

Report of Student Affairs Committee

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UA Faculty Senate Standing Committee

The Committee met with staff of the Office of Student Affairs on September 6 and September 13. The purpose of the meeting was to meet the staff members and make them aware of the Student Affairs Committee. We indicated an interest in working with OSA during the year and asked to be kept informed of issues, activities, and events that might be of interest or concern to faculty.

Several issues were discussed that are ongoing activities of OSA:

- There is a continuing interest on the part of the SGA to make student evaluation summaries available to students. We informed the staff that the Senate had examined a variety of issues related to the Evaluation and Reward of Teaching and that it might be appropriate to have someone from that committee discuss this issue with SGA. The Student Affairs Committee is willing to be involved in this discussion as needed.
- OSA has started an Early Academic Year Initiative to help students adjust to campus and become part of the campus community. They will survey students in the next few weeks and provide a summary of results to the Senate.
- A campus portal system is being developed and should be available by early November. This system will provide additional access to information for students and faculty and facilitate communications between faculty and students. Tom Strong, Dean of Students, expressed an interest in meeting with the Senate to discuss the portal.
- Several health related matters were discussed, including requiring better documentation of medical withdrawals from the University, doing a better job of helping students with alcohol and drug abuse problems, and making students more aware of the Counseling Center.
- The Recreation Committee for the Student Recreation Center is to be reformed and needs a representative from the Senate. George Brown, Director, indicated an interest in continuing to work with the Senate to encourage the administration to view the Center as a benefit for faculty and staff.
- Efforts continue to improve the withdrawal from University, forgiveness and academic bankruptcy policies and procedures.
- OSA will examine the effectiveness of the Student Government Association this year. SGA is in its fifth year of existence since being reconstituted.
- Diversity and Rush activities will be monitored.

Subsequent meetings will be on the first Tuesday of each month at 3:30. Locations to be announced.

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