INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Student Affairs Committee

November 28, 2018 Approved: 2/1/19

12:00 p.m. - Stalker Hall 105

Present: Derrick Bowman, Steve Hardin, John Liu, Missy Malone, Michelle Souza, Steve Stofferahn

Ex-Officio: Bailey Bridgewater, Mike Chambers, Ashleigh Crowe, Morgan James, Amanda Knerr,

Jennifer Lawson, Braden Murphy, Brooke Porter, Josh Powers, Rich Toomey

Guests: Steve Neiheisel

1. Call to order
   1. Chair M. Malone called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes
   1. S Hardin moved, and M. Souza seconded, approval of the minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. Old Business
   1. SGA Senate Meeting Update – Kim Bodey
      1. K. Bodey did not attend the meeting. She said earlier she had no updates.
   2. Faculty Scholarship Update – John Liu
      1. The letter, based on last year’s letter, was distributed to the Committee. The Committee approved it by consensus.
4. New Business
   1. Senate Update – Mike Chambers
      1. The Faculty Senate has been addressing issues in the selection of an advocate for temporary faculty. Should there be vacancies created on the Executive Committee, processes to replace them are being developed.
      2. The Senate will address this on Thursday: the ISU Handbook is being changed to a policy library; it will be rolled out in January after appropriate approvals.
      3. Steve Neiheisel will attend the Senate meeting next week and give an enrollment management issues update.
   2. Strategic Enrollment Management Council – Steve Stofferahn
      1. The Council met about two weeks ago. The meeting was a plenary discussion as the work rolls forward. We are in a challenging environment that will become increasingly challenging. Illinois may get its fiscal act together and hurt our enrollment. The 21st Century scholarship program has its own challenges. We must redouble our efforts on retention as a way to solidify our numbers.
      2. Discussion of a partnership with Ivy Tech is in the formative stage. S. Neiheisel said the first meeting was a brainstorming session on how to deal with transfer students, conditional admits, etc. There was a very productive meeting with Ivy Tech. Nothing will happen for 2019; at best, changes will be made for 2020.
      3. R. Toomey: Another group is coming together to conduct an audit of what we do internally for “all things transfer students.” How do we matriculate new transfer students? We’re working with the Registrar’s office. How do we focus on transfer yield in fall 2019? Culturally, ISU has treated transfer students as second-class students for some time.
      4. S. Neiheisel: the admissions standards work group will meet a week from Friday. He expects their results to come to SAC.
      5. S. Stofferahn: re: departmental strategic enrollment: how many sections of a particular course do we need? We’ve never done the math before. How many students are coming into Foundational Studies having passed advanced placement tests?. We don’t know, but we’re working on it now. R. Toomey: the timing of when the tests become available makes things difficult – students may not have scores from the tests they’ve taken. J. Powers: Part of the problem is the way we get info from high schools. He just returned from the Parchment Conference – members believe high schools and colleges should communicate electronically rather than by paper. Some schools don’t use electronic systems. So we get bogged down in paperwork. S. Neiheisel: we have 200 fewer freshmen this year, so we’ll have 150 fewer sophomores next year. It would be good to look at a degree audit and see not only what they’ve completed, but what they need. It can be done with a lot of manual labor. The compounding effect important. S. Stofferahn: there was a degree planning software package we didn’t buy. J. Lawson: The producers of EduNav decided to pull back and work with one two-year school and one four-year school. We’re in a holding pattern until we hear from them. EduNav is not quite there yet.
   3. Free speech zones – Steve Stofferahn
      1. Katy Butwin and Joe Newport will come to our meeting in January. S. Stofferahn read an excerpt from an email he received from Katy, which indicated ISU doesn’t have free speech zones, but we do have areas that would be considered public areas and private areas. Free speech zones were all the rage 10 years ago, but not so much now. Bulletin boards are generally considered public fora depending on use. ISU may regulate the time, place and manner of protected speech, but not the content. Unprotected speech such as obscenities and threats may be controlled.
   4. J. Powers: Information item: I’m on the statewide board for 21st Century Scholars. Coming next year, a program similar to the 12-step program they do at the high school level will be implemented. It will included an orientation experience and various other elements designed to support their success. It will be piloted it next year, statewide the year following. It’s being driven by a desire to continue an important program in a way that maximizes the students’ chance of actually completing college. Every 21st Century Scholar should have someone they can identify as a “mentor” or “champion.” M. Chambers: is there a way to have input into the discussions? I’ve had 21st Century Scholars go to China with me.. J. Powers: Study abroad will be one of the things that a student can choose, but any additional funding for it would have to come from the institution.
   5. R. Toomey: we still need faculty volunteers for January’s scholarship interview sessions. Spread the word.
5. Next meeting date: in January. M. Malone will send out a Doodle poll.
6. Adjournment
   1. The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hardin, Secretary