



CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
STUDENT
ACADEMIC SENATE

General SAS
December 2nd, 2014

Call to Order

Chair calls the meeting to order at 7:01pm

Attendance

Present: Accounting, Aviation, Biology, Chemistry, Communications, Economics, English, ETSC, Family & Consumer Science, Finance & Supply Chain, Law & Justice, LLSE, Military Science, Music, Nutrition & Exercise Science, Political Science, World Languages

Absent: Psychology

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda
(none)

Approval of the Agenda

Chair entertains a motion to approve the agenda

LLSE so moves

Communications seconds

PASSED 17-0-0

Approval of the Previous Minutes

Chair entertains a motion to approve the minutes from November 18th, 2014

LLSE so moves

Military Science seconds

PASSED 17-0-0

Communications

Chair discusses the FISH Food Bank tragedy.

Economics announces that CLCE will be outside the SURC on December 3rd.

Communications asks if SAS can donate to the cause.

Chair says that a donation cannot be made because it would be considered gifting.

Economics says to contact Rachel Mahnke with any questions or information to get involved to assist with the process. Hot chocolate operations are taking place at Mercer Creek Church.

LLSE says that meals will be provided at the Lutheran Church.

Chair notes that the food may be from a variety of non-perishable foods.

Reports

Committee Reports

Sophomore Year Experience: Tabled inside the SURC last week. Hoping for more student feedback, but was prevented so because of lack of student engagement. Intend to start up a focus group with Eric Scott and further the mentorship program. A one-credit course is in the works for the mentorship program, with training for the course beginning in the spring quarter for interested students.

SEOI's: Working on getting in touch with other universities to attain information on SEOI's.

Publicity: Jenn and Rachel had a meeting this past week to discuss publicity with the Student Government. Posters and pictures are on delay and will be postponed until winter quarter.

General Scholarship Application: Working on building an access database to learn about scholarships applying to individual majors.

Chair Report

Chair will be contacting the Dean of the Library to assure libraries are open later during the week of finals. Also, began discussion beginning with university facilities to create a resolution at the Nicholson Blvd and Walnut.

Law & Justice talked with Dr. Stoddard about the collected data from his own course this fall quarter.

Communications spoke from personal experience, believing that increasing visibility of the stop signs as well as increasing the lighting is an essential need.

Chair does not want a quick and hasty solution to be made.

English feels that the dangerous situations she has seen at this intersection are due to personal hazard.

Political Science feels that there is nothing the General SAS is able to do about the situation.

Chair notes that faculty senate is looking to increase police around the location for enforcement.

Economics says there are so many people, that drivers and pedestrians are not able to work cohesively. People are always wanting to go, whether it is their turn or not.

Music says police are always sitting in their vehicles along the sidewalk and are consistently making sure that this intersection is operating efficiently. If there was a regulation of transportation, the road would be safer.

Biology proposes an idea to enforce stricter driving laws.

Chair suggests that this proposal may be harsh.

Finance & Supply Chain asks if making the walking path more visible by placing yellow lines in front of the crosswalk would solve some issues.

ETSC believes the General SAS should draft a letter addressed to the Police Department discussing our concerns on the situation.

Communications suggests SAS discusses with Bill Yarwood about developing a stoplight at the intersection.

Political Science says that SAS cannot be telling people when and where to walk.

Finance & Supply Chain says bikers commonly negate the rules of the road and are a primary problem.

Military Science says as a driver, it becomes confusing and stressful to get through the particular intersection. Regulating the flow of people seems logical.

Economics asks if the lighting and further enforcement is worth the extra cost.

Chair answers with a firm "yes."

English says there is too much traffic in one location. Suggests moving the crosswalks so that people are not always crossing at this one location.

Chair says that Bob Ford suggested in a meeting with the Student Government to close the road for certain hours of the day.

LLSE is concerned with people not being able to get back to their housing.

Chair understands the concern. However, this instance has occurred in the past.

Law & Justice says that people don't care about the others around them and are selfish. There are more pedestrians than bikers and more cars than bikers, and if we pursue this we should protect the majority.

ETSC says that officers are able to write tickets in which drivers can serve as crossing guards for a duration of time.

Biology expresses care for creating a letter.

Music notes that this closing may cause people to travel even further north.

Political Science asks why SAS is regulating the situation. Notes this is human behavior.

Announcements

Chair notes that the next SAS meeting will be on January 13th, 2015. At the meeting with the Provost, there was a discussion on a building being open 24-hours on campus.

Communications says that last year, the discussion began about having a similar service in the library.

Political Science suggests that the library is the best location for this. There have been too many late night trips to IHOP.

Chair says that staffing the library is the primary struggle because of the four floors.

Communications brings up the thought of having the service in Bouillon Hall. There are plenty of classrooms and space.

Economics says we should look at how other universities provide this 24-hour service.

ETSC says that in the faculty lounge in the Mary Groupe Center is available for faculty during the day and that the service may be provided at this location during the night period.

Jesse Nelson adds that staffing is the most significant difficulty with this solution.

Music says that part of the problem with the custodians is the fact that they begin so early and remain in all day until midnight commonly. It is difficult to maintain the campus because of various problems that arise during the day.

LLSE says that he is a custodian in the SURC and could possibly bring more student employees to cover these jobs could be more feasible.

Chemistry says that imposing a fee may be a solution that could be implemented to retain more employees and be able to keep people staffed.

Political Science agrees with Chemistry because there is a want for these facilities to remain open later.

Economics says that after being kicked out of these facilities, she feels like having to move from the library to the Groupe Center is not a good solution. It is more dangerous.

Law & Justice asks if the centers pay the same fees as Ellensburg does. If they do, then no one from these centers will be in promotion of these fees. No one wants to be paying these fees.

Jesse Nelson says to start with the Dean of the Library to see if there is an easy solution. If there isn't, begin looking for funds that could be used for this project.

ETSC suggests the Academic Learning commons would be an appropriate location.

Economics says we could attempt getting a survey in the works with the library.

Jesse Nelson wishes the best of luck to students on finals and thanks all for the tremendous work on campus. Asks the General SAS if students who are taking more than 220 credits is a relevant issue on campus?

Law & Justice says that one student had 155 credits in a major and hasn't declared. Was amazed that no one stepped up to help this student because they did not realize how many credits he had made it. Would like to see career services more involved.

Jesse Nelson asks if there is a need for more emphasis on advising.

Law & Justice answers absolutely.

Biology says that this can be tricky to do. Some majors require more freshman year and beyond to work in their majors course load. I think there is a large difference between those who have long-term majors versus those that are shorter such as just beyond the 60 credit reach.

Jesse Nelson says we have students from all places. It can be difficult to focus in on without career services.

LLSE believes there were 15 credits that were required before admission to the program.

Economics adds that entered as a freshman, she was advised to take two courses that had no meaning to the major. Because of this problem, she now has to take summer courses to make up for the advisors mistake.

World Languages adds from personal experience, she was one of those students who had no direction and that is why she has gathered so many credits. The programs such as Sophomore Year Experience have the potential to be of great help with this concern.

Music notes that the music department is their own entity because of the fact that they are required to hammer on from freshman to senior year within the major requirements. These credits are commonly self-inflicted because of the performance credits that are offered. Because of this excess, the music department was told to cutback because there were too many performance courses.

Finance & Supply Chain says a lot of students don't understand what they want to do. As a transfer student I was kind of forced into quickly selecting my major. In my major, I hear a lot of students saying they joined because of the high pay, not because they love what they are doing.

Military Science understands the exploration time, but I also believe their should be some 4 year plan design for every student. In freshman year, students should create a four-year plan so that they don't become entirely lost down the road.

English knows it's in the schools best interest to get students graduating on time. I know other schools require mandatory advising meetings, but I am not sure of this school.

Jesse Nelson says that Central does require these meetings. We want to be sure we get transfer students up and running immediately along with freshman.

Law & Justice says that we are aware of these regulations. First, I think we are removing a lot of personal responsibility from the student and handing it off to others. This fall, many of the ROTC students came in stating they needed this information to graduate and that someone else wasn't fault for their misdoing. We need better advising resources.

Jesse Nelson explains a little about the current statistics: 300 students per advisor. Then after declaring, there are roughly 500 students per 1 advisor.

Economics really likes what Military Science said about the 4-year plan as it makes students more aware of how to graduate. For the business program, there are 3 or 4 courses that are gen-eds required along with all of the other requirements for the program.

Political Science says college is a weird experience. Creating a plan and advising only go so far. I suggest a major fair.

Chair says we already have the fair.

Biology says that nobody has said it, but there's a sentiment underlying these comments. We have extreme limits on financial aid and better allocating these funds to students who don't know what they want to do seems wrong.

Jesse Nelson thanks to all for these comments. After this upcoming year we hope to have more data. I hope to have more on the veterans in the next meeting.

New Business

Report Backs

Family & Consumer Science: Nine students attended the conference in Baltimore. They attended sessions with favorite researchers, networked with other in the field and are bringing back all the knowledge they were able to take away from the event.

Old Business

(none)

Issues and Concerns

(none)

Adjourn

Communications motions to adjourn the meeting

LLSE seconds

PASSED