

Student Affairs Committee

Monday, October 2, 2017

10am -11am

Meeting 17/18:01

Agenda

Present: Sam Ohannesian (Chair), Rozana Carducci (Vice Chair), Gina Curcio (Recorder), Joseph Kelleher, Erin Loescher, Jayashree Ranga, Forrest Rodgers, Fatima Serra, Christine Sullivan

I. Member Introductions

- The meeting commenced with self-introductions.

II. Election of Chair

- S. Ohannesian elected Chair of Committee

III. Election of Vice Chair

- R. Carducci elected Vice Chair of Committee

IV. Appointment of Recorder(s)

- S. Ohannesian thanked G. Curcio for volunteering to be the recorder for academic year.

V. Review Full Committee Meeting Schedule

- S. Ohannesian reviewed the remaining Fall 2017 full committee meetings:
 - i. Monday, October 23rd 9am – 10:30am Location TBD
 - ii. Monday, November 27th 9am – 10:30am Location TBD
 - iii. Monday, December 11th, 9am – 10:30am Location TBD

VI. Committee Priorities for 2017-2018

- S. Ohannesian reviewed the charge for current academic year
 - i. The Provost Working Group for Student Success is now a Presidential Task Force on Student Success. The main role of current committee is to support this presidential committee.
 1. The Chair of Student Affairs Committee will also serve on Presidential Task Force on Student Success to ensure communication between this committee and the task force
 - ii. Will also continue to work on the textbook issue as the cost of textbooks is an issue for many of our students. The committee will continue work from last year to possibly use more open source materials and consider other options to save students money on textbooks. Will also continue to work with other departments, including IT, the library, Student Affairs, etc. to consider more affordable textbook options.

1. C. Sullivan noted the 6% increase in tuition and fees and how this rise in cost has significantly increased the number of students who are struggling financially. C. Sullivan also noted that the decision to increase tuition and fees is made after the academic year has ended and suggested that this increase be communicated to students in a more timely manner.
2. S. Ohannesian noted that there are more increases to tuition and fees coming this year as well.

VII. Other Matters

- i. C. Sullivan attended the Student Government Association meeting and reminded them about the Student Affairs Committee to try to get more representation from students on the committee. Historically, the committee has not had good student representation.
 1. Students appointed to Student Affairs Committee by SGA include Jonathan DeAzevedo, Binta Diallo, Diane Solomon & Emily Tang
- ii. R. Carducci informed group of Student Life Reorganization being reorganized into the following three themes:
 - a. Wellness
 - b. Student Involvement & Engagement
 - c. Transition

Meeting Adjourned at 10:31 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Curcio