



Academic Senate

Student Advisory Committee (SAC) Minutes

October 4, 2023

The Academic Senate Student Advisory Committee (SAC) met via face-to-face and WebEx on October 4, 2023, 12:10 pm – 1:00 pm. Next meeting October 18, 2023 7pm on WebEx.

Members present: Chris Richards (eLearning), Ashlee Podleski (Coordinator – Adult Resource Center), Elizabeth Clifford- Chair (Tutoring Services in Learning Commons), Joann Silsby (CIT professor), Louise Rabidoux (Counseling), Greg Lattig (Athletics), Student Members Paul Palmer, Baron Pham.

Unable to attend: Fran Krempasky (Library), Ronda Miller (Dean of Student Affairs), Alex Azima (Physics Professor), other student members

Student Members Andrea Sanchez (Student Senator)

The 10/04/23 SAC Committee highlights are as follows. Minutes provided and compiled by Elizabeth Clifford.

Follow up from Senate presentation – the textbook recommendation was received very well. Hopefully some instructors will bring books over to the library and consider less expensive options.

Updates on the Student Resource Page. The subcommittee added StarCard resources. Student Affairs is working on a website for the food pantry. Last year there were over 800 student visits to food pantry.

Chris Richards– eLearning. They are experiencing the usual dip in student traffic for the middle of the semester. Student communications have been up for October. They continue promoting upcoming eLearning Live sessions. Topics that have been highlighted are the Student Work To Do Widget and Viewing Grades and Feedback in D2L. They have October 23rd Accessing Alternative Formats

Joann Silsby – Technical careers. She is reminding students about the modality survey. CIT is doing their own survey on needs and wants with the deadline for CIT survey on Friday.

Greg Lattig – Athletics. All the teams are in study halls, some teams are doing better than others but all students identified in academic alerts are directed by coaches for additional resources.

Louise Rabidoux– Counseling. They have had lots of referrals and are using a new scheduling system in Calendly. Students can schedule their own appointments. It has been a learning curve to navigate that new system. Overall, their area is pretty busy. The Center for Student Support picks up mid semester and end of the semester.

Ashlee Podleski– Adult Resources. They are opening up Child Care Grant and Special Population grant October 16th. There is a MI Reconnect mixer next Monday evening. Students are eligible between 21-25 for MI Reconnect.

Student comments;

Paul – Disability club would like to have more diverse students. They meet every other Tuesday at 4pm, in the ARC and Student Life office. The next meeting is October 17th. Frank Taylor is the advisor.

Baron – was involved in helping students register to vote. He appreciates Like events like Transfer Fair. Students have had issues getting appointments in academic advising and miss the food on campus.