

SFAC Spring Meeting #7
5/18/16 8:00AM-10:00AM
Student Services Center 400

Call to Order

Present: Paul Tchir, Jackie Markt-Maloney, Andrew Thai, Ei Lin Chong, Crystal Inacay, Akshay Tangatur, Mukanth Vaidyanathan, Norienne Saign, Ivan Evans, Sylvia Lepe-Askari, JohnHughes, Masood Jalalibidgoli

Absent: Chad Mackie, Ellen Kim, Negin Mokhtari

Approval of Spring Quarter Meeting 6 Minutes

Motion by Mukanth, second by Akshay

Dyad Updates

1. Student Retention and Success
 - a. Possibilities of focusing on experiential learning during the summer
 - b. Addressed the SSF funding almost doubling: due to adding more positions to study abroad and OASIS
 - c. Needs included: increased staffing, sophisticated data collection and analysis (tracking students' predicted success), physical space, curriculum and policy development (grade inflation, disparities across high schools)
 - d. Regarding the International Center, it had years of deferred maintenance
 - i. Relocated to Matthew's Quad, the student center, and I-House
 - e. Expanding supplemental instruction – hiring students that excelled in a class to host group tutoring sections
 - i. Costly, needs a staff position for logistical coordination and training
 - f. Target disparities and the time to degree for underrepresented students
 - g. Space needs: one-stop drop-in center for students to ask questions about academics and financial aid, stationed closer to Library Walk
2. International Center
 - a. Currently in the process of building a new complex for the relocation of International Center which would take 5-6 years
 - b. I-House
 - i. The bulk of IC will be established in the I-House complex
 - ii. IC will have access to the Great Hall for their programming
 - iii. Can't accommodate for everything, but most of everything it has been doing can be accommodated in the temporary space (for the next 5-6 years)
 - c. Consider that other places may be better suited for other elements of IC – that all aspects don't have to be centralized in one building
 - i. Voicing support for the international student experience, not necessarily the building itself
 - ii. Would it be beneficial to international students to have a decentralized or centralized approach towards the International Center?

1. Spreading the distribution of international services may possibly integrate students into the campus
- iii. Exclusionary feeling – international students don't feel the need to integrate with the general student population because they stay within their own groups
 1. Breaking down the sense of ethnic division and creating a true multiethnic experience
- d. Concern that international students are already confused about the system, and will be even more confused if International Center is divided
 - i. Some international students are more integrated amongst themselves rather than the whole community
- e. Augment international student recruitment efforts to diversify the international student population – there *are* efforts, but it will take time
 - i. Benefit of having an under-diversified student population is cost savings (more specialists required for diverse backgrounds and populations)
- f. Opportunity for integration into the larger campus aspect, i.e. collaborating between the different resource centers and the IC
- g. Naturally, international students feel more comfortable coming into a new environment if they stick with others that have similar backgrounds and culture
 - i. Determine a spectrum of programs that includes both comfortable programming and more deliberate programs that integrate students into campus, emphasizing a balanced approach
 - ii. Using housing as a means of integrating students in this experience

Discussion of Charter Amendments

1. Absences
 - a. Suggestion that these guidelines are better suited in the operational procedures, rather than being in the charter itself
 - i. Procedures are easier to change and are more flexible compared to amending the charter
 - b. Concern of having members that are consistently here who aren't consistently engaging in conversation compared to members that may have missed two meeting but have engaged in conversation consistently
 - c. Having a college representative be absent from two meeting results in a whole college council constituency being in the dark regarding SFAC discussion
 - d. Unexcused vs. any type of absence?
 - e. Responsibility of the chair to judge the consequences of absences
2. Stipends
 - a. Suggestion of distributing stipends once per quarter compared to every two weeks
 - i. Both methods of distribution have been used in the past
 - b. Better suited in the operational procedures
3. Term limits regarding the Chair
 - a. Came up in response to other SFACs on other campuses having their own term limits
 - b. Suggestion of placing an internal term limit
 - i. 2 year term limit for the position of chair

- c. Suggestion of focusing on limiting the positions held in other “fee oversight committees” (conflict of interest)
- d. Possibility of expanding this to the Vice-Chair
- 4. Robert’s Rules
 - a. Leaving it up to the discretion of the Chair allows the Chair to overrule Robert’s Rules, even when brought up by a member of the committee
- 5. Operational procedures – CSF guidelines
 - a. Language is slightly more restrictive than presidential guidelines
 - b. Consistent with fee policy
 - c. Establishing the difference between “no funding” and the primary source of funding
 - d. Referencing the presidential guidelines are more appropriate for this committee for the sake of consistency
 - e. Requires researching the implications of striking these guidelines
- 6. M.O.U.
 - a. Concern that this is inappropriate for the document because it duplicates guidelines and restricts a relationship that is already defined
 - b. What does the M.O.U. add, that isn’t already acknowledged by the charter itself?
 - c. The M.O.U. serves as an understanding between SFAC and all associated parties
 - i. A mutual agreement that all parties will be working to the best of their ability

Adjournment

Motion by Mukanth, second by Norienne

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Absent: Akshay Tangutur, Ellen Kim, Negin Mokhtari