Student Union Advisory Board (SUAB) Meeting
Meeting Minutes
December 9th, 2013

2013-2-14 Committee Membership
Steven Calhoun, Committee Chair
Ming Chung, ASUN Representative
Derek Dolence, ASUN Representative (absent)
Alex Trillo, ASUN Representative
Helal Uddin, GSA Representative
Narayan Adhikari, GSA Representative
Abby Feenstra, Joe Crowley Student Union – Student Employee Representative
Katie Strickland, Joe Crowley Student Union – Student Employee Representative
Mahsa Ahmade, OISS Representative
Jorge Esteban Chali, OISS Representative
Dennis Campbell, Fraternity and Sorority Life Representative (absent)
Addison Bogardus, RHA Representative
James Cox, Joe Crowley Student Union Liaison

Meeting Agenda
A. Retail Update
   a. James Cox provided updates on current retail spaces in the student union.
      i. Two different vendors had expressed interest in space, one on the first floor and one on the second.
      ii. The vendor expressing interest in the space on the second floor has withdrawn their contract. The space on the second floor will likely remain empty until March, possibly later.
      iii. The vendor expressing interest in the space on the first floor wanted to make changes to their contract. The contract will be withheld until the next Board of Regents meeting in March.
      iv. Other people have also expressed interest in the space, but none are moving forward with a contract at this time.

B. Technology Update
   a. James Cox provided updates on technology initiatives in the student union.
      i. The President’s Office has given the student union $40,000 for technology updates.
      ii. The student union is trying to incorporate the kind of technology students are using in the classroom, so that students can have the same technology experiences.
      iii. The Graduate Student Lounge and other meeting spaces will have technology updates in order to better support student study groups.

C. Center for Student Cultural Diversity Additional Space Needs
a. James Cox and the Center for Student Cultural Diversity Representative presented on the additional space required for the Center for Student Cultural Diversity.
   i. More space is required to balance the academic and social aspects of the Center.
      a. The Center requires more space, as there are not enough computers for their students and students have complained about there being too much noise in such a small space.
   ii. The current Center is conducive to social networking, but seems cliqueish, and the Center wishes to dispel that notion.
   iii. Originally, the Center was to move to the new Student Achievement Center, but that is no longer the case.
   iv. The Center has received one-time funding of $40,000 to expand.
      a. Computer lab space on third floor will be turned into two office spaces.
         i. The 12 computers currently in the lab will be reshuffled throughout the building.
         ii. Concern for impact on GSA was expressed.
         iii. Concern for a “disjointed” Center was expressed.
            1. Center Representative stated that one “area” of the Center will be more academic, and one will be more social.
      b. Long-term plans may include using the Cantina del Lobo or Joe’s Patio space to expand Center.

D. Future Spring 2014 Meetings
   a. Dates were presented and agreed upon.