

ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, April 24, 2007
Collaboratory – BT 1302
Minutes

Attendance: Virgil Adams, Mary Adler, Simone Aloisio, Julia Balen, Frank Barajas, A.J. Bieszczad, Anna Bieszczad, Geoffrey Buhl, Catherine Burriss, Lillian Castaneda, Renny Christopher, Bill Cordeiro, Irina Costache, Beatrice de Oca, Jesse Elliott, Jorge Garcia, Jeanne Grier, Ivona Grzegorzczak, Phil Hampton, Beth Hartung, Karen Jensen, Antonio Jimenez-Jimenez, Joan Karp, Jacque Kilpatrick, Liz King, Kristen LaBonte, Jill Leafstedt, Steve Lefevre, Kathryn Leonard, Luke Matjas, Alex McNeill, Brad Monsma, Michelle Moon, Andrew Morris, Nancy Mazingo, Joan Peters, Jack Reilly, Tom Schmidhauser, Peter Smith, Steve Stratton, Barbara Thorpe, Kaia Tollefson, Dan Wakelee, Amy Wallace, Ching-Hua Wang, Bill Wolfe, Gregory Wood.

Call to order

-2:36 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

-I. Grzegorzczak made a motion to add “discussion of election procedures” as item 3a to the Agenda, seconded by J. Garcia.

-B. Monsma wonders how effective a discussion can be at this time if we have to look at forensics, or a paper trail?

-B. de Oca suggests leaving the discussion for another time and maybe assigning a task force to address the issue.

-I. Grzegorzczak says the discussion needs to happen now before the election results are announced in case the elections need to be conducted over.

-C. Wang says it is an important matter that should be clarified before proceeding because all the emails back and forth have caused confusion.

-S. Stratton says the state of confusion was the idea with all the emails. He feels we have followed the rules as they were approved last year.

-A. Jimenez-Jimenez, as a member of the Senate Executive Comm., recalled when the changes to the procedures for the election of Senate officers were passed into the By-Laws last year, they were passed almost unanimously with one abstention. He does not believe we should be having this discussion again.

-V. Adams asked if there were any objections to a vote by show of hands on the motion. There was one objection so the vote was taken by clickers.

Votes were tallied by the electronic voting system on the motion to add “Discussion of Election Procedures as 3A.”

Yes: 25

No: 14

Abstain: 1

Motion passes.

Approval of the Minutes from the last (April 10) Senate meeting

-m/s-Hampton, Garcia. Approved unanimously.

- I. Grzegorzcyk indicated that on February 28, 2006, a change was made to the By-laws, Article 3, *Election Procedures*. The sentence B1, which mandated the elections be held at the last regularly scheduled meeting was not removed at that time and therefore these elections were not done properly; they were held too early. By these elections being held early, some of the candidates felt they were rushed and therefore disadvantaged. The elections began later than mandated by the By-laws. I. Grzegorzcyk also has a problem with the term “secret ballot”, she does not believe that voting “on-line” is the same as a secret ballot. She would also like to know why the sentence was removed from the By-laws and when?
- S. Stratton recalled changing the By-laws so that elections were not held at the last Senate meeting and we have done other elections via “on-line” without any problems before this.
- J. Grier clarifies there are two separate issues here; 1. starting the elections late, 2. Sentence B1 was not removed by obtaining 2/3 vote from the Senate as is mandated by the By-laws.
- A. Jimenez-Jimenez clarified that the removal of B1 was discussed in the Senate Executive Committee and they believed its removal would not change the content, it would only reflect what was agreed upon last year. He also reminded everyone that Chair Ballman made an announcement at the last Senate meeting that the line had been removed.
- I. Grzegorzcyk disagreed with A. Jimenez-Jimenez stating that the only way to change By-laws is by getting a 2/3 vote from the Senate. She feels the line should be replaced.
- L. Castaneda said that she recalled the email conversation regarding the removal of B1 and she wishes she would have paid more attention to it.
- A. Jimenez-Jimenez recalls that at the meeting when the election procedures were discussed, there were a number of reasons why people did not want to hold the elections at the last Senate meeting. The mistake was that line B1 was not removed at that time. The line was removed now because we have just discovered the error.
- J. Leafstedt asked to see the minutes that reflected when Chair Ballman had made the announcement that the line had been deleted. Secretary King displayed the minutes from the Senate meeting held on April 10th, 2007, which had just been approved earlier and reflected the announcement.
- J. Peters stated that she believed this was a fair election and asked if someone was unfairly disadvantaged by the changes?
- B. Cordeiro made a motion to amend the By-laws to reflect the changes that have already been made, seconded.
- A. Wallace said she did not feel the changes were made with any malicious intent but feels it may be better to re-word the procedure so that it is easier to use next year but does not believe we should do it on the spot today. She does not feel that anybody was disenfranchised.
- J. Kilpatrick suggested referring the issue to the Faculty Affairs Committee.
- D. Wakelee suggested adding dates to the By-laws so that we can distinguish when amendments are made.
- B. Cordeiro withdrew his motion.

- A. Jimenez-Jimenez does not feel we rushed the election process, we may have started late but we allowed additional time to make up for the tardiness. In the past, candidates were nominated, gave platform speeches, and were elected all at the same meeting. As for the issue with the “on-line” voting system, we have been using the system all year long with no problems.
- A. Wallace moved to certify the election, seconded by J. Balen.
- B. Cordeiro asked for a point of order, he wanted to know what percentage of a vote we needed to approve the motion?
- G. Wood stated that we needed a 2/3 vote in order to suspend the By-laws this one time and certify the election.
- F. Barajas asked for a point of clarification. He wanted to know if there was a difference between certifying the election and certifying the results?
- V. Adams passed the gavel to Secretary King and spoke on behalf of the Committee on Committees stating that no one was disadvantaged. The call for nominations lasted an entire week, and then there was the Q&A session. The integrity of the committee is there.
- G. Wood clarified that we were certifying just the election procedure.
- I. Grzegorzczuk asked that we do not certify the election. She believes that people were disadvantaged and that there were people who may have wanted to run who were not able to because the process was so rushed. She believes that because these are the only elections governed by the By-laws that they should be followed to the letter of the law. She does not feel that electronic voting is done secretly.
- F. Barajas says that in listening to this conversation, several people have admitted to mistakes and if these elections were flawed he feels we should not move forward.
- J. Peters disagrees, she was part of the group that created the electronic voting system and she feels it is very secure. The individual procedural issues do not sound like anyone was disadvantaged. While there may have been procedural flaws, she does not believe they invalidated the elections.
- J. Elliott said he did not feel he had enough time to consider the issues and vote. The Q&A session was not held at a convenient time for him to attend. As a voter he feels disadvantaged.
- V. Adams passed the gavel to Secretary King. He said everyone has an individual pin number and everyone knew the candidates, no one was rushed to vote. He feels that because the results did not go the way everyone wanted, a red herring is now being raised. V. Adams says he is offended that the integrity of the Committee on Committees is being questioned. He reminded everyone that the election when Chair Ballman succeeded Renny Christopher, was when we changed the rule about the election being held at the last Senate meeting. He asked if any of the candidates felt disadvantaged.
- J. Grier says she just wants us to follow our own rules. She said she was calling into question the integrity of the process, not the people who run the elections. She added that if it was okay for us to allow Senate Executive Committee to remove things at will then that was for us to decide as a group.
- B. Cordeiro called for the question

Vote taken by show of hands to end the discussion:

Yes: 43

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Vote on motion to certify the process of the election as it was conducted:

Yes: 23

No: 18

Abstain: 0

Motion fails because it needs a 2/3 vote, per ruling.

- I. Grzegorzczuk made a motion to obey the By-laws to conduct the meeting at the last Senate meeting of the semester, no second was received.
- S. Stratton pointed out that the By-laws say the elections should start on April 1.
- J. Grier would like clarification on which By-laws we are voting on.
- B. Monsma said he was embarrassed by us today and he wonders what image we have given to the guests here today that are not faculty members. He asked that everyone consider how we have wasted time today.
- S. Aloisio made a motion to have the Committee on Committees propose a remedy and bring it to the next Senate meeting so that we can move onto other business. Seconded by J. Garcia.
- K. Leonard called the question to end discussion, seconded by P. Hampton.

