

Senate Executive Committee
February 19, 2015
3:00 – 4:30, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Abstract

Agenda – Approved. Minutes of 2/5/15 – Approved. Chair and Vice Chair Report. Electronic Theses proposal approved for Senate agenda. Wiley Journals in the Library. President Report. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report. Vice President of Student Affairs Report. EPC Report. FSAC Report. SAC Report. CFA Report. Question for Associated Students. Revision to the Special Education concentration in the Education MA – approved for the Senate consent calendar. Revision to procedures for Academic Council on International Programs representative – approved for Senate agenda. Posthumous Degree request for Dominic Dei Rossi – approved for Senate agenda. Senate agenda – approved.

Present: Margaret Purser, Catherine Nelson, Kirsten Ely, Melinda Milligan, Tom Targett, Sam Brannen, Elaine Newman, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Julie Shulman, Laura Watt, Andrew Rogerson, Christopher Dinno for Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Richard Whitkus, Ruben Armiñana

Absent: Richard Senghas

Guests: Christian George, Brandon Mercer, Karen Brodsky, Karen Schneider, Jennifer Mahdavi, Scott Horstein

The Chair was at a meeting of the Council of Senate Chairs in Long Beach. The Vice Chair presided.

Approval of Agenda – Approved.

Minutes of 2/5/15 – Approved.

Chair and Vice Chair Report – K. Ely

K. Ely reported that the Chair would be at the GMC Board meeting on 3/5, so she would preside at that meeting. She reported that Structure and Functions wanted an update to the Academic Council on International Programs (ACIP) representative procedures to be a business item on the Senate agenda as well as a time critical to ask the Senate to approve running the election without the requisite number of candidates per position. The Senate analyst provided an update on the status of nominations so far. S&F also wanted to delay the election until there were nominations for the University Retention, Tenure and Promotion subcommittee (URTP). She noted that Lauren Morimoto was elected for the Search Committee for the Dean of Social Sciences. S&F continued to discuss the potential reorganization of faculty governance. She reported that Sandra Shand had officially retired and attended S&F on her last day. Sandra had served many years on S&F. The Vice Chair reminded the members of Sandra's retirement party on February 20th.

Electronic Theses proposal – M. Milligan, K. Brodsky

M. Milligan introduced the proposal and noted it was approved unanimously in EPC. K. Brodsky said the Library wanted to change the policy for how theses were housed in the Library. They wanted to stop housing print and have all theses be stored electronically in the future, freely available for download. They would be stored on ScholarWorks (<http://sonoma-dspace.calstate.edu/>). She provide circulation information to support their position. It was approved for the Senate agenda.

Wiley Journals in the Library – K. Schneider

K. Schneider asked if there were any questions about the information included in the agenda packet. She thanked everyone for reading the information. She noted this issue with Wiley journals was a big issue in scholarly communications. She thought that the Library was thinking strategically about what was in the best interest of faculty. She said this would put to the test whether the big licensing packages were actually needed, or whether alternative access was just as good or better. The Vice Chair asked if there was any context for this item that would be beneficial. K. Schneider said she would send out links that would provide helpful for background. She said that price increases for journals was out of sync with the consumer price index, going up 6 -12% every year. She pointed out there were three major responses to journal pricing, beyond the fact that journals get their articles through the sweat equity of the faculty and then charge egregious prices – the Open Access movement, strategic bargaining for pricing and demand driven accusation. A member suggested that the links be pushed out to the Senate ahead of time.

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana reported on where the funds would come from for the release time for new faculty. He said the campus was responsible for funding, not the Chancellor's office. He noted it was significant sum. He reported that the University of California had decided to delay their tuition increase until the fall. There was hope that the two person committee, both governors, could come to an agreement by then. The strategy of the CSU was to see how much they could be "in the UC's coat tails". A member asked about the group that was using the Mario Savio free speech area that day and wondered if they were the same Christian group that travelled around campuses hoping to sue them for free speech violations. The President said this was new group and they appeared to be Jehovah's Witnesses.

Vice President of Administration and Finance Report – C. Dinno for L. Furukawa-Schlereth

No report. A member asked about faculty sick leave not being paid by "benefits." It was noted that this was also brought up in PBAC. It seemed that faculty sick leave was paid out of the reserve and they wanted clarity on that. A member asked what C. Dinno had found in his investigation into the concern about the women's restrooms on campus. C. Dinno said the reported leak had been fixed and that restrooms that had tile looked dirty, but they were just stained. They had not found anything that could get rid of that. They were clean, but looked dirty.

Vice President of Student Affairs Report – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips extolled the virtues of “magic eraser” for cleaning. He reported on Mental Health Awareness week and its activities. He had listened to the religious group and SSU students interacting and thought there might be a heightened awareness of civil disobedience behaviors since various offices on campus had been talking about that as well as the current news about religious extremism. He thought it was good that students were engaging in an appropriate manner.

EPC Report – M. Milligan

M. Milligan reported that at the next EPC meeting they would very likely be reviewing the discontinuance of the CANDEL program. This was the first discontinuance to come through in quite a number of years. She discussed the process. EPC would determine if the proposal was very straightforward and could move on to the Senate, or if it required hearings from stakeholders associated with the discontinuance. They also had a revision to the Computer Science program and would start their discussion about the Senate re-organization. They would also be reviewing the GE course proposal form. GE was proposing to have one form for both “experimental” and “permanent” GE courses. They wanted the “experimental,” or as they preferred “provisional,” or “permanent” status to be decided as the course was being reviewed. She noted another discontinuance was forthcoming from the Nursing program. A member asked how long a “provisional” course would need to exist before it became “permanent.” M. Milligan said that was one of her questions and thought that issue was not clear in the current proposal. A member asked how many people the GE subcommittee consulted with on this change to GE course proposals. M. Milligan said this item had originated last year and EPC had quite a bit of discussion about it then. She did not know if they had consulted with anyone new. She thought it would be a multiple meeting item. A member suggested that the distinction between approving a course and approving it for GE be added to the course proposal form. The EPC Chair said it was difficult to separate that out, but that GE did recommend to EPC and EPC approved courses.

FSAC Report – R. Whitkus

R. Whitkus reported on FSAC’s determination of the recipients for the Educational Experience Enhancement awards as stipulated by the CFA contract. The awards for the 2014 - 2015 year were: Carmen Works, Chemistry; Maria Hess, Psychology; Karin Jaffe, Anthropology; and Julie Shulman, Counseling. The awards for the 2015 - 2016 year were: Chiara Bacigalupa, Early Childhood Studies; Lorna Catford, Psychology; Matthew Paolucci Callahan, Psychology; and Michaela Grobbel, Modern Languages & Literature. A member asked about the Faculty Conversations event about the RTP policy. R. Whitkus said there was fairly good turnout and they had a lively discussion and received good feedback. He encourage everyone to post their ideas to the forum online, so that everyone could see them. (http://www.sonoma.edu/senate/committees/FSACSRTP_Sp15.html?id=771). A member asked how many applications they received for the EEE awards. R. Whitkus responded that for 2014-2015, they had 8 applications and for 2015-2016 they had 5. A member asked what kinds of service ended up being rewarded. R. Whitkus said that two general types were: new programs or new curriculum that

needed one time money to get started and faculty engaging students in undergraduate research.

SAC Report – J. Shulman

J. Shulman noted that SAC was lacking in membership and this caused them to not make quorum at the last meeting. She was unable to serve as Chair next year and no one was coming forward to serve. At the next meeting, they would discuss the Senate re-organization.

CFA Report – E. Newman

E. Newman hoped the members were appreciating their raises and noted they wouldn't have to spend it at the CFA Happy Hour next Wednesday at Lobos from 4 - 6. Free beer for members. It was clarified that the recent raise was the 1.6% in the contract. She recommended that members check on the amount they receive. She noted that the 3% would show up in April.

Associated Students Report – B. Mercer

No report. A member noted that at the previous meeting of the ExCom, C. George had said that students were unclear about the implications of the new smoking policy if they were caught not complying, and the member wondered if the issue had been clarified. M. Lopez-Phillips responded that he typically asked students what needed to happen to them so that they wouldn't do it again, and that he had a range of responses from a warning to expulsion. He said the responses depended on the particular situation and thought the sanction of expulsion would not be used. If there were repeat violators, he would try to take students and people from the Health Center to talk to that person about why the policy was important. He said they were running an educational campaign and thought it was just a culture shift that needed to happen. A member asked if the range of options would create unfair conditions. M. Lopez-Phillips said that each person was an individual and therefore, was treated uniquely. Developmentally, he tried to meet the students where they were. A member asked what the legal standing was for a public institution to create policies that were different than State laws. The President said the authority for this came from the Education Code, Title V.

Revision to the Special Education concentration in the Education MA – M. Milligan, J. Mahdavi

M. Milligan introduce the item. She said it was approved unanimously at all levels. J. Mahdavi described the changes in more detail that were driven by new State requirements for teacher training. There was discussion about language particular to the Education MA, such as "clear induction." It was approved for the Senate consent calendar.

Revision to procedures for Academic Council on International Programs representative – K. Ely

K. Ely asked the Senate Analyst to provide context for this item. The Analyst briefly reviewed the history of this procedure. Time certain reached.

Posthumous Degree request for Dominic Dei Rossi – S. Horstein

S. Horstein said the Theatre Arts Department was asking for this degree based on the student's contribution to the department. He was unable to find the number of units in residence for Mr. Dei Rossi, but would try to get that if needed. There was discussion about how the request would be presented at the Senate. The President noted that a member of family could represent the student at Commencement. M. Lopez-Phillips said he usually worked with the family and the faculty to see what was appropriate. A member noted that R. Senghas was working on a protocol for posthumous degrees. It was approved for the Senate agenda.

Return to Revision to procedures for Academic Council on International Programs representative

Approved for the Senate agenda.

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AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Richard J. Senghas

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Consent Items: Revision to the Special Education
Concentration of the Education MA - emailed

Special Report: Update on Wiley Journals in the Library –
K. Schneider – TC 3:30

BUSINESS

1. Electronic Theses proposal – First Reading – M. Milligan, K. Brodsky – attached - TC
2. Posthumous degree request for Dominic Dei Rossi – attached – S. Horstein – TC
3. Revision to the Academic Council on International Programs appointment procedures – First Reading – R. Senghas – attached
4. Request to hold election without requisite number of candidates per position – K. Ely

Approved.

Adjourned.

Minutes prepared by L. Holmstrom-Keyes