SAC Updates, Discussion and Gossip

Introductions of those present with their departmental affiliation

Guest Dr. Marrero
- Discussed financial state of the university
- Growth in Graduate enrollments
- Submit budget on Oct. 20th
- Will be asking for a 2% tuition increase
- Would need 2.5 million to cover e-tuition and cost of operation before asking for new positions, merit, or equity pay
- There will be no layoffs
- Potentially propose all fees for online students
- Housing building projects are on hold due to switching back to the PPV model – prices went up and the rent won’t cover the debt incurred
- Lots of opportunity in local apartment complexes
- Population is down, so there are less 18 year olds going to college right now
- No hiring freeze
- Privatization for custodial and maintenance is not happening
- Encouraged people to go through the chain of command for any specific questions
- Issues with parking for custodial and maintenance vehicles
- Update on parking lot by Campus Center – Lot has the potential to be reserved 1-2 times a week based on Campus Center activities

SAC Reps role

Work West Shirts – now available to purchase at all times!
- Go to the bookstore to order
- 2-3 weeks for delivery

Ideas of what to do with the Foundation/Work West shirt money
- Adding to book and professional development scholarships
- Create a Wolfie
- School spirit – metal shields
- DineWest raised concern about only being able to participate when students weren’t on campus – Fall Break, Winter Break, After graduation in Dec.

Updates from PAC
- Will update next meeting – forgot notes
Bookstore and Professional Development Awards info need to go out ASAP
  - Open NOW!
  - Book scholarship due November 16th for Fall and Professional Development Dec 1st
  - Need volunteers for subcommittee to decide winners – cannot be on the committee if you’ve entered that scholarship for this term
  - Book Scholarship is $50-$150, Professional Development is $250

Engage West Staff Edition – October 5th

Faculty/Staff Benefits Fair on October 24th
  - Reminder about the Wellness Credit - $100 or $86 after taxes added to November paycheck
  - Due Sept 30th
  - Many ways to participate – health quiz, financial coaching, community events, syncing exercise tracker, digital coaching, etc

Future guest speakers? New AVP of HR?
  - Someone to explain benefits would be great

Questions?

Next Meeting:  Wednesday, October 31st at 11:00am in Campus Center Ballroom 108.3