Student Preparation and Success Committee (SPSC)

November 16th
Minutes

Attended: Kristina Whalen, Sharon Donovan, Peter Stoffers, Lindy McKnight, Carl Jew, Anne Van Derslice, Jack Sugawara, Ellen Wall, Ted Alfaro, Sharon Nunley,

I. Subcommittee Updates: Members were working to secure updates from Grade and File and Concert & Lecture. The Student Equity sub committee needs 4 more faculty and 2 classified members.

II. Minutes from October 26th were approved.

III. Dates for spring 2010 meetings were established as: Feb 22, March 22 (now moved to March 15th following announcement of March in Sacramento) & April 26th.
   Feb: Cal Works, Student Complaint, and Concert & Lecture
   March: Student Equity, Graduation
   April: Scholarship, Matriculation

IV. Student Equity and Achievement Gap Discussion: Discuss surrounding the data set used for the Student Equity and Achievement Gap report was discussed. Stoffers was interested in seeing data broken down by gender within ethnic groups as past research has shown that men under perform in data groups. An interest in ESL by ethnic group was discussed. Members noted that the longer report circulated for a short time showed teacher data by age. The whole report was 70 pages.

SP & S members discussed where suggestions that arise from the report should go. What is the process? Some felt the suggestions should go to the Senate and others speculated they should go directly to the Chancellor since the report was under his purview.

V. Chair Election: Due to Anne VanDerslice’s resignation from Student Prep & Success, Kristina Whalen was unanimously elected to the position of Chair. Sharon Donovan agreed to share duties by setting agenda and sending meeting reminders.

Anne said she would clean up the member list on the website and schedule a meeting room for the spring as her parting gift.
The committee richly thanked Anne for her service to the committee.

VI. Meeting Adjourned.

* Bold indicates voting member