

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MINUTES –Thursday, October 16, 2014
3:00 p.m. – Room S517

Present: Isralis De Jesus (Student Rep), Karen Blake, Yvette Tucker, Lisa Palen, Eleni Saltourides, Neph Villanueva, Karla Ekquist-Lechner, Mark Schnubel, Alison Wang, Laurie Novi, Marian Zerbi.

1. Our new members introduced themselves: Isralis De Jesus, the SGA president for this year and Marian Zerbi, the alternate for Jianyu Zheng, who cannot make the meetings. Everyone else is serving their terms.
2. April 30th 2014 minutes approved: Professor Ekquist motioned to approve, Karen Black seconded.
3. Isralis informed us of poor signage and lack of awareness of unisex bathrooms throughout the campus which is problematic for our transgendered students. Isralis agreed to call Bob Divjak to help with these issues. She has also mentioned a strong desire for the Fitness Center to open. Some students have formed a gym committee. The committee discussed cost to keep it open: \$26,000 with a part-time EAC who is NOT a student. A Fitness fee was discussed but was deemed an unfair expense. Students would like to have more convenient hours this time around, perhaps in three interval time periods. Isralis is in conversation with Professor Eileen George and Eleni suggested they make a grant through the Committee of Sponsored Programs and Grants Development.
4. Discussed and further revised the Student Advising Questionnaire. Was suggested that Eleni contact Lauren Friedman from IR to better help us with the survey to get the most out of it and that she should contact the Tamarack to advertise about the survey as well as through student email. SGA agreed to provide a \$200 book store gift certificate that can be drawn from those who registered. The committee agreed that surveying the students before Thanksgiving would be ideal and that the survey would be via survey monkey on various kiosks manned by SGA reps. Students would collect the names of students for the drawing and give out snacks for those taking the time to fill out surveys.
5. Committee discussed best meeting times and it was unanimously agreed that Thursday afternoons at 3:30 would be best. We scheduled our next meeting for Dec. 4th to vote on Commencement Speakers. Eleni will send out a call for nominations in the following month.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Eleni Saltourides, SAC Chair