Student Affairs Committee Meeting
Governance Retreat June 17, 2014, Day 1
2 Union Avenue, Room 103

Meeting began at 3:30 PM

Present: Rebecca Bonanno, Rebecca Botting, Deborah McEligot, Cindy Rybaltowski, Eric Schultz, Robin Oliver, James McMahon, Renata Kochut, Melinda Wills-Stalling, Donna Gaines, Raisa Penco-Poon, Debra Kram-Fernandez, Jamal Arabaty, Kameylah Hakim, Jessie Ju Sung-Kim Devore, Kate Colberg, Sandra Barkevich, Kymn Rutigliano, Erin White, Patricia Myers, Danielle Boardman, Andy Binder

Excused: Misty Postol, Joanna Meringoff

- Introductions
- Orientation (refer to documents in binder)
- Selection of an ITC representative
  - Raisa Penco-Poon, student rep from Metropolitan Center, volunteered and was uncontested

Brainstorming on Issues
- Invite President Hancock and future provost to future meetings
- SAC should give great consideration to issues of recruitment, retention, and completion, as these have been important parts of college-wide and SUNY-wide discussions; Perhaps connections with county departments of labor could be helpful in student engagement, helping students develop skills and acquire experience, and outreach for the college. Suggestion to create subcommittee to work on this.
- Student Inquiry Team: develop short surveys to find out what students are thinking about particular issues. This might gain more traction and be more effective if questions are coming from SAC.
- Suggestion to contribute to marketing and advertising of the college. Point was made to differentiate marketing from student engagement; engagement is well within the purview of SAC but advertising is the responsibility of other college offices. Perhaps a student leadership program, that could train students to become ambassadors for the college, would be a good project for SAC.
- Suggestion made to help form student clubs as a way to provide support, increase engagement, create opportunity for networking.

Possible subcommittees:
Student Newsletter
Student Leadership
Student Engagement
Dept of Labor Initiative
Student Inquiry Team

- Motion to change Student Ambassador Subcommittee to Student Leadership Initiative; approved
- Discussed: Removal of academic conference, art competition, and wellness subcommittees because planning for those have become responsibility of staff members; approved
- Discussed: Removal of diversity subcommittee; request that all other subcommittees make a commitment to carefully consider issues of diversity in their work. There was general agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bonanno