Vote taken by show of hands to end discussion:

Yes: 22

No: 1

Abstain: 2

Motion passes

Vote on S. Aloisio's motion:

Yes: 27

No: 2

Abstain: 0

Motion passes

Intent to raise questions

Responses to last week's questions

-Java Hut has been offered an extension for a one year lease.

-The hole underneath S. Anderson's office is to provide a system to exhaust hot air from the building.

New Questions:

-A.J. Bieszczad would like to know how to go about proposing that anything over 0% to be considered quorum for next year?

-A.J. Bieszczad would like to know what faculty should do in case something like what happened at Virginia Tech happened here.

-Amy Wallace read a statement from several untenured faculty members: "As an untenured faculty member, my understanding from an e-mail regarding faculty hiring, dated 4/21, is that the President is recommending that junior faculty would not be on DSCs or have a vote in open rank or tenured faculty hirings next year. I am curious and respectfully ask for the rationale for this change." Signed:

Tiina Itkonen
Jill Leafstedt
Catherine Burriss
Simone Aloisio
Blake Gillespie
Jesse Elliott
Kathryn Leonard
Beatrice de Oca
Mary Adler
Kimmy Kee-Rose
Kristen LaBonte
Priscilla Liang
Liz King
Steve Stratton
Gregory Wood
Geoff Buhl
Kaia Tollefson
Frank Barajas
Amy Denton
Brad Monsma
Jorge Garcia
Amy Wallace
Julia Balen
Manuel Correia
Matt Furmanski
Don Rodriguez
Sean Anderson
A.J. Bieszczad
Luke Matjas
Antonio Jiménez- Jiménez

-A. Jimenez-Jimenez: “I’ve heard that the University is closing down the California Institute on Human Services (CIHS) here on campus. This institute has been providing training, technical assistance, and information to professionals in the field of child abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment throughout California. I would like to know why the university has decided to close this office down.

-“Also, this office has completed grant applications in which CSUCI faculty was involved (e.g. Manuel Correia, Julia Balen). My understanding is that the Office for Research and Sponsored Programs decided NOT to submit these grants. I would like to know why these grants have not been put forward.”

Reports from the Senate Standing & Other Committees

Senate Executive

-The Committee would like to thank the SETE Task Force for all their hard work. There is a need to re-write the existing policy to include an evaluation for on-line courses.

Committee on Centers

-Working on revising their By-laws

Committee on Committees

-Will be sending out calls for nominations soon

Curriculum Committee

-No Report

Faculty Affairs

-Have the second reading of the Syllabi policy on the Agenda today

- Are working on recommending Associate Professors be allowed on the RTP committee
- Revising the Visiting Faculty policy
- Are also working on a policy for Program By-laws

General Education

- They have not been able to conduct the GE program review as stated in the current policy and are working to amend that policy

Student Academic Policies and Procedures

- No Report

At this point in the meeting, quorum was lost.

Announcements

- S. Anderson invited everyone to the Service Learning in New Orleans Poster and Presentation Session, Library Wireless Classroom, on Thursday, May 3, 2007 from 4:45—6pm
- Everyone was invited to attend one of three Campus Planning Open Forums scheduled for April 30th and May 1st. The purpose of the Forums is to solicit input from all areas of the campus community related to completion of the Campus Master Plan Implementation
- L. King announced that P. Rivera is involved with a theater group that is putting on a performance of Federico Garcia Lorca's work. The show is this Sunday at 5pm at the Oxnard High School Performing Arts Center. The show includes several of Lorca's canciones set to original music with readings of several pieces of his poetry and drama.
- Faculty Reception Reminder, When: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., May 1, Where: BT 1302.
- William P. Cordeiro, Ph.D. will be honored as the *Faculty Member of the Year* at *The CSUCI Business & Technology Partnership 2007 Leadership Dinner* on Tuesday, April 24, 2007.
- everyone is invited to a musical concert performance titled *Love, Betrayal & Death* with musicians Jesse Elliott on piano, Tiina Itkonen singing and Liz King on flute, Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at Malibu Hall 120.

Adjourned

- 4:04 p.m.