

Academic Senate Minutes
January 26, 2012
3:00 – 5:00, Commons

Abstract

Chair Report. Agenda amended and approved. Minutes of 11/10/11; 12/1/11; and 12/15/11 approved. Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status approved. Disruptive Student Behavior Policy approved. Statewide Senator Report. GE Unit Policy approved. President Report. Resolution Regarding Subsidization of Category II (Local) Student Fees for Low Income Students – First Reading. Provost Report. CFA Report. Associated Students Report. Chair-Elect Report. APC Report. FSAC Report. SAC Report. Staff Report. Good of the Order.

Present: Ben Ford, Margaret Purser, John Wingard, Maria Hess, Catherine Nelson, Brian Wilson, Michaela Grobbel, Deborah Roberts, Steve Wilson, Helmut Wautischer, Jim Robison, Marco Calavita, Parissa Tadrissi, Janet Hess, Ed Beebout, Chip McAuley, Mutombo M'Panya, Terry Lease, Merlin Hanauer, Karen Brodsky, Tom Buckley, Jean Chan, Sharon Cabaniss, Matty Mookerjee, Noel Byrne, Laura Watt, Don Romesburg, Michael Pinkston, Sandra Shand, Marisa Thigpen, Ruben Armiñana, Andrew Rogerson, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Andy Merrifield, Paul Ramey, Dolores Bainter, Matthew Paolucci-Callahan, Richard Senghas, Jennifer Mahdavi

Absent: Sam Brannen, Michael Cohen, Edie Brown, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Emily Hurd, Amanda Burke, Armand Gilinsky

Guests: Sean Johnson, Melinda Barnard, Thaine Stearns

Chair Report – B. Ford

B. Ford reported on the changes to membership on the Senate. Maria Hess returned as Secretary. Terry Lease returned to his seat as a representative from Business and Economics. Michaela Grobbel returned to her At-Large position. APC designated Matthew Paolucci-Callahan to sit on the Senate as APC Chair since the current Chair of APC, Deborah Roberts was also an At-Large Senator. The by-laws prohibited anyone having two votes on the Senate. Merlin Hanauer was replacing Florence Bouvet for the Spring semester and Michael Pinkston was the new Emeritus Senator. The Chair reported that the Provost asked the Senate Budget Subcommittee to help come up with budget priorities for Academic Affairs. He said the GMC Advisory Board was meeting and putting together the first season. Information about that would be communicated in March. The University Affairs Subcommittee of that Board, was charged to work out the relationship between the GMC and academics and he noted that anyone with suggestions or concerns could talk to their representatives on that subcommittee or himself. He reported that himself, A. Boyar and D. Condron had lunch with the current Mayor of Rohnert Park, Jake MacKenzie, who was anxious to work with SSU.

**Approval of Agenda – Academic Calendar Guidelines postponed to next meeting.
Approved.**

Minutes of 11/10/11; 12/1/11; and 12/15/11 – Approved.

Consent Item:

Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status – Jagannath Agrawal, Jonah Raskin and Madeleine Rose – Approved. FSAC included a letter in the packet explaining the nomination of Madeleine Rose, even though she had not technically retired from SSU, but from another CSU previously. There was a suggestion that the emeritus policy include faculty who retire due to disability. The Chair said he would put that on the next Executive Committee agenda.

Disruptive Student Behavior Policy – Second Reading – J. Mahdavi

J. Mahdavi noted that there were no changes from the first reading. She said the policy was giving guidelines for faculty to deal with disruptive behavior so that learning could continue in the classroom. The authority for the policy came from Executive Orders and Title V. She noted SAC wanted the policy and procedures to be kept separate.

Motion to amend: Remove first sentence under B and replace with: In the event of dangerous behavior the responsible faculty member should ensure Police Services are notified immediately and then take prudent measures to minimize the danger until the police arrive. Second. There was discussion which focused on concerns about the amendment “setting up” faculty for things they may or may not be able to do as well as concerns that the policy was focused on disruptive behavior, not dangerous behavior.

Question called. Second. Vote – Approved. Vote on amendment above – Failed.

Motion to amend: Remove first sentence under B and the “however” in the next paragraph. Second. There was discussion. Vote – Approved.

Time Certain Reached.

Statewide Senator Report – C. Nelson, B. Wilson

C. Nelson noted her report in the Senate packet and commented on a few items. She said the Statewide Senate’s Fiscal and Governmental Affairs committee was recommending opposing SB 755 & SB 967 dealing with executive compensation, arguing that CSU personnel decisions should be made by the Board of Trustees, not the Legislature. She noted the resolution calling for creating and reviewing online education policies, written by B. Wilson. She reported on comments made at the Statewide Senate by the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor. The Chancellor said no campuses would be shut down and that they did not want to restrict enrollment too much because tuition was high enough now to be a lucrative source of funds. She noted the faculty had been asked to participate in conversations about the budget

cuts with Presidents. She thought this was a first. She spoke about the Chancellor and others apologizing for delaying getting back to the Senate about the academic freedom amendment to the Statewide Constitution. She said that was the first time she had heard the Chancellor apologize for anything in the seven years she had been on the Statewide Senate. She reported that the Chancellor had also augmented the Statewide Senate budget for '12 – '13 with \$50,000. She noted these two events took a lot of "wind" out of the move for a no-confidence vote on the Chancellor. Instead, it was suggested that a letter be sent to the Chancellor outlining the contributions of the Statewide Senate and expressing concerns. She noted that Faculty Trustee Cheyne would be visiting campus in February. B. Wilson said that only 6 campuses in the CSU did not have an online education policy, SSU being one of them. He noted that APC was working on that. The CFA rep asked about the report from the new Director of Cal State Online and expressed concern about her using the Katz report from last year and using Western Governor's University as a model for online education since they do not employ teachers to teach their online courses. B. Wilson said he was on the committee that had drafted a white paper on online education and they had used Western Governor's University as an example of what not to do. He stressed that faculty were in charge of the curriculum and the online education policies on the campuses would then be what the new Director of Cal State Online could utilize. The Chair of APC asked for the white paper B. Wilson referred to be sent to APC.

Return to the Disruptive Student Behavior Policy

Vote on the Disruptive Student Behavior Policy as amended – Approved unanimously

M. Lopez-Phillips introduced Sean Johnson as the new Judicial Officer.

GE Unit Policy - Second Reading – M. Smith

M. Smith gave the Senate an overview of the changes to the GE Unit Policy. He noted that the reason for the policy was two-fold – one, to limit the number of units a student needed to complete the GE pattern at SSU and the second part of the policy described how this would be obtained "on the ground." He noted some small changes that were made due to comments in the first reading. There was some discussion that focused on very specific instances of GE scenarios for students.

Motion to amend by striking everything after "maintain" in the second paragraph. Second. There was discussion. Vote on amendment – Failed.

Motion to amend by striking the last two sentences of the policy "Areas A and C both contain only 4 unit courses, and thus do not contribute extra units. Area B is comprised of a mixture of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 unit courses and thus it is not possible to assess their contribution of extra units." Second. Vote on amendment – Approved.

Motion to amend "If 3 unit % falls below the limit, the GE subcommittee will work with the Schools to realign seat offerings before any further 4 unit courses

~~are approved, require a greater threshold of rationale to approve any new 4 unit courses.~~ Second. There was discussion. **Vote on amendment – Failed.**

There was more discussion on the policy as amended.

Motion to amend by striking “The guiding principle is that students should be able to complete their GE curriculum within 50 units. New GE structures, new courses, and changes to course unit values are allowed, as long as the guiding principle is maintained.” No second.

Discussion continued on the policy as amended.

Vote on revision to the GE Unit policy as amended. Yes = 18, No = 10. Approved.

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana reported that the “trigger” was pulled as of January 1, 2012, as a permanent reduction to the CSU. The cut to SSU was \$2.3 million. The reduction was covered locally with one time funding. The current challenge was finding that same amount of reduction for the next fiscal year on a permanent basis. He reported on the first release of the Governor’s budget and said it was not a good budget. It was a flat budget and did not give any more money to the CSU. The UC system was getting \$90 million more for pension costs. He noted other items in the Governor’s proposal required the tax increase proposals to pass as well as an increase in the sales tax. If the tax measures did not pass, there was another trigger for the CSU and the UC of \$200 million that would not be known until the November election. He reported on major changes in eligibility for CAL GRANTS. He talked about a statistic from the Illinois State University “State Tax Effort per \$1000 per capita income” report that shows the status of state funding of state universities. The report showed that California was now at the level of support from the state that higher education received in 1962. The CFA rep noted the \$197 million to be given to the CSU by the Governor to cover specific costs, such as general obligation bond payments. He asked if the bond payment (or any other category) amount when up, and the CSU had to make up the difference, how would that be apportioned to the campuses. The President said it would be paid at the system level and not by the campuses. A member asked about what searches were going forward at this point. The President said the Dean of the School of Sciences, the Director of the Multi Cultural Center and the Vice President of Student Affairs searches were all going forward.

Resolution Regarding Subsidization of Category II (Local) Student Fees for Low Income Students – First Reading – S. Cabaniss

S. Cabaniss introduced the resolution stating that the Senate Diversity Subcommittee had brought a similar resolution the past semester and substantially revised it based on the feedback in the Senate. She read the resolved clause and discussed how the Senate’s feedback was addressed. Highlight of the discussion – what the date in the resolution referred to and the current amount of Pell Grant funding; a suggestion for

re-wording one sentence; Development's possible role in funding. First Reading completed.

Provost Report – A. Rogerson

A. Rogerson reported on the enrollment for the Spring. He noted that the campus was 200 below the 103% annualized target and he thought the final enrollment numbers would be under the 103% or right on it. He noted that Academic Affairs had put out a call for faculty to put on workshops in the new Faculty Center. They received 13 applications and the Professional Development Subcommittee would be selecting the faculty to lead the workshops. The APC Chair designee said that APC had asked why the waitlist had been turned off after the first week of classes. The Provost said that the request had come from faculty, so they tried it this semester. There was some discussion about the faculty experience with the waitlist during the current add/drop period. A member asked that the timing of the waitlist function be discussed in an appropriate faculty governance committee. She also asked what would happen to the seats that became available after the drop date given that the last day to add had already passed. The Chair said he would put that item on the next Executive Committee agenda. A member asked about the Goldstein Awards. The Provost said Nathan Rank and Heather Smith were the recipients this year.

CFA Report - A. Merrifield

A. Merrifield clarified that CFA was not opposed to online education. He reported on the mediation session between CFA and the CSU to get bargaining back on track. He noted that CFA agreed with the President that the Governor's budget was a bad budget as had been the last few budgets. That was why CFA, 18 months prior, had asked to extend their contract, but the CSU said no. CFA wanted to work together with all others in the university system to help the CSU at the Legislative level.

Associated Students Report – P. Ramey

P. Ramey noted that it was election season for Associated Students and asked the members to send their "best and brightest" to run for office in the AS. He talked about a statewide campaign called the Buck Starts Here and its goal was to aim frustration about the situation in the CSU toward the Legislature. The concept of the campaign was that students would write their stories on the back of \$750,000 bills and put them in a huge box. The box will travel around the CSUs and end up at the march in March to present to the Legislature. He said the box would be at SSU in late February and he hoped everyone would help support the campaign.

Chair-Elect Report – M. Purser

M. Purser reminded the Senate that people were sought to run for office in faculty governance. She noted that it was a great opportunity and a chance to learn a lot. She said that an email would go out early next week about the constitutional vote upcoming.

APC Report – M. Paolucci-Callahan, Chair designee

M. Paolucci-Callahan reported that APC discussed their goals for the semester which included the online course policy, a revision to the MOU with Extended Education and considering a resolution about intentionally of funding being guided by academic priorities.

FSAC Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas noted FSAC had put out a call for help on a task force on the SETEs. They were planning on bringing the sabbatical policy to the Senate this semester. They were also working on the textbook adoption policy and he noted the various reasons why students needed to know in advance what textbooks were being used for their classes.

SAC Report – J. Mahdavi

J. Mahdavi noted that SAC had been working on the revision to the student referenda election code and a draft was now being reviewed by the Associated Students. A member asked if SAC had discussed what was going on in the Multi Cultural Center. J. Mahdavi said they had not. The member expressed concern about the center not being staffed.

Staff Report – D. Bainter

D. Bainter noted that CSUEU was close to ratifying a new contract with the CSU. She spoke about Staff Development activities. She asked the members to encourage staff in their areas to run for the Staff Senator position.

Good of the Order

A member asked when the tickets would be available for the opening concert at the GMC. The Chair noted that March 12th was the date when ticketing and season information would be released. A member noted that Black History would start the next week and announced specific events. A member asked the Chair to start a conversation about creating scholarships for low income students and thought some faculty could convert their family scholarships toward this purpose.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström