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 Tangutur, Mukanth Vaidyanathan, Norienne Saign, Ivan Evans, Sylvia Lepe-Askari, John Hughes, 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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