

Senate Executive Committee
January 19, 2012
3:00 – 5:00, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Abstract

Agenda approved. Minutes of 11/17/11 and 12/8/11 approved. Chair Report. President Report. Resolution Regarding the Subsidization of Category II (Local) Student Fees for Low Income Students approved for Senate agenda. Questions for the President. Provost Report. Academic Calendar 2012-2016 and Guidelines approved for Senate agenda. EPC Report. Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status approved for Senate consent calendar. Statewide Senate update. Vice President of SAEM Report. FSAC Report. SAC Report. CFA Report. Associated Students Report. Senate Agenda approved.

Present: Ben Ford, Maria Hess, Deborah Roberts, Jennifer Mahdavi, John Wingard, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Andrew Rogerson, Ruben Armiñana, Margaret Purser, Richard Senghas, Sam Brannen, Terry Lease, Armand Gilinsky

Absent: Brian Wilson, Andy Merrifield, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth

Guests: Paul Ramey, Steve Wilson, Sharon Cabaniss

Approval of Agenda – Approved.

Approval of Minutes of 11/17/11 and 12/8/11 – Approved.

Chair Report – B. Ford

The Chair thanked everyone who attended the Retreat and noted that the proposals would be presented at the next ATC meeting. He thought the discussions were good and people at the Retreat wanted more of them. He said that himself, A. Rogerson, A. Boyar, S. Kashack and D. Condrón would be meeting in the near future to review possible consultants to help with crafting the “academic story.” The consultants would be paid for through a Chancellor’s office grant. He reported that E. Stanny had been serving as the Chair appointee to the GMC Advisory Committee, but had to step down. He said he would now be serving on that committee and had attended his first meeting. He thought it was a different world and noted that plans for the opening seasons were coming along. He announced a workshop focused on Open Educational Resources - http://wikieducator.org/Open_content_licensing_for_educators/About.

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana reported that as of January 1, the budget trigger had been pulled and the CSU had been cut another 100 million dollars, thus in the ‘11 - ‘12 year, the CSU had been cut 750 million dollars, which was about 30% of the entire CSU budget. The 100 million dollar reduction also became a permanent reduction to the base. Most campuses had planned for the trigger to be a one time cut, so now they had to

figure out how to make the cut permanent. He reported on aspects of the Governor's budget. The Governor wanted a "flat" budget, which meant that for next year the CSU would not get one dollar more or less. He then discussed the Governor's proposed tax increases. If they do not pass, there would be another trigger of 200 million dollars to the CSU and UC that would be automatic. The Governor wanted the Legislature to approve a budget with some cuts by March, but the Legislature said no, they would wait for the May revise. He said the budget was silent on enrollment. He talked about the Governor proposing that bond payments, currently paid by a statewide account, now be accounted in the CSU budget, while still paid by the State. He said that would make the CSU budget look like it had \$30,000 more (if that was the bond payment), but there would be no actual increase in dollars. He said the Governor was also proposing that if benefit costs changed between July 1 and January 1, the CSU would have to make up the difference. Benefits changes were driven by CALPERS. Currently, the State makes up that difference. He discussed the Governor's proposed restructuring of CALGRANTS – such as raising the GPA requirement and limiting it to 4 years instead of 6. He noted the Governor did treat the CSU and the UC differently this year as the UC received money to shore up their pension.

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

S. Cabaniss noted that the Senate Diversity Subcommittee took in the feedback and requests from the Senate and was bringing forward a substantially revised version of their resolution. She reviewed the content of the resolution and how it had changed. There was discussion. **Approved for the Senate agenda.**

Questions for the President

A member asked about the debt service on bonds and whether when the debt service changes, how the difference would be paid. The President said it was unclear. A member asked if food claims on travel would now be seen a "fringe benefit." The President said, that might happen on an individual basis and that he heard there was some problem with the State Controller's computer that was being repaired.

Provost Report – A. Rogerson

A. Rogerson reported on the enrollment process and noted that students were averaging 12.89 units at the current time. He noted a larger head count of students this semester. He thought that the campus was well on the way to staying within the enrollment limits and could actually look at problem areas and open up a few more sections. He noted that there have not been many complaints and that the campus had done a better job getting classes for students. He updated the committee on SB1440. The CSU system expects 2600 students to have completed their transfer degrees in the community colleges. There were 5 transfer programs worked out currently in the CSU. There was some discontent about the community colleges not working fast enough to create these degrees. Some of the 5 programs are impacted,

so students may not get into the campus they prefer, but the CSU has to admit them and that would be challenging. He gave an update about the Early Start program and said that a brochure would now be given to students who do not pass the ELM or EPT that describes that they need to complete an Early Start program and to take a 3 unit classes, not a 1 unit class. He reported that CSU Online was now Cal State Online, as the name CSU Online was already being used by another university. He noted that the Director of Cal State Online said that they would be focusing on whole degree programs, completely online and on self-support that exist in the CSU now. He said it was not clear what "focusing" meant. A member asked about whether it was true that no money would be taken if the campus went over target and if sophomores could petition for over 18 units. The Provost said no, it was not true. Money would be taken from the campus if it went over target. He said they wanted to hold the message for students that taking a lower unit load was alright. He said they didn't have to go back to 12 units, but the Fall would not be "fat." In fact, it would be downright skinny and bordering on anorexic. There would not be more money, so the unit load needed to be sensible. He thought the campus was being successful in getting the message across, especially to freshman. There was a discussion about which students were affected most by less units. The student representative discussed the student perspective and noted it was a culture change for students to understand how Academic Affairs was effectively utilizing the waitlist function. The Chair asked how departments would know that students were coming in under SB1440. M. Lopez-Phillips offered that the application form had a box those students could check, so it could be tracked. The Provost said the first step was to look at the students who wanted to do the transfer degree and see who was really prepared for it, which was the 2600. They will send letters to those students and depending on the response to those letters, the campus will get more information. He thought the community colleges didn't understand that students really have to finish the degree and then transfer. The Chair asked about the recent professional development opportunity. The Provost said a call had gone out for six faculty from the campus to put on one 2-hour workshop about teaching and technology and they would pay \$500 per faculty member. A member asked what other degree programs under SB1440 had been approved and the Provost said he would send that information along. He noted that all the programs were impacted on the SSU campus, so they were concerned about actually finding academic homes for those students. A member discussed the positive aspects of the waitlist functionality for department's ability to be proactive about what courses were offered instead of being reactive. There was discussion about degree programs over 120 units and the Chancellor's desire for all programs to be 120 units. A new website had been created to show all degrees and their units:
<http://www.calstate.edu/es/intranet/applications/aa/dss/>.

