine. What about online surveys? What can SAC do? (Laker Hall, transfer students, PTC students, the data). What do the statistics reveal? Alcohol abuse, for example, is less common here, marihuana usage might be higher. We have data from drug and alcohol surveys. We can use this information to brainstorm. We can discuss potential surveys.

c. Charge from Faculty Senate Chair: Barbara has noticed students can't find study areas. The library is being renovated. Students are transferring for a variety of reasons; what can we do? Brainstorming ideas. Operation Study Group might be able to help with the lack of quiet areas. Students should be bringing this to their SGA reps. The Space Committee has protected areas where students can study quietly. The library renovation

will probably rectify this situation. Mark reports that there will be study rooms for students, they will be ready for Summer 2014. Auxiliary Services wanted to turn the loft into a store; this request was denied. What about outdoor areas to study? The open area of the food court, for example, only has one table, more tables would provide more areas in which to study. SAC, the second floor might provide more space. This could be an inventory issue; there are places on campus about which students be not know. Take an inventory of student place; we could generate a list of student places. Put in CSU fast facts? Get a list together and send it out. Jeff will remind us what Operation Study is at the next meeting. This idea arose after many midterm grades were Ds and Fs. What did students need? Is a Midterm grade a reflection of the true grade? The BOR determines that the midterm must be the middle of the semester. How can you give you a midterm test when midterm grades seem due before Midterm? Some courses aren't offered regularly, they may have to wait an entire year until they can take the class again. Midterm grades versus final grades, they usually correlate well, they serve as a good predication, according to a study from several years ago. Fall 2012, might be a good perspective, to compare. How is the data run? Mark will try to come back with some raw data.

4. Other business? What can we do with retention? Study areas?

5. Announcements? Mark noticed many cigarette butts are on campus. What can be done regarding this? Where should students be able to smoke in public?

6. Adjournment: Meeting ended at 1:05 pm.