

SFAC Winter Meeting #3
1/22/16 2:00PM-4:00PM
Price Center East Governance Chambers

Call to Order

Present: Paul Tchir, Jackie Markt-Maloney, Mihiri Ukuwela, Ellen Kim, Andrew Thai, Ei Lin Chong, Crystal Inacay, Akshay Tangutur, Norienne Saign, John Hughes

Absent: Chad Mackie, Mukanth Vaidyanathan, Negin Mokhtari, Ivan Evans, Sylvia Lepe-Askari

Approval of Winter Quarter Meeting Minutes 2

Motion by Jackie, second by Akshay

Finalization of Areas for SFAC Investigation

1. Areas: Transportation, Student Life, Sustainability, Career Services, Food Pantry, International Students, Community, Fitness, Student Safety, Student Retention and Success
2. Transportation, technically outside of SFAC
 - a. Parking is an issue, but can SFAC be impactful in this area? Probably not, other resources/groups are already working on this
3. Student Life, determining what fits under that rubric
4. Food Pantry, impact is limited because it requires more funding and has deep seeded economic roots, other groups are already assisting the pantry to great depths
5. Student Safety, vague long-term initiatives
6. Transportation and the Food Pantry already have their own committees that are doing a lot of work in those areas already; rather, focus our energy on areas that don't have established committees
7. Student Life
 - a. ArtPower!, CSI, TCLI, general program awareness
 - b. International students, community, fitness
 - c. Splitting student life into categories, such as looking at smaller and larger scale programming
 - d. Administrative hierarchies may cause issues amongst different areas of investigation; be distinctive about which path we're taking (campus vs. student)
 - i. It would accomplish both units and programs, and also issues that are important to us at student life, informing future years of how the processes compare to each other
 - e. "Campus Life"
 - i. ADA
 - ii. Long-term safety (resource management and planning)
 - f. "Student Life"
 - i. ArtPower, CSI, TCLI, program awareness
 - ii. Recommendation for a certain flexibility rather than limiting ourselves; taking student life as a whole

8. International Center
 - a. Not necessarily a problem of more funding; rather the struggles of international students and the instability that one may have from not being of this country
 - b. Bringing awareness to systematic issues is more important than bringing more funding to the International Center
 - c. We're devoting attention and resources on international students, but not hitting the issue of diversity
 - d. Unsafe environment; for example, there may not be any funding in their PhD career (yet it's equally true for resident students)
 - i. Difficult for international students to get funding/aid compared to resident students
 - ii. Points of view that could shed light on this issue and bring awareness/make a difference
9. Sustainability
 - a. Issues with transportation/parking creating more parking spaces by clearing more land
10. Career services
 - a. Historically, has been a topic of discussion in the committee
 - b. May be a situation with "no one on the other line," because of the recent turnover in administration; may be better off making this a priority next quarter/year
11. Motion to strike Campus Life
 - a. Bigger focus

Muir Constituency Report

1. Interest in whether or not SFAC meetings are open
2. Return to aid, fees going back to scholarships

Adjournment

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