

Senate Executive Committee Minutes
February 27, 2014
3:00 – 4:15, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Abstract

Minutes of 1/30/14 – Approved. Agenda – Approved. Chair Report. Vice Chair Report. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report. Chief Student Affairs Officer Report. Request to add At-Large members to UPRS. EPC Report. FSAC Report. Associated Students Report. Senate agenda approved.

Present: Margaret Purser, Richard Senghas, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Maria Hess, Andrew Rogerson, Jennifer Mahdavi, Melinda Milligan, Richard Whitkus, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Terry