Academic Senate Minutes
April 23, 2009
3:00 – 5:00, Commons

Abstract

Chair Report. Agenda approved. Minutes of 3/19/09 approved. WASC update. Revision to the Excellence in Teaching Award approved. Philosophy Pre-Law Concentration approved. Motion to change Robert's Rules Call for Orders of the Day postponed to next meeting. President Report. Statewide Senators Report. Executive MBA – First Reading. Academic Affairs Strategic Plan approved. Request for endorsement of Ad-Hoc Diversity Committee's recommendations regarding the Center for Culture, Gender and Sexuality - First Reading.

Present: Scott Miller, Susan Moulton, Tim Wandling, Deb Kindy, Catherine Nelson, Robert McNamara, Sam Brannen, Edith Mendez, Noel Byrne, Birch Moonwomon, Michael Pinkston, Steve Wilson, Ronald Lopez, John Sullins, Robert Coleman-Senghor, Terry Lease, Steve Cuellar, Kathy Morris, Tia Watts, Cora Neal, Rick Luttmann, Wanda Boda, Maria Hess, Margaret Purser, John Wingard, James Dean, Lillian Lee, Jacqueline Holley, Ruben Armiñana, Eduardo Ochoa, Andy Merrifield, Art Warmoth, Thaine Stearns, Sunil Tiwari, Karen Thompson

Absent: Kristen Daley, Brian Wilson, John Kornfeld, Rick Robison, Nick Giest, Sandra Shand, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Derek Pierre, Casey Jones, Whitney McClure

Proxies: Kelly Estrada (half of meeting) for A. Warmoth, Barbara Lesch-McCaffry for Steve Orlick, Dolores Bainter for Lane Olson

Guests: Rose Bruce, William Babula, Elaine Sundberg, Mary Gendernalik-Cooper, Elaine Leeder, Andy Wallace, William Silver, Robert Eyler, Linda Nowak

Chair Report – S. Miller

S. Miller announced Disability Awareness Week. He reminded the faculty that Commencement was approaching and there was still time to reserve regalia. He announced that Bernie and Estelle Goldstein were on the verge of making a contribution to faculty for an award for excellence in scholarship, broadly defined, and similar to the Excellence in Teaching Award, that would be facilitated through the Sponsored Programs subcommittee. He noted that last Friday, the University Strategic Plan Steering Committee met and approved the University Strategic Plan. He thought that would come to the Senate before the end of the year. He discussed his thinking about the amount of business due to come to the Senate before the end of the year. He referred to a handout the Senate Analyst provided about Robert's Rules motions to help move business along and reviewed the motions. It was noted that having to wait on the speaker's list for a privileged motion was a problem. **Motion to modify the motion Call for Orders of the Day to require being recognized by the Chair. Second**. There was discussion. **Motion for Orders of the Day.**

Approval of Agenda – *Approved.*

Minutes of 3/19/09 – *Approved*.

WASC update – E. Sundberg announced that the Town Hall meeting next Thursday from 12-1 in Schulz 3001 would be on the Educational Effectiveness Review for WASC. On overview of the structure of the review would be on the website next Monday.

Revision to the Excellence in Teaching Award – Second Reading – S. Tiwari

S. Tiwari noted that the latest revised version that was passed out replaced the one in the packet. They incorporated many of the suggestions from the first reading. He discussed the changes: if the number of awards changes, the policy will stay in effect; there is a restriction on the number of pages in the dossier, but not the number of comments; and the calendar was taken out of the policy. There was discussion.

Motion to amend - The purpose of dividing the nominees into two groups, tenured and non-tenured, is to encourage and promote excellence in teaching at all career stages. Second.

Motion to amend amendment: Restore sentence - If more than one award is given, at least one award shall honor a non-tenured faculty member and one shall honor a tenured faculty member. Second. There was discussion**. Vote on amendment to amend. Approved.**

Motion to amend – "Anyone in the SSU campus community may submit nominations" to "*any* SSU *student or employee* may submit nominations." Second. There was discussion. **Motion to close debate. Second.** *Approved***. Vote on amendment.** *Failed.*

Question called. Second. *Approved***.**

Vote on amended Excellence in Teaching Award policy – *Approved.*

Philosophy Pre-Law Concentration – First Reading - T. Stearns

T. Stearns noted the concentration was approved unanimously by EPC. He turned the floor over to the Chair of Philosophy, Andy Wallace. A. Wallace provided context and reasons for the revision of the philosophy curriculum including that philosophy was an excellent major for pre-law and applied ethics students. He described the service-learning component of their pre-law concentration which made their program unique. Their pre-law concentration does not preclude any other department from creating their own pre-law concentration or track.

Motion to waive the first reading. Second. *Approved***.**

Motion to close debate. Second. *Approved***.**

Vote on Philosophy Pre-Law Concentration – *Approved***.**

Return to Robert's Rules question

Motion to postpone the original motion (*motion to modify the motion Call for Orders of the Day to require being recognized by the Chair*) until the next meeting. Second. ***Approved.***

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana reported that the financial situation of the state continues to decline. The campus will not know what to plan until the first of June, after the May 19th election. The CFA President asked whether certain money would come back to campuses. The President said it may or may not. A member asked if the President would comment on the Board of Trustees decision to support Proposition 1A. The President said he is not a member of the Board and characterized their vote as good public policy because it will regularize the budget situation over time. A member asked about the status of the criminal investigation of former CIHS employees. The President said the criminal investigation continues and it was in the hands of the District Attorney.

Statewide Senator Report – R. McNamara and C. Nelson

R. McNamara reported on a resolution coming up for a second reading in the Statewide Senate on the migration of state supported courses over to self-support. This impacts student costs, the migration of faculty labor and oversight. They have requested more accurate data on faculty recruitment and retention be sent to the system-wide HR office so faculty can better understand those trends. They are also looking at a report on online SETE's. C. Nelson reported that the CLA appeared on the Statewide General Education advisory committee agenda. Faculty vociferously objected to it being taken up there and it wasn't. The Fiscal and Governmental Affairs committee participated in Lobby Day in Sacramento. They talked to twenty-four legislators who all said there's no money and the ballot propositions were the best that could be done.

Executive MBA – First Reading – T. Stearns

T. Stearns said EPC approved the Executive MBA unanimously and the Executive Committee decided to put it on as a business item. He offered to discuss any of the questions EPC considered when coming to their decision. He then turned the floor over to T. Lease, the Chair of the Business Department and a Senator. T. Lease noted the proposal's history and questions that have come up. He spoke about their motivation for establishing an Executive MBA and how it differs from the MBA. He discussed the reason it is a self-support program and how instructors would be paid. The impact on the state budget monies would be zero. **Motion to waive the first reading. Second. Question called. Second.** ***Failed.***

Time certain reached.

Academic Affairs Strategic Plan – Second Reading - A. Warmoth

A. Warmoth provided an introduction and framework for the Plan. He thought that APC would be working on prioritizing initiatives next year. **He moved that the**

Senate approve the Plan in the packet that replaced the version in the last packet. Second. There was discussion.

Motion to amend strategic area 1.3: initiative 1.3.2 – Develop a plan that identifies resources that can be dedicated to creating and maintaining graduate and professional programs that respond to demonstrable needs. Second. ***Approved.***

Discussion continued. Highlights included specifically mentioning not laying off lecturers to achieve the 75/25 split in tenured faculty, seeing the Plan as a snapshot and as a living document, including more about diversity, and including service-learning specifically. **Question called. Second. Vote –** ***Approved.***

Vote on approving the Academic Affairs Strategic Plan as presented in the current packet as amended. ***Approved.***

Return to the Executive MBA first reading

There was continued discussion and more questions were raised about the program.

First reading completed.

Request for endorsement of Ad-Hoc Diversity Committee's recommendations regarding the Center for Culture, Gender and Sexuality - First Reading – B. Lesch-McCaffry

B. Lesch-McCaffry reviewed the creation process of the recommendations and noted they were endorsed by the Student Affairs committee of the Senate. She noted they were general and inclusive recommendations. There was substantial discussion about the recommendations and about diversity issues in general. The Provost provided an overview of the work of the President's Diversity Council. **Motion to continue the Ad-Hoc's Diversity Committee's service into the future. Second. Point of order was raised that this was a first reading and such a motion was out of order. Motion withdrawn**. Discussion and questions continued. **Motion to extend 5 minutes. Second.** ***No objection.*** A member asked for the current charge of the CCGS to be able to consider the recommendations. B. Lesch-McCaffry said currently the CCGS was only providing support for student club programming. They were recommending a return to a more interactive relationship with the entire campus.

First reading completed.

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström Vega