Senate Student Affairs Committee 2012-2013

Members Present:

Anthony Bledsoe, Biological Sciences, Chair
Lance Davidson, Engineering
Kathy Humphrey, Vice Provost and Dean of Students, Chancellor Liaison
Chyongchiou Jen Lin, Medicine
Mary Rauktis, Social Work
Valerie Watzlaf, SHRS, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as written.

II. Subcommittee

In Jay Sukits absence, discussion of the formation of a subcommittee will be postponed until the January meeting

III. Report on University Assembly November Meeting

Jonathan Duvall, President, Students for Disability Advocacy presented at the University Assembly meeting. This organization is a formally sponsored undergraduate organization formed in June 2012. The purpose of this organization is to discuss issues related to students with disabilities. This committee believes it is important to put information together so that faculty understand student disabilities and realize that we have a legal obligation to give accommodations when needed. Not all dorms are accessible. Transportation for off-campus housing is difficult. We would like to have Jonathan Duvall visit our committee at our February meeting. How do we get the message to faculty that may need it the most? There is a need to educate faculty about student disabilities and DRS. Possibly have a plenary for this issue. Department chairs will be notified that this is an important issue and legal responsibility to do this. It should be put into all course syllabi and discussed with students. Another idea is to create a 15 minute video that is distributed to all department chairs that then watch it with their faculty and address questions etc. Follow-up plan: invite Jonathan Duvall to the February meeting, invite video staff and create a script to include all services provided to students with disabilities. Every department chair will show this video to their faculty and make a link available for adjunct instructors and make it a part of Course web. We will do whatever we can to make sure the information gets out to all faculty.

IV. Counseling Center

Also, very important for faculty to address student needs through the counseling center. Another counselor has been added and it is planned to add another counselor next year due to the heavy client load. Emergency counseling is also important and is available every day for students. Faculty just need to call and state that the student is in crisis and the counseling center will make room for that student to see a counselor immediately. It is planned to have some of the counseling issues part of the 15 minute video.
V. Student Members

Lori Molinaro contacted each of the following groups regarding student membership on this committee. SGB will identify someone to be part of the committee next semester. This will happen in January. GPSG is also eager to have student membership. CGS was contacted and told we would like student members especially student Veterans.

VI. New Business

There was discussion on how the students with disabilities issue is bigger than a sub-committee for Veterans and how we may want to expand this sub-committee or need to determine the history behind this sub-committee proposal. This will be discussed in more detail in January.

VI. Next Meeting Date:

The next Student Affairs Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, January 16 at 4 p.m. in Room 156 Cathedral.

VII. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie Watzlaf, SHRS, Secretary