

Academic Senate Minutes

February 24, 2005
3:00 – 5:00 Commons

Abstract

Agenda approved. Minutes delayed. Chair's report. Course Outline Policy referred back to FSAC. Revision to Cheating and Plagiarism policy approved. Posthumous Degree request from Modern Languages for Allan Stone approved. Spring Elections approved to go forward. Update on WASC. President's report. Provost's report. Statewide Senator's report. SAC report. Announcements.

Present: Melanie Dreisbach, Elizabeth Stanny, Jan Beaulyn, Robert McNamara, Susan McKillop, Rick Luttmann, Robert Karlsrud, Noel Byrne, Birch Moonwomon, Michael Pinkston, Steve Wilson, Elizabeth Martinez, Heidi LaMoreaux, Robert Train, Tim Wandling, Liz Thach, Bob Vieth, Raye Lynn Thomas, Tia Watts, Dan Karner, Richard Whitkus, Sam Brannen, Wanda Boda, Charlene Tung, Myrna Goodman, Glenn Brassington, Melinda Milligan, Bruce Peterson, Sandra Shand, Marguerite St. Germain, Ruben Arminañá, Eduardo Ochoa, Brad Mumaw, Greg Tichava, Robert Coleman-Senghor, Elaine McDonald, John Wingard, Brigitte Lahme

Absent: Catherine Nelson, Elizabeth Burch, Eric McGuckin, John Kornfeld, Steve Cuellar, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Caitlin Hicks, Jonathan Peacock

Guests: Rose Bruce, Elaine Sundberg

Meeting began - 3:05

Chair's Report

The Chair reported on her meeting with the Statewide campus chairs in Long Beach. Most important issue of the meeting was SB5 – the Morrow bill and academic freedom. A link to SB5 will be put on the Senate website. Other items of her report: faculty governance units for '05-'06 will be 54 units and allocated the same as last year; Fridays at Four; Excellence in Teaching event on Monday, Feb. 28th 4-5:30, Schultz 3001.

Approval of Agenda – E. Stanny asked for Spring Elections to be added.
Approved.

Minutes delayed.

Course Outline Policy – E. McDonald – Second Reading – attachment

E. McDonald moved to refer the course outline policy back to FASC. Second.

Question called. Second. No objection.

Vote to refer – Yes = 22; No = 7 *Approved*.

Cheating and Plagiarism Policy – Second Reading – B. Lahme – attachment

K. Montgomery spoke to the changes.

Motion to change 2.3 Procedures for Informal Resolution - the faculty member *shall* fill out the Cheating and Plagiarism. . .to faculty member is *strongly encouraged*. Second. Vote on amendment – *Failed*.

Question called. Second. Approved to end debate.

Vote on revision to Cheating and Plagiarism policy – *Approved*. 1 abstention (Shand).

Posthumous Degree request from Modern Languages for Allan Stone

E. Martinez spoke to the item.

S. Brannen moved to accept. Second.

S. McKillop moved to amend posthumous degree to include magna cum laude. Second. *Approved*.

Vote on posthumous degree for Allan Stone magna cum laude. *Approved*.

Spring Elections – E. Stanny

S. Brannen moved to go ahead with the election without the requisite number of candidates per position. Second. Discussion. *Approved*.

Update on WASC

M. Dreisbach gave an update on WASC. She noted that the Provost has worked swiftly on creating an Accreditation Review Steering Committee. A sort of job description has gone out to faculty describing the qualities, characteristics and skills and amount of time that would be involved for the faculty positions on the Committee. Five faculty members are sought. Four administrators, two students and one staff will make up the rest of the membership. The nominations will go to Structure and Functions and they will recommend five faculty for the Steering Committee.

Reports

President Report

R Arminañá reported on what the Board of Trustee see as the five outstanding issues for the CSU. They are: The continuation of the policy of

Access with subheadings of enrollment growth and the management of that growth, graduation, year round operations (resource allocation and labor), off campus center funding, use of technology, transfer and relations with community colleges; Quality of academic programs, curricula, continuous improvement program and the whole issue of K-12 improvement; Accountability in all areas; Resources, compensation and benefits, best practices in technology and how to fund new campuses and student fees; Communication – both internal and external.

Questions for the President

T. Wandling – Academic Freedom

Provost Report

E. Ochoa reported on the role of the Accreditation Review Steering committee. He reported on the University Strategic Planning process. He reported on items that come up in the CSU Academic Council. One was how can the CMS system be utilized to support academic decision making processes. Repeat course policies are being looked at as possible impediments to graduation. The CSU is going ahead to the Legislature to request the authority to give professional doctorates independent of any other partner. SSU is looking at dramatic growth in the coming years.

Questions for the Provost

W. Boda – support for looking at revisions of the course repeat policy.
S. Wilson – what effect will Oracle takeover of PeopleSoft have for us.
E. Ochoa – Oracle will continue to support PeopleSoft software until Oracle and PeopleSoft software have merged.

Statewide Senator report – McKillop

S. McKillop reported that she had participated in a meet and greet of new Assembly members to explain to them what the Senate is as opposed to the CFA and the Chancellor's office. She also attend a hearing of the Assembly Committee on Higher Education which is looking at revising the Master Plan and the state's need 10 -15 years out. This was a policy discussion. She noted two major issues raised at the hearing. A proposal was made to look at what the state's need would be 15 years from now and how to use the existing educational bodies of the state to meet those needs. Another speaker noted that 85% of new jobs will require education beyond the BA. She noted that the CSU has graduated more Master's degrees than the UC system and should be eligible for the graduate differential.

It was announced that the Education Department joint degree program was approved.

SAC report

B. Lahme announced that the Withdrawal Policy will be going out via email to faculty.

M. Dreisbach announced that Trustee Roberta Achtenberg and Statewide Chair David McNeil will visit the Senate on March 24.

M. Dreisbach reported that the Accreditation bodies for the School of Education, NCATE and CCTC, will be meeting with the Senate Executive Committee.

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom