

Executive Committee Minutes
February 16, 2006
3:00 – 5:00 Sue Jameson Room

Present: Elizabeth Stanny, Edith Mendez, Elaine McDonald, Melanie Dreisbach, Perry Marker, Ruben Armiñana, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Carlos Ayala, Doug Jordan, Robert McNamara, John Wingard, Elizabeth Martinez

Absent: Eduardo Ochoa

Guest: Judy Abbott

Approval of Agenda – items added: Structure and Functions recommendation regarding student suffrage; Resolution on Email Censorship at Dominguez Hills – *Approved.*

Approval of Minutes of 2/2/06 – Approved.

Chair Report – E. Stanny

The Chair reminded the body of the lunch with the Faculty Trustee, Craig Smith next week. She asked if people had not already RSVP'd to do so soon.

Faculty and SSP's Eligible for Emeritus Status – E. Stanny

This item was approved to go forward to the Senate.

Priority Registration Policy – D. Jordan

D. Jordan provided background on this new policy. Currently, there is no policy and K. Crabbe asked their committee to create one. The first time this was presented there were concerns about it from the Executive Committee. Those have been addressed and it was brought back for the Senate.

There was a small amount of discussion for clarification.

Approved to go forward to the Senate.

Policy on Observance of Religious Holidays – C. Ayala

C. Ayala provided background and noted FSAC reviewed policies of other campuses to create one for SSU. He noted the key provisions of the policy.

Questions were raised about students making up work for missed classes and the range of accommodations reasonable for this policy.

The President related a story about religious accommodation currently before him and noted that SSU is not a religious institution. Students are increasingly wanting the accommodation of their choice.

The policy was referred back to FSAC for more review.

Resolution on Faculty Workload – C. Ayala

C. Ayala stated that this was the Executive Committee's second reading of this resolution. FSAC had reworked the distribution of the workload in one of the Resolved clauses. He thought he had addressed the concerns of the committee.

There was discussion about implementation versus statement of opinion/sense of the Senate principle of the resolution.

Approved to go forward to the Senate.

Membership of Excellence in Teaching Award Committee

Alexandra Von Meier and Maria Hess were confirmed to serve this year as the committee with Jean Bee Chan as the alternate.

Preliminary Level I Education Specialist Credential Program in Mild/Moderate Disabilities and in Moderate/Severe Disabilities revision – P. Marker

P. Marker remarked that the revision appears to streamline the program and makes it more accessible to students. EPC recommended it unanimously.

M. Dreisbach gave a few minutes overview stating that through feedback from students, and faculty they realized they could improve the program.

Approved as a consent item for the Senate.

Student Suffrage – E. McDonald

E. McDonald reminded the body that the Associated Students requested student suffrage on Senate committees. Structure and Functions held many meetings to gather information. At this time they do not recommend voting rights for students. She discussed the reasons why as explained in the report. Summarized they were lack of consistent student participation; separation of advisory bodies and independent student voice. She stated that Structure and Functions did not recommend a change in the by-laws at this time and would reconsider it in the future if student participation remained high. They suggested an honors program model such as they have at Fresno.

Discussion focused on how issues described may be re-worked to not give the students any false impression of gaining voting rights. There seemed to be consensus not to give students suffrage, but the reasons were debated.

Motion to refer back to Structure and Functions. Second. Discussion. *Approved.*

Resolution from CFA re: Email Censorship at Dominguez Hills

R. McNamara passed around the resolution. He suggested the Senate endorse the resolution and perhaps the Senate might want to make a statement about faculty concerns about this kind of censorship of groups in general.

It was recommended the resolution be referred to the Academic Freedom subcommittee to create their own resolution and bring that to the Senate.

It was noted that there is an on-going debate about whether union issues are appropriate for the Senate.

Support was voiced to send it to FSAC.

It was noted that the censorship was currently happening.

Motion to send the resolution to the Senate with an endorsement statement. Second.

More clarification was requested for the first Whereas. A rationale was suggested to accompany the resolution with background information. R. McNamara will take back all suggestions to the maker of the resolution, R. Luttmann.

Vote on motion – Yes = 6, No = 4. Approved.

Revision to History Minor – P. Marker and J. Abbott

P. Marker noted that the revision was unanimously approved by EPC. J. Abbott gave an overview of the revisions. The minor was organized into areas for student who intend to teach and who do not intend to teach.

The body suggested that there be minor changes in the title of the tracks concerning teaching.

Motion to send to Senate as consent item with minor changes. Second. Approved.

Outcomes of the Faculty Retreat – E. Stanny

E. Stanny noted that there has been concern in the past about suggestions at meetings and retreats not having follow through, so this was an effort to discuss implementation of suggestions.

L. Holmstrom is working on an Orientation for Faculty Governance.

The Secretary of the Senate and Senate Analyst should meet to discuss better communication from the Senate.

Motion that the Collegiality statement and AAUP's statement on shared governance was referred to FSAC to provide a recommendation for a statement on share governance. Second.

It was noted that effective shared governance was more what needed attention and concern was expressed giving FSAC more work.

Vote on motion to refer to FSAC. Approved.

Statewide Senator Report – R. McNamara

R. McNamara reported that the new CPEC report is out about faculty salaries and CSU faculty are 16.8% behind. He referred the body to cpec.ca.gov.

APC Report – A. Warmoth

A. Warmoth reported that they will be sending along the proposal to change Schools to Colleges with no recommendation and if anyone has a contrary opinion they would like to hear it. He also reported that Sascha Von Meier visited APC regarding FYE.

EPC Report – P. Marker

P. Marker reported that Sascha Von Meier is coming to EPC to talk about FYE at their next meeting. He noted that anyone can attend EPC meetings or talk to a committee member about what they are learning. They will have the Provost at their committee to discuss budget issues.

Chair-Elect Report – E. McDonald

E. McDonald put out a plea for nominations for the Senate election.

The Chair said she will keep bringing up the implementation of outcomes of the faculty retreat at subsequent meetings.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Senate - Elizabeth Stanny

Correspondences:

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes - 2/9/06 emailed

Faculty and SSPs eligible for Emeritus Status – attachment

Preliminary Level I Education Specialist (ES-I) Credential Program In Mild/Moderate Disabilities and in Moderate/Severe Disabilities Revision – attachment

History Minor Revision - attachment

SPECIAL GUEST: Faculty Trustee Dr. Craig Smith

SPECIAL REPORT: Green Music Center Finances – VP L. Furukawa-Schlereth and Provost Ochoa

- ☛ Ongoing report: Update on WASC

BUSINESS

1. Consultation Policies – Second Reading – E. McDonald
 - a: Faculty Consultation in University Decision Making -attachment
 - b: Faculty Consultation in Budgetary Matters – attachment
2. Standing Rule on Senate-Talk listserv – E. McDonald – attachment
3. Resolution on the Green Music Center – First Reading – R. Luttmann - attachment
4. Priority Registration Policy – First Reading - D. Jordan – attachment
5. Resolution on Faculty Workload – First Reading - C. Ayala – attachment
6. Resolution on Dominquez Hills Censorship – First Reading - R. Luttmann – attachment

Question of Vice President of Administration and Finance

The VP was asked about the recent cost increase at Toast food venue and the disappearance of the less expensive items.

The VP responded that they put together a student satisfaction group and their consensus was that the \$2.50 sandwich did not taste good. So they are experimenting with adding quality and will continue to refine the taste.

C. Ayala suggested having the Principal of the Technology High School address the Senate. The Chair agreed to have her speak at the March 9th meeting.

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom