INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Student Affairs Committee

SAC 16/17-03 Approved: 11/14/16

10/17/16, 9:00 a.m.

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Present: Dan Coovert, Mary Howard-Hamilton, Sandra Kohler, Jessica Nelson, Nancy Nichols-Pethick, Bassou El Mansour

Ex-Officio: Robert Guell (Faculty Senate), Linda Maule (University College), Craig Enyeart (Student Conduct), Crystal Baker (Financial Aid), Michelle Sorrell (Intercollegiate Athletics), Rich Toomey (Admissions), Joel Robson (HMSU)

Guests: Chris McGrew (Center for Global Engagement)

1. Call to order
   1. Chair J. Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Announcements

2.1. Chair J. Nelson will be leaving ISU for another position starting January 2017. Vice-Chair N. Nichols-Pethick will serve as chair, effective November 2016. The alternate member will be notified and is expected to be present for the November meeting.

1. Revision of agenda if necessary
   1. No revision was made to the agenda.
2. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting
   1. D. Coovert moved, and M. Howard-Hamilton seconded, approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved 6-0-0.
3. Old Business
   1. Secretary S. Hardin contacted the following regarding attendance at SAC meetings (as per the suggestion by R. Guell at the September meeting): representatives fromAcademic Affairs, Registration and Records, Admissions, Financial Aid, Student Academic Services, Leadership, Student Activities and Greek Life, Residential Life, the Hulman Memorial Student Union and Intercollegiate Athletics**.**
   2. J. Nelson contacted Tim Hawkins re: SAC representation on the Enrollment Management VP search.
   3. J. Nelson asked if we should utilize the past report in response to the Advising Task Force recommendations, or draft a new report based on new SAC membership.
      1. R. Guell said that some on the Executive Committee would like closure on the report as it is. The President’s opinion is that each draft got worse in terms of cost to the University. Last year’s FAC and SAC committees didn’t move forward on the report; R. Guell suggests taking elements of the report that we feel strongly about and incorporating them into a new report in order to move forward. J. Nelson said that she was concerned about replicating work and information, but noted the importance of issues such as a consistent approach to release time for faculty advisors. R. Guell said that it was Exec’s view that all tenured and tenure-track faculty are responsible for advising. J. Nelson noted that the report is due by the end of the semester and suggested that the next meeting be dedicated to a discussion of the Advising Task Force recommendations. L. Maule suggested that SAC look at the report and formulate a response. R. Guell said that handbook language needs to be drafted with regard to official responsibility for advising, particularly the responsibilities of instructors vs. tenured and tenure-track faculty. R. Guell further suggested that advising is a duty of the *faculty* (plural) as opposed to particular faculty.
   4. Dan Coovert attended an SGA meeting.
   5. Chris McGrew presented information on international student enrollment, stating that there were a total of 1,006 international students from 76 countries, with 53 new students in AY 16-17, down from 59 in AY 15-16. C. McGrew reported that the requirements for the Saudi Arabian King’s scholarship are changing and will likely result in a drop in enrollment. There have been transfers from Western Kentucky, Bowling Green, and Idaho State, where issues involving international students have occurred.
      1. C. McGrew said that a student mentorship program has been initiated under the direction of Dr. Zach Matthews; the program will identify senior-level students and train them as mentors. C. McGrew cited cultural differences in students’ approaches to faculty, staff, and administration that have, in part, necessitated the mentorship program. C. Enyeart asked how mentors were being vetted and noted the importance of ensuring that potential mentors were not involved in issues of academic dishonesty.
      2. Jessica asked about recruitment strategies. R. Toomey said that there has been expanded marketing with a focus on 7 specific countries, but that aside from the initial money there has been no budget for international students beyond online marketing efforts.
      3. R. Guell asked where the Saudi numbers for enrollment are expected to bottom out. C. McGrew said that the university will continue to try to keep sponsoring agencies happy and keep it easy to attend ISU.
      4. S. Kohler asked if there were programs in place to educate offices about international student issues. C. McGrew said that they had offered webinars and presentations on various issues.
      5. R. Guell noted that there would be a huge financial impact for the loss of international students and suggested that the President be communicating the case for ISU’s relationship with specific groups of internationals. R. Guell suggested that SAC recommend more communication between C. McGrew and the President to salvage the relationship with the Saudis, and to advocate for more financial support from upper-level administration for the recruitment of international students.
      6. L. Maule noted that we should be looking to recruit a wide array of international students in a range of programs and diversify our student populations
      7. C. McGrew stated that he is comfortable with the level (8%) of international students because support isn’t there through the institution for greater enrollment.
      8. J. Nelson suggested that SAC recommend heightened support for international programming to the Executive Committee.
4. New Business
   1. SAC Charges
      1. Charge 1: Submit recommendations from the Advising Task Force – finalize report from last year
         1. J. Nelson said that the next meeting will directly address the recommendations from the Advising Task Force. **Action item: all committee members should review the recommendations and bring forward 1 – 2 items for follow up.**
      2. Charge 2: Review history of Student Success initiatives and assess effectiveness (with AAC)
      3. Charge 3: Identify a faculty member to serve as representative to SGA Senate meetings
      4. Charge 4: Monitor international student enrollment. **Action item: members are asked to formulate responses to the information presented by Chris McGrew, and any recommendations based thereon.**
      5. Charge 5: Review admission/scholarship standards and retention statistics; consider making recommendations regarding adjustment to admission and/or retention standards.
      6. Charge 6: Review and assess effectiveness of current student evaluation model (with FAC)
         1. N. Nichols-Pethick and B. El Mansour will attend a meeting with Susan Powers, along with A. Arrington-Bey and E. Gallatin (representatives of FAC), in order to provide feedback for the report.
      7. Charge 7: Administer the Faculty Scholarship
      8. Charge 8: Produce and submit an annual report in time for the final Senate meeting of 2016-17.

The next meeting will be November 14th.

1. Adjournment
   1. D. Coovert moved, and L. Maule seconded, adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9.55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Nichols-Pethick

Vice-Chair