Academic Calendar 2012-2016 and Guidelines – A. Gilinsky

A. Gilinsky said that EPC took the Executive Committee's comments seriously and offered a revision to the calendar guidelines. A member asked a procedural question about the way faculty gives input to the calendar and asked if the calendar ever went out for a vote. The Chair said that the Senate oversees the guidelines for the calendar and Academic Affairs created the actual calendars based on those guidelines. The guidelines are approved at the Senate and that is where faculty

input would be given. The calendar had never been put out to a vote. There was substantial discussion about the guidelines. The student representative argued support for the shorter winter break and ending early in May. He argued that it helped students have more energy after the shorter winter break for school and described the need to end earlier in May for employment opportunities. **Approved for the Senate agenda.**

EPC Report – A. Gilinsky

A. Gilinsky reported that EPC had met with L. Morimoto and asked the Athletics Council to draft a policy on the proctoring of athletes taking tests off campus. When they receive that, they will share it with FSAC and SAC. He said the Program Review Subcommittee was convened and would be taking up the Ukiah Program Review from 2008.

Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status

The Chair introduced the item. He asked if there were any issues with the faculty on the list. There were none. The Chair of FSAC brought up an issue with a faculty member who was requesting emeritus status and met the time guideline, but was already retired from the CSU, so could not retire again. FSAC was recommending that she be eligible for emeritus status. There was some discussion. **No objection to FSAC's recommendation. Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status approved for Senate's Consent Calendar.**

Statewide Senate update

The Chair noted that the Statewide Senators were at a statewide meeting that day. He reported that the Chancellor's office made an offer of a larger budget for 2012-2013 that might keep the Statewide Senate working. They would hear more once the Statewide Senators returned.

Vice President of SAEM Report – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips reported on recruitment. He noted that they had 1000 more applications than last year. He said they were targeting a higher index student. He said there were 300 more transfer applicants than last year. Post baccalaureate students were up a little bit from last year. He said there were 57 international students this year, up from 35 last year. He thought enrollment management was going well. He noted the Director of the Multi-Cultural Center search was approved to go forward recently. All searches had been put on hold for awhile. He noted that several people would be volunteering to staff the MCC until the Director was hired. A member suggested that the unit cap be a line that had to be crossed instead of a cap on the number of units. M. Lopez-Phillips and A. Rogerson thought that was worth checking into. Another member thought the top of the units taken should be bracketed. A member noted that Social Sciences was being told by A&R that they did not want to accept experimental courses as substitutes for major requirements because it was too hard to do in CMS. She noted this was not helpful for curricular innovation. She asked for clearer information. M. Lopez-Phillips said he thought the

A&R area should not be telling faculty what they can or cannot do regarding curriculum and that he would work closely with faculty on the process for experimental courses. P. Ramey discussed switching from a unit cap to a class cap. The Provost said he hoped there may not be caps in the Fall, that there would be change in how students were advised and in the culture of the campus, that kept students on track for graduation and not taking excess units. M. Lopez-Phillips praised the University Retreat.

FSAC Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas reported on the work on the textbook policy. He said a message would be coming out soon to ask for faculty help with the SETE revision project.

SAC Report – J. Mahdavi

J. Mahdavi reported that SAC would be working on the Student Election Code.

CFA Report – J. Wingard

J. Wingard read a message from A. Merrifield regarding the mediation portion of the current contract negotiations.

Associated Students Report – P. Ramey

P. Ramey noted that election season for the Associated Students was coming up and asked the faculty to encourage their best and brightest to run for office. Packets were available online. <http://sonoma.edu/as/government/elections.html>. The Chair expressed his appreciation for the students that attended the University Retreat.

It was clarified that the Senate Constitutional Vote would be held with the Spring election and only the constitutional vote would be extended to garner a 50% turnout, not the candidate elections.

A member asked that search committees for which there had been elections, for searches that may or may not be going forward, still meet to block off time in case a search could go forward. The Provost said he would help with that.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Ben Ford
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes - 11/10, 12/1 and 12/15 emailed
Correspondences

Consent Items:

Faculty eligible for Emeritus Status - attached

BUSINESS

1. Disruptive Student Behavior Policy – Second Reading – J. Mahdavi - attached
2. GE Unit Policy – Second Reading – A. Gilinsky – attached
3. Academic Calendar Guidelines revision – First Reading – A. Gilinsky – attached
4. Resolution Regarding the Subsidization of Category II (Local) Student Fees for Low Income Students – First Reading – S. Cabaniss – attached

Approved.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström