

Year End Review

Student Affairs Committee

2014-2015

This year began smoothly. We had pretty high attendance and participation during the first half of the year which may mean that I need to do some better scheduling times for each semester although we try to set a schedule of meetings in the fall.

In addition to putting forward commencement and invocation speakers for the 2015 Commencement Ceremony, the committee finalized the survey to assess students' perspectives on their advising experiences on campus. We felt that this piece would complement what the Faculty Senate has been doing, i.e. putting forward a more manageable faculty advising model to better serve students. Moreover, NEASC had noted that our faculty advising system must be revamped and worked upon for better service to students.

In early Spring semester, I asked Karen Blake and SGA who were gracious enough to provide a \$200 gift card that we would raffle to those who completed the SAC survey. We launched the survey (done with Survey Monkey) with the help of IR to current students' school email addresses (twice) and we also asked SGA members who were kind enough to man computer kiosks in the Prism Lounge area for student passer-bys. We launched the survey at the beginning of March and will close the survey by the end of May. In fall 2015, we will analyze the results and choose the raffle winner.

At the end of March the committee reviewed and ranked around 25 applicants for the President to President Scholarships offered by Central, Western, Eastern, Southern, UConn Waterbury, Hartford University, Charter Oak, and Post University. The top choices of the committee for all the schools were then sent to the President's Office for her review. I have also forwarded Dan Wallace all the information for SAC including meeting times, its by-laws and current members for him to post to the SAC site on our school website.

As a committee, it was decided not to continue the Who's Who Recognition Awards as it seemed just to be a ploy to get students to buy products from their brand.

Goals 2015/16

1. Continue our work with collecting names for commencement and putting them forward to the President's office.
2. Continue our work with reviewing and ranking President to President scholarship applicants.

3. Analyze the results of the SAC Advising survey and write up a report.
4. Continue to address any student needs that come up throughout the year.
5. Put minutes and year reviews of SAC on the Web.
6. Election of Chair (odd-numbered year).

It has been a pleasure to serve as SAC chair and I would like to thank the committee members for their hard work and support. I look forward to serving as chair for the following year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eleni Saltourides, Chair

Student Affairs Committee

May 19, 2015