



Academic Senate

Student Advisory Committee (SAC) Minutes

April 3, 2024

The Academic Senate Student Advisory Committee (SAC) met via WebEx on April 3, 2024 at 12:10 pm in GB 3246 and on [WebEx](#).

Members present: Fran Krempasky (Library faculty), Joann Silsby (CIT professor), Louise Rabidou (Counseling), Chris Richards (eLearning), Elizabeth Clifford- Chair (Tutoring Services in Learning Commons), Alex Azima (Physics Professor), Carmen Bell (Office of Diversity and Inclusion), Ronda Miller (Dean Student Affairs),

Students: Aral Gribble, Keshava Demerath-Shanti, Anya Robinson Dennis, Paul Palmer

Unable to attend: Greg Lattig (Athletic Director), Ashlee Podelski (Adult Resource Center), other student members

The 3/20/24 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.

- April 17, May 1

Updates from Students:

- Aral- DMAC students have been involved in the Fortnight Film contest. Fifteen students helped out. The Capital City Film Festival is also ongoing.
- Anya- Questions about what happens when buildings close. Discussion: Fran Krempasky stated the library is closed today and there is no laptop access in the library because of the building closure.
- Paul- no updates in particular. Disability Club is focused on accessibility on stairs and sensors. They were unable to have an actual meeting because there was no faculty present.
- Keshava-Discussion of housing issues for students.

Updates from Subcommittees:

- Fran Kempasky – the resource page subcommittee is having a meeting to review analytics. They will be going over the responses to the “didn’t find what you are looking for?” box with Nick Myers.
- Alex Azima – He sent a summary of the textbook affordability meeting with the success coaches. There are still challenges with MBS; do students get the correct version? There are restriction on textbook assistance from the Foundation by qualifying populations. What about students who “opt-out” without realizing that it really is not a viable option?
- There is a CTE workshop next Wednesday afternoon on April 10th. The subcommittee is hoping to hear problems and share solutions with other faculty.
- Anya asked if Inquisitive poses a barrier since it is a 3rd party vendor.
- Alex Azima expressed that faculty not being able to communicate before the first day of class with students to offer different and more affordable options that the online bookstore.
- Aral gave an example. The textbook listed had been updated between when the faculty sent the selection to the bookstore and when the class started because the protocols changed in that aspect of the DMAC program.
- Fran Krempasky shared that some codes are only good for one semester. Access to the materials is lost when the class ends. Students need to rebuy the code to take the class again.
- Jo Silsby sends emails all of her students prior to the semester beginning using their LCC student email. She gets a few responses back.
- Alex Azima tried a similar strategy for two semesters, sending emails a few weeks prior to the beginning of the semester. He requested students reply if they got the emails. Only 2 or 3 students responded.
- Chris Richards – students have access to the D2L course at 8am on the first day of the class but they can get emails through D2L general mail in advance. Instructors can use the features on My Home Page to access emails before the class starts. eLearning will send a reminder to faculty about that feature.
- Paul asked eLearning to post all general D2L announcements.
- Keshava found two sections of the same course with different textbook costs. One section has a text priced at \$55 and the other at \$155. To find the information, students have to cut and paste information into MBS. He would like the estimated costs in Banner registration. Making costs known may pressure instructors to use less expensive options.
- Aral – discussion about the Pulse app, good tool for students.
- Fran Krempasky shared that publishers update editions even if instructors don’t know that the book was updated.
- Alex Azima- somehow we need to get the word out. The ultimate solution is OER. The rest are patchwork solutions. Maybe someone involved in the CTE workshop could do a PA day presentation. Asked Ronda Miller, how does the college publicize the cost of textbooks? She responded that financial services is not under Student Affairs.
- Student Petitions: Keshava has drafts. Committee discussion is that we have no authority to tell anyone that they can not have petitions. Keshava will prepare petitions on textbook costs, looking into on campus housing and food affordability on campus.

- Carmen Bell from the Office of Diversity and Inclusion introduced herself as the Lead Diversity Project Coordinator for the CCLC, student-facing programs.

Discussion about agenda items at Academic Senate. Aral would like Senate to have a discussion about how to get an item on the agenda. He suggested an agenda item and it was declined. Alex has also suggested an agenda item that has not yet been addressed. Keshava discussed that the agenda is approved at the beginning of every meeting, someone could bring up an agenda case.

Discussion of Senate Student Feedback event.

- Recommendation to make sure the room number is listed on the Student Advisory Committee Academic Senate website.