

FSAC Minutes 5-9-13

1-3pm, Sue Jameson Room

Convened: 1:02

Present: Viki Montera (Chair), Parissa Tadrissi, Richard Whitkus, Eric Williams, Paula Hammett (recorder), Melinda Barnard

Absent: Sandra Newton, Andy Merrifield, Anthony Gallino

Guest: Ed Beebout, Chair of PDS

Agenda approved
Minutes approved

Standing Reports

Chair (Montera):

- Chair thanks the committee members for their good work and provided pizza-- setting a high bar for subsequent Chairs.
- Sandra is finishing her term and will not be back next year; Parissa will not be continuing next year; Eric will try to continue, but has conflicts.
- Civility Resolution – Senate added a section on Academic Freedom.
- Department RTP criteria – Geography & Global Studies will address concerns next year and continue to use existing criteria.
- Proctored Exam Policy – Chair of SAC, FSAC and the department chair will meet to discuss recommendations.
- ACT (Whitkus)
 - 1996 incoming freshmen for fall (1800 target); 900 transfer students (800 target); new sections of key classes will open for open registration.
 - University Strategic Plan expires this fall. What do we want to do next in “reimagining the University.”
 - Concerns about student engagement and leadership programs undergoing restructuring in A&F.
- Senate agenda
 - Resolution from SDS regarding hiring staff support for gender, sexuality and sexual assault issues.
 - Resolution supporting War & Peace Lecture Series.
 - SB 520 continues to progress through State Senate.

VP Faculty Affairs (Barnard):

- May Revise due next Tuesday; Governor's budget said to link new monies to new standards
- 4 areas for new money
 - proven courses to be scaled up
 - take existing courses to scale up

- bridging graduation gap
 - e-advising (SSU implementing next phase of degree audit)
 - online courses offered by CSU; no additional fees; credit from SSU; address bottlenecks; 51 courses in GE and majors.
- 5 new TT hires plus 1 Visiting Prof for fall; PDS taking on orientation.
- Technology Task Force working with Jeff Zerillo in IT to design Faculty Technology Center; new staff hires may follow.
- Summit in fall with PDS & FSSP to see how to best serve faculty.
- Online SETE implementation; IT successfully installed software; FSAC will need to set policy for access to aggregate data; trial in summer session ~15 faculty & ~300 students.

FSSP (Whitkus):

- starting to feel the effects of the Federal sequestration; grants & programs being cut; Education programs for NASA being cut, which will affect Cominsky's program.
- All STEM education funds may be moved from NSF to Dept of Education.
- Possible CSU-wide NIH grant for allied health
- CSU Living Lab grants on sustainability
- NEH Summer Stipend
- Talk of considering consolidating undergraduate research forums.
- IRB – Duane Dove is FERPing; Matt Benney will take over IRB.
- Faculty Research Expo – extend time by ½ hour.
- Tom Aiken from SoB will chair next year.
- Revising proposal endorsement will be on agenda next year.

PDS (Tadrissi):

- Spring workshop attendance is of concern; looking for ways to stimulate a systemic change regarding engagement at all levels in faculty development.

Occasional Reports

APC (Whitkus): While it's within the purview of APC to request a liaison from FSAC, he doesn't recommend it as there is no clear reason or benefit.

Special Reports

Structure & Functions Self-Study (Hammett)

- Reviewed Academic Senate Self-Study from 2005; strong gains have been made in terms of communication, assessment, participation, etc. Efforts of Laurel Holmstrom, Senate Analyst, acknowledged and encouraged. Recommends survey in Fall 2014 on faculty perceptions of critical issues for faculty governance. Also recommends more reporting of committee chairs on issues upcoming, being worked on, or been completed.

PDS Report to Senate (Beebout)

- Discussed report from faculty retreat focused on faculty development.

- Fostering a culture supportive of faculty development
- Need investment in technology infrastructure
- Hampered by lack of faculty development director
- Need to document faculty needs
- Increasing PDS meeting from once a month to every 3 weeks.
- Would like to see more recognition in RTP process.
- Will hold off till Fall 2013 to bring report to the Senate for full discussion.

Business Items:

1. DIP/Sabbatical Report (Barnard)
 - Summary of issues from new policies.
 - FSAC directs MB to attach an information sheet to the instructions for Department Chairs and Deans regarding the replacement costs for 12 unit sabbatical.
 - Department Chairs discuss impact on the program, not merits of the proposal.
 - Need to consider impact on advising as well as teaching units.
2. Cumulative Evaluation Report (Barnard)
 - Endorsed process and timeline developed by FA for implementation.
 - Needs to be realigned with the policy for periodic evaluation of temporary faculty.
3. Election of Chair for 2013-14
 - Richard Whitkus elected Chair with universal acclaim!
4. URTP followup (Barnard)
 - Electronic SETE and RTP portfolio implementation taskforce for fall: Barnard, Whitkus, Hammett.

Meeting adjourned: 2:50

Respectfully submitted by Paula Hammett