

Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, February 15, 2005 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Training Room – Administration Building

Attendance: Bill Adams, Mary Adler, Simone Aloisio, Harley Baker, Julia Balen, Terry Ballman, Gary Berg, Anna Bieszczad, Bob Bleicher, Rainer Buschmann, Marilyn Buchanan, Renny Christopher, Geoff Dougherty, Jesse Elliott, Therese Eyermann, Maria Denney, Scott Frisch, Jorge Garcia, Jeanne Grier, Ivona Grzegorzczak, Phil Hampton, Matt Hewitt, Peggy Hinz, Antonio Jimenez-Jimenez, Joan Karp, Jacquelyn Kilpatrick, Jill Leafstedt, Steve Lefevre, Alex McNeill, Joan Peters, Paul Rivera, Don Rodriguez, Peter Smith, Jane Sweetland, Barbara Thorpe, Ashish Vaidya, Lillian Vega-Castaneda, Dan Wakelee, Amy Wallace, Ching-Hua Wang, Bill Wolfe.

1. **Call to order:** 2:35 p.m.
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
-Hampton moved, Baker seconded. A report from the Academic Planning Task Force was added.
3. **Approval of the Minutes from the previous Senate meeting located at:**
http://senate.csuci.edu/proposed/minutes2005_02_01.doc
-Bleicher moved, Hampton seconded, approved unanimously.
4. **Intent to raise questions**
 - Bieszczad inquired about the possibility of increasing the available web space that is currently allocated for faculty web pages.
 - Adler questioned why she had not been requested to change her Blackboard password as often as her Peoplesoft password.
 - Wolfe inquired about the possibility of changing the meeting location to the Science Building auditorium.
 - Wang inquired about the possibility of moving the Registrar's office to Academic Affairs Division, Christopher responded there was currently no such plan but will ask if there are any future plans.
5. **Report from the Chair**
 - Christopher responded to Wolfe's inquiry, there was discussion about other possible meeting locations for the Senate, a straw poll was taken and it was decided that we try meeting in the auditorium for the next meeting and then decide if it is a better venue for these meetings.
 - In response to the Assessment question raised at the last Senate meeting, Provost Lucas will be requesting funds be set aside in next year's budget, specifically for assessment activities.
 - Karp will be reporting on the GE assessment task force after its first meeting later this week.

-Christopher reviewed parliamentary procedures, clarifying the differences between tabling and postponing issues, and added that it was generally not a good practice to waive first readings, especially for non-time sensitive items.

Report on the Campus Senate Chairs Meeting

-At the meeting a bill was discussed which is being brought before the Legislature and is being represented as an Academic Freedom. It allows the Legislature to regulate curriculum, and requires texts to teach opposing views. Everyone is encouraged to write to their state Senators and urge them to oppose this bill.

-Hewitt spoke on behalf of the Associated Students indicating that they planned to oppose this bill, and he encouraged all faculty to make students aware of this bill in their respective classes.

6. Report from the Academic Planning Task Force

-Frisch invited everyone to participate in the task force which will be meeting regularly on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. He will also give regular reports on the progress of the task force. They have currently begun the process of data collection and will be contacting the various programs for needed information.

7. Reports from Senate Standing and Advisory Committees

Senate Executive

-Christopher reviewed the initiatives that are expected to be presented to the Senate prior to the end of this semester such as; the Academic Structure, Lecturer Evaluation task force, new RTP process standards, and the task force on student evaluations which has recommended to do away with the SETE.

Committee on Centers

-Adler reported that the committee has proposed a revised policy to assist in distinguishing between centers and institutes.

Committee on Committees

-This committee will begin meeting Wednesday, 2/16, and will be finalizing the election of search committee members for the position of Faculty Development Director. Reminder: the deadline to submit vote is February 16th.

Curriculum Committee

-The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 2/22, at 11:00 a.m.

Faculty Affairs

-The next meeting will take place on Monday, 2/21, at 2:30 p.m.

Fiscal Policies

-They have met with the Academic Resources committee and will be reviewing program proposals on Fridays.

General Education

-The next meeting will take place Thursday, 2/17, at 12:00 p.m. and they will be discussing the GE review policy.

Strategic and Tactical Planning

-Cordeiro invites everyone to attend and participate. The next meeting will take place Wednesday, 2/23, at 2:30 p.m. in CH2.

Student Academic Policies and Procedures

-The next meeting will take place Wednesday, 2/16, at 4:00 p.m., and they will be discussing the Honor Code and Appeals policies.

Faculty Development Advisory

-This committee will be meeting on alternate Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. This semester they will be developing their mission statement, revising the mini-grant criteria and developing a faculty handbook.

8. Old Business

SP 04-23 Applies Physics short form, Curriculum Committee, Second Reading

-Dougherty gave a brief presentation regarding this program indicating its uniqueness within the CSU and its focus on creating qualified graduates for local companies.

A voice vote was taken, the program was unanimously approved.

9. New Business

SP 04-25 Policy on Centers and Institutes (to replace SP 03-15)

-Bleicher moved, Rodriguez seconded. Adler presented a narrative on the revisions made to the policy adding that they wanted to create a mechanism for these centers/institutes to be able to report back to the Senate on a regular basis.

-Thorpe indicated that these changes may be problematic for some of the current centers/institutes on campus because their descriptions do not match the specifications listed in the policy and yet their funding is tied to the name. This also creates a problem for campus centers that do not require Senate approval, there will be discrepancies between academic vs. non-academic centers. Christopher requested that suggestions and concerns be submitted to Mary Adler prior to the next Senate meeting so that she may incorporate the changes in the policy.

10. Announcements

- Grzegorzczuk invited everyone to a Math speaker series which begins on February 24th.
- Hampton invited everyone to attend the informational sessions regarding the assessment class Harley Baker is teaching.
- Rainer invited everyone to the first faculty presentation on February 24th.
- Ballman announced the summer program available for students who wish to travel and study in Mexico, please contact her for additional information and remind everyone that there is a March deadline.

11. Adjourned: 3:31 p.m.