Meeting Minutes

Absent: Alma Sifuentes
Guests: Resource Center Directors (Carolyn Dunn, Stephanie Milton, Nancy Kim, Rosie Cabrera), Resource Center Program Coordinator Representative (Kristen Weaver), Retention Services Budget Analyst (Melody Litt), Retention Services Executive Director (Pablo Reguerin)

1. Approval of Agenda and Introductions
   a. Agenda approved
   b. Group introduces themselves, including guests

2. Measure 7 Presentation/Resource Centers
   a. Managing Director Carolyn Dunn introduces the presentation: the presentation is going to focus on budget, in terms of carry forward as well as areas of growth. Carolyn passes around a binder which includes many fliers and advertisements for events that have taken place this year, or are upcoming.
   b. Regarding carry forward, Carolyn mentions that very few centers had a carry forward from last year, and those that did, have already absorbed those funds into this year’s operating budget. The centers do not anticipate any carry forward this year.
   c. Carolyn explains that the resource centers are going through a period of restructuring; her position is split, 50% Director of the American Indian Resource Center and 50% Managing Director of the Resource Centers.
   d. Top priorities for growth:
      - AARCC: build a greater sense of connection between students and center; collaboration; professional opportunities for students. Seeking to increase funding opportunities to grow student internship base.
      - AIRC: program development, technical center, academic program; community building to attract more American Indian students.
      - AAPIRC: increase program coordinator to full time; coverage for CUIP internship. This is the second year that AAPIRC has not had a CUIP intern (used to be funded by SFAC)
      - El Centro: Staffing, program funding, space
      - Cantu Queer Center: staffing, secure funding for a full time manager, increase funding to hire more students, including non-work study students.
      - Women’s Center: fund development, increase support for and from feminist studies, and wider service delivery on campus, ie. peer level counseling for relationship violence.
• Ethnic Resource Center operating budget: each of the four resource centers contributes to a central fund to cover student employment, office supplies, etc. Long term goal is a permanent budget for the ERC’s.

e. Change in leadership at AARCC; an interim director was appointed. The center will embark on a national search for this position, which will present a unique set of budgetary challenges. AARCC is in process of rebuilding the program, outreach to the campus, etc.

f. Each center is interested in establishing a student advisory board.

g. Carolyn shares that we are growing in response to student need and interest. For example, in the AIRC, they have grown from 2 to 12 student interns in less than two quarters.

h. Please see reports (provided at 1/31/11 SFAC meeting) for more detailed information.

i. Questions:

   i. Interns: some interns are paid and some are earning academic credits. Some centers (Women’s Center, AIRC) must transition students from paid internships to credit, in order to be financially viable.

   ii. Space: Faye asks about the ARC as a viable location for the resource centers? Rosie responds that space for the interns to work is one of the biggest challenges, as well as storage space for supplies. Pablo adds that there is one area at the ARC which is underutilized, the former café. With some investment this space has some potential.

   iii. Are the resource centers open to working with CEP on the new service learning requirement? Some of the Directors respond, “yes.” Faye explains that next year UCSC will be a gold supporter of the SACNAS conference. Is this an opportunity?

   iv. SFAC members can forward any other questions directly to the Directors:

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3. Referenda Discussions
   a. Measure 17 Amendment

      i. Forest explains that he brought up this amendment with Crown Senate, and there was feedback regarding the need to change the language so the fee reduction is more than $.05.

      ii. Amanda mentions that she is interested in asking the group to look at the carry forward amount.

      iii. Porter College Senate discussed this as well; they are interested in knowing why money is not being spent.

      iv. Free reports that the current carry forward amount for Measure 17 is approximately $60,000

      v. Margarita asks about grad students. Lucy responds that graduate students do not pay this fee.

      vi. The group discusses the need for the amendment to lower the fee significantly for a few years while the carry forward is minimized.
vii. Robert suggests that we need to ask the SCOC to deal with the core of the problem, why money is not being spent.

viii. Callin explains that part of the problem is the positions are not being filled, so what is SCOC’s advertising plan?

ix. Recommendation: reduce the fee by three years to minimize the carryforward. Lucy will carry this message to the amendment authors.

b. Cultural Arts Fee:
   i. The group discusses the fee proposal.
   ii. Recommendation: many of the Colleges recommend that the fee have a sunset clause for the one time expenses.
   iii. Recommendation: two fees—one with sunset clause for one time expenses and one or ongoing expenses.
   iv. A comment is made regarding the fee being steep for programs that have been surviving.

c. Universal Access Fee:
   i. Recommendation: a sunset clause be added for one time expenses.
   ii. Question: What is the projected completion date for infrastructure improvements?

d. Measure 8 Amendment – no discussion

e. Measure 13 Amendment – no discussion

4. Housekeeping and Updates
   a. SFAC takes picture for the brochure

5. Closed session for Voting Members only