

Academic Assembly
May 17, 2010

MINUTES

Present: John Strait, Isiaah Crawford, Randy Horton, David Arnesen, Nina Valerio, Clare Monahan, David Neel, Francisco Guerrero, Tracey Pepper, Mary Graham, Jen Sorensen, Sonora Jha, Kristen Shuyler, Chips Chipalkatti, Flora Wilson Bridges, Jean Tang, Frank Shih, Valerie Lesniak, John Weaver, Karen Feldt, Jason Wirth, Jacquelyn Miller, Charles Lawrence.

Guest: McKenzie Weber, ASSU Representative
Sarah Bee, Faculty Athletic Representative
Cameron Dollar, Head Men's Basketball Coach

Minutes taken by Kristen Heinemeyer

1) Welcome

2) State of the Student Survey (SOS)

- a) McKenzie Weber joined Academic Assembly to present the SOS 2010 results.
- b) 738 undergraduate student responses
- c) Presentation covered topics such as: ASSU priorities (campus safety, bookstore prices, study space, 24-hour computer/print), administrative concerns, academic concerns.

3) Presentation from Athletics, Sarah Bee & Cameron Dollar

- a) Sarah Bee presented the last three years of Freshman athlete data (SAT scores, GPA) and NCAA Division 1 academic requirements.
- b) Cameron Dollar explained his recruiting style, discussed the connection of his work to the mission, and developing players as holistic individuals.

4) Graduate Governance Proposal, Valerie Lesniak

- a) Subcommittee who discussed the graduate governance issue developed an interim proposal, document provided.
- b) Assembly discussed topics such as: membership, get input from Deans Council, follow-up with other faculty in administrative roles (Chairs of graduate departments), further refine proposal, library membership.

Action Item: Present Assembly member unanimously approved the subcommittee to meet with graduate program directors and Deans Council in the fall to present this idea of graduate governance and from there revise the draft proposal.

5) Core Revision, Jen Sorensen

- a) Jen Sorensen provided an informational presentation regarding the Undergraduate Core Revision Committee.
- b) Expressed appreciation for participation in forums held over the past few weeks.
- c) Concerns have surfaced to keep on radar:
 - i) What is the process and timeline for having new Core courses approved?
 - ii) If we need a new structure, look at Core governance (who teaches Core, caps for Core courses, etc.)

6) Enrollment update/response, Isiaah Crawford

- a) There is a very strong enrollment for first year students in Fall 2010.
- b) Applications were strong, deposits were strong, went well beyond what was anticipated. Specific numbers won't be known until Fall, but expecting melt. Currently 1100 deposited students, factoring melt, looking at 1075 students. This is 250 more students that were budgeted.
- c) Projections:
 - i) Composite SAT score: 1736
 - ii) High school GPA: 3.57
 - iii) 36% Men
 - iv) Out of state students 48%, a 7% increase over 2009
 - v) Underrepresented minority students 18.4%, increase from 14.7% last year
 - vi) Admitted a greater number of students from low-income socioeconomic status compared to previous years
- d) Recognize the strain this will place in areas of the university. We will take steps to allow us to move forward with who we are as an institution. Accommodations will be made to ensure that all students continue to receive a high caliber of education.
- e) Retention rate of 90% in Fall 2009 from Fall 2008 freshman class. Fall 2008 freshman class also gave some of the highest satisfaction ratings.

Next (and last) meeting: June 7th 2010, 1:30-3:30pm, STCN 210