

Student Affairs Committee

Monday, March 5, 2018

9am -10:30am

Meeting 17/18:04

Agenda

Present: Sam Ohannesian (Chair), Gina Curcio (Recorder), Erin Loescher, Fatima Serra, Christine Sullivan, Joseph Kelleher

- I. Per S. Ohannesian, Dean J. Cambone was not able to make this meeting due to extenuating circumstances. Dean J. Cambone was on the agenda to review what the student success working group has found and provide some direction for our committee.
 - i. S. Ohanessian has reached out to Dean J. Cambone to see if he is able to make the SAC meeting on April 2nd.

- I. S. Ohannesian passed out two handouts, including a list of the Student Success Strategies from the Strategic Plan along with an action grid for strategy #2. The goal is for the Student Success Working Group to develop an action grid for each strategy.
 - The action grid for strategy #2 also includes the key objectives that align with all strategies identified by the Student Success Working Group and the actions specific to meeting strategy #2.
 - i. The committee discussed the action grid, including questions and concerns.
 1. J. Kelleher mentioned that many of these actions seem to fall under several strategies
 2. F. Serra inquired about whether this action plan includes the feedback that we provided at the joint SAC/APC meeting on January 29th.
 - a. S. Ohannesian noted that this action grid does include our feedback from that meeting.
 3. S. Ohannesian and E. Loescher noted that one major concern is if some of these initiatives were implemented, what current initiatives would be stopped?
 4. E. Loescher mentioned the importance of having resources to implement many of these initiatives.

- II. **New Business**
 - C. Sullivan mentioned that a student from SGA had an open forum on the cost of textbooks and the possible use of more open source resources. C. Sullivan has

also brought the discussion to Elizabeth McKeigue in the library for further discussion.

- S. Ohannesian advised that the preliminary findings from the MapWorks data from Fall 2017 is available. A total of 1,240 students responded to the MapWorks survey. The main findings for what SSU need to improve include:
 - Food and dining service
 - Parking/Tickets/Campus traffic
 - Student Services/Wellness/Student Nav. Center/The Shuttle
 - On-campus living
 - Curriculum
 - Diversity/Inclusion
 - Activities/Involvement
- E. Loescher noted the huge impact that current students' use of social media has a huge impact on what prospective students think of SSU
- C. Sullivan noted that a study on hunger and homelessness on public college campuses in Massachusetts is in the works that will be broken down by campus. It will be available later in the Spring 2018.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:07 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Curcio