

Associated Students of Gavilan College – Status Update

Recommendation:

Develop strategy to recruit and retain students on an on-going basis.

Progress:

Classroom Presentations: An email was sent through the Public Information Officer (PIO) to all faculty requesting time for ASGC students to conduct classroom presentations. 10 instructors responded and classroom presentations were conducted informing students about leadership and getting involved in ASGC and campus clubs. ASGC leaders have also been presenting in their individual classes.

ASGC Senate meetings were changed from Thursdays 9:45am-11:05am to Fridays 9:45am-11:45am with the hope for increased participation given that fewer classes are typically offered on Fridays.

Tabling: ASGC student leaders have been tabling during College Hour one time per week to provide students with information about ASGC. Students also table and provide ASGC information at student events such as Club Day, Career Fair, Transfer Day, Super Saturday, etc.

Recruiting and retaining students in ASGC is a work in progress. Currently, we have nine students in ASGC and two more that are currently working in obtaining the required signatures to join.

Recommendation:

Continue revising and evaluating criteria for scholarships, and make current scholarship opportunities and guidelines more visible to general student population.

Progress:

For the past three years, ASGC has continued to update the textbook scholarship. This semester (Fall 2017), ASGC posted the textbook scholarship on the ASGC webpage, Facebook page, posted flyers, and emailed the scholarship to all Gavilan employees and students through the PIO one month prior to the deadline.

The scholarship application deadline was also moved one week prior to the start of the semester rather than the third day of the semester. The comparison of scholarships awarded is listed below. Spring 2017: 29 students applied, 27 were awarded. Total amount awarded: \$5,400.

Fall 2017: 42 students applied, 32 were awarded. Total amount awarded: \$6,194

Recommendation:

Explore strategies for implementing a full-time advisor for ASGC.

Progress:

A full-time Student Life Coordinator was hired through equity to assist with student life. Currently, the Student Life Coordinator serves as the advisor for Inter Club Council (ICC). He oversees clubs, club activities, updates the club advisor handbook, and monitors ASGC students during their scheduled office hours. However, this position is not a replacement for possibly having a full-time ASGC Advisor as the advisor role is out of the scope of the Student Life Coordinator. The advisor provides leadership development, oversees the ASGC budget, attends leadership conferences with students, and monitors student's progress.

Recommendation:

Develop strategies for communicating with student body with the purpose of identifying issues, concerns and interests of the student body as a whole.

Progress:

ASGC leaders have been tabling during college hour one time per week to provide students with ASGC information, inform them about issues affecting students, and items being discussed at the ASGC senate meetings.

ASGC recently wrote a resolution in support of undocumented students. The resolution was presented to the board, posted on the ASGC webpage, and the ASGC Facebook page. Activities, issues, and concerns are continuously posted on the ASGC Facebook page. Student emails are sent through the PIO.

Communication to students on campus is something that ASGC continues to work with. ASGC plans to work closely with the student life coordinator to use Qualtrics to conduct surveys that can identify students' interests and areas of concern. ASGC just gained access to Qualtrics.

Recommendation:

Continue to represent student concerns and interests by sponsoring events and activities on campus, by creating and advocating for policies and procedures endorsed by students, and by participating in shared governance committees.

Progress:

Every ASGC member participates in at least one shared governance committee during their term. Student life coordinator has increased the number and type of events being held on campus. Some of the recent events include: International Day of Peace, Women in Leadership, Women's History Month, and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) training.

ASGC plans to use Qualtrics to survey students and identify students' interests.

Recommendation:

Develop strategies for increasing ASGC card sales.

Progress:

ASGC recently purchased new ID card system that will allow tracking of card printing and student involvement in events.

Currently, ASGC leaders print student ID cards during their weekly scheduled office hours. ASGC will be collaborating with the library to ensure that more students obtain their ASGC card and activate it as a library card. Once the library has been officially set up with the card system software, students will use social media, word of mouth, and flyers to advertise the benefits of having the card and the printing locations.

Recommendation:

Continue to identify and take advantage of opportunities for current ASGC members to receive leadership training.

Progress:

ASGC advisor conducts retreats before and after each semester where leadership training is provided. ASGC advisor and student life coordinator take ASGC leaders to yearly California Community College Student Affairs Association (CCCSAA) leadership conferences and bi-yearly Student Senate for California Community Colleges General Assembly Conferences.