



## Academic Senate Student Advisory Committee (SAC) Minutes

November 1, 2023

The Academic Senate Student Advisory Committee (SAC) met via WebEx and face to face on November 1, 2023 at 12:10 pm both face to face in Gannon 3234 and on [WebEx](#)

Next meeting is November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:10 at the WebEx link above.

**Members present:** Chris Richards (eLearning), Elizabeth Clifford- Chair (Tutoring Services in Learning Commons), Barbie Staley, Fran Krempasky (Library), Alex Azima (Physics Professor), Louise Rabidoux (Counseling), Ashlee Podleski (Adult Resource Center), Katina Wulf, Greg Lattig (Athletic Director)

**Unable to attend:** Ronda Miller (Dean of Student Affairs), Joann Silsby (CIT professor), other student members

The 11/1/23 SAC Committee highlights are as follows. Minutes provided and compiled by Elizabeth Clifford.

Updates on Student Resource Page: Fran and the committee are implementing ideas from usability testing, updating information on food on campus and the food pantry, updating student resources with the academic success coaches.

Fran Krempasky – Library is offering drop in computer sessions which are very appreciated by the few students that attend. One Book events are continuing.

Updates on Textbook Affordability Subcommittee: Alex Azima mentioned how difficult it has been getting some textbooks back from a student. This is a more challenging issue than anticipated. Ashlee Podleski shared that the Adult Resource Center has a similar issue with getting calculators back from students. They place a hold on the student's account. ePathways grant labeled textbooks and would place a hold on a student's account if they were not returned. Fran Krempasky shared that reserves in the library are checked out the official way but still can be difficult to get back.

Alex Azima – what is the mechanism for reaching faculty on this issue? Action item – Fran and Alex will set up a meeting with Robin Moore from the library who handles the textbook reserves to explore what other subjects are in high demand. Andrea Sanchez asked how do we get numbers on which courses are most needing the books? Alex will put together questions and ideas for this meeting.

Greg Lattig – no updates from Athletics. All three Fall teams are nationally ranked.

Chris Richards shared communications sent out to students from eLearning in November which include 1 minute videos and tips for wrapping up the semester well. eLearning has many drop-in's and referrals.

Louise Rabidoux – counseling has been busy during the middle of the semester with many self-referrals and referrals from Success Coaches. A lot of BIT reports have been coming in disclosing concerns with student mental health and conduct. There has also been an increase in political/religious/cultural clashes with the current global issues. Jim Owens is starting Mental Health Podcasts on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Question for the group: What other issues should this committee focus on?

Several students have expressed issues with getting an appointment with advising. Barbie Staley shared that the scheduling system is difficult. Ashlee Podleski stated that sometimes students do not cancel an appointment and end up double booked which takes up needed time slots. Students are called if they are double booked to see if one of the appointments can be cancelled. Louise Rabidoux mentioned that programs used to do a lot of their own advising. Is this still happening? Student Affairs is very aware of the issue and is working to make it better.

Ashlee Podleski – the scheduling system is presenting its own challenges. In Adult Resources area the childcare and special populations grants have relaxed some income limits to be open to more students. They serve 40 to 50 students a semester with the childcare grant.