INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Student Affairs Committee

SAC 16/17-01 Approved: 9/19/16

8/24/16, 9:00 a.m.

LC 028

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

Absent:

Ex-Officio: Robert Guell

Guests:

1. Call to order
   1. Convener S. Hardin called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. Introduction of members/participants
   1. Term ends 2018

Nancy Nichols-Pethick, Associate Professor, CAS Senator

Steve Hardin, Associate Librarian, Library

Dan Coovert, Assistant Professor, HHS

Bassou El Mansour, Professor, COT

Sandra Kohler, Assistant Professor, CAS

* 1. Term ends 2017

Mary Howard-Hamilton, Professor, COE Senator

Jessica Nelson, Associate Professor, HHS (1st alternate; replacing Alina Waite, who reported she cannot serve this year)

* 1. EC Liaison to SAC

Robert Guell, Professor, CAS

1. Election of officers
   1. Chair – Jessica Nelson
   2. Vice Chair – Nancy Nichols-Pethick
   3. Secretary – Steve Hardin
2. Scheduling of regular meeting time/place
   1. S. Hardin will send out an extensive Doodle poll.
   2. SAC will meet monthly.
3. Draft Charges for SAC
   1. Submit recommendations from the Advising Task Force – finalize report from last year.
      1. R. Guell said that over summer 2015, a task force was created on academic advising. It made recommendations which President Bradley rejected. The recommendations were an attempt to provide release/ time or more compensation for faculty members who do more advising. Current Senate Vice Chair Chris MacDonald asked last year's SAC to work with last year's FAC to revise the recommendations to make them acceptable to the administration. R. Guell will attempt to find the report and the proposed compromise. The changes would probably be impleneted in 2017. The report is due by the end of the semester.
   2. Review history of Student Success initiatives and assess effectiveness (with AAC)
      1. R. Guell said the University has gone to a much more expensive student success apparatus, including a new building. It’s unclear what all that expense has generated. This is a chance to evaluate the initiatives. He recommended J. Nelson contact AAC to work with them. We should investigate retention and dig deeper in the data. Much of the data is available in the Blue Reports. AAC has done nothing on it so far, he said. He suggested that J. Nelson, the AAC chair, Josh Powers, Linda Maule and maybe Linda Ferguson discuss the matter.
   3. Identify a faculty member to serve as representative to SGA Senate meetings (PC)
      1. D. Coovert volunteered to do it.
   4. Monitor international student enrollment
      1. R. Guell said Chris McGrew would be good to work with here. There's been a change in Saudi policy on sending students here. The freshmen numbers have decreased from 100 to single digits this year. But the total number will probably have risen.
   5. Review admission/scholarship standards and retention statistics, consider making recommendations regarding adjustments to admission and/or retention standards.
      1. R. Guell said this is a Handbook-defined charge to this committee. If we think, for example, that the .85 rule, or the minimum SAT requirement, or the GPA requirements need revision, they are all in our bailiwick to recommend to the Executive Committee and Senate.
   6. Review and assess effectiveness of current student evaluation model (with FAC)
      1. R. Guell said the total number of student evaluations of faculty has risen but the total number of individuals who've done them has declined. So many some faculty were never evaluated.
   7. Administer the Faculty Scholarship (PC)
      1. R. Guell said there’s a pool of funds generated from faculty contributions. Part of J. Nelson’s job is to communicate with faculty to request contributions. One of Senators serving on SAC should ask the Senate to do it too. This committee will go through the applications. They’re managed through scholarship software.
   8. Produce and submit an annual report in time for the final Senate meeting of 2016-17.
4. We can set our own priorities in the above charges.
5. Adjournment
   1. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hardin

Secretary