



Academic Senate

Student Advisory Committee (SAC) Minutes

January 24, 2024

The Academic Senate Student Advisory Committee (SAC) met via WebEx on January 24, 2024 at 12:10 pm in GB 3246 and on [WebEx](#).

Members present: Chris Richards (eLearning), Elizabeth Clifford- Chair (Tutoring Services in Learning Commons), Alex Azima (Physics Professor), Joann Silsby (CIT professor), Louise Rabidoux (Counseling), Ashlee Podelski (Adult Resource Center), Fran Krempasky (Library), Greg Lattig (Athletic Director), Aral Gribble, Keshava Demerath-Shanti

Unable to attend: other student members

The 11/29/23 SAC Committee highlights are as follows. Minutes provided by Elizabeth Clifford

Upcoming Meeting Dates all at 12:10 both in person in **GB 3246** and online.

February 21, March 20, April 3, April 17, May 1

Welcome Aral and Keshava. Both introduced themselves. Keshava will be traveling to Washington DC with LCC's team to present the Federal Agenda at the National Legislative Summit.

Area updates:

Adult Resource Center, Ashlee Podelski; They still have funds in the childcare and special population grants but have run out of calculators to loan students. Aral stated that most LCC students need a graphing calculator.

The Special Populations Grant covers about 100 occupational majors and is for students who meet criteria in one of 8 different categories including economically disadvantaged, single parents, homeless, etc. This is a tuition-only last dollar scholarship. MiReconnect is also a last-dollar scholarship and helps many students.

eLearning, Chris Richards; eLearning is receiving many referrals from Academic Success Coaches to help students get started and get caught up in courses. There are many resources to help students be more comfortable with D2L.

Joann stated she has seen students struggling with D2L. There is a lot to learn to be in a course.

Library, Fran Krempasky - the Library has open computer labs for basic computer help, Microsoft Office, and reference needs. There are upcoming Music in the Library events.

Athletics, Greg Lattig – He met with student leadership. They encourage support for students with D2L and other academic challenges. The overall average GPA for student athletes is a 2.98 and they are trying to bring that back up to a 3.0. There are 40 student athletes with a 4.0.

Counseling, Louise Rabidou – Counseling has many new student intakes and referrals. They have a Healthy Relationships Valentine's event. They help students with skills to communicate their needs and wants. They have students who talk about difficult situations and help them navigate relationship safety.

West Campus, Joann Silsby- her program is prepping for program review. They have a seat limit of 25 in online courses, CIT is under Tech Careers. They have many pathways including transfers, AI topics move so fast. The Paralegal program has seen how they need to verify AI information. Faculty are trying to get a handle on it. West Campus has free sack lunches at the testing center for staff or students. They are subsidized.

Fran- West Campus library and tech lab is renovating a room and has a goal of having more services available at West.

Updates on Student Resource Page: Penny Tucker asked for a presence in the college catalog. We will review the description of the page.

Updates on Textbook Affordability: This subcommittee continues to try to get information on options to faculty. There is a possible CTE workshop on this topic with committee members along with additional help from the CTE and library staff.

Updates on Graduation Video: Joann – how do we follow up on this? Ideas mentioned were videotaping by DMAC students when graduates pick up their cap and gowns. Ashlee will follow up on this.

Joann – West Campus has a resume workshop coming up.

Keshava – an option for students without a graphing calculator could be the online apps. This would help for homework.

Elizabeth – discussion about alumni card access and the BIT process. How does student code of conduct apply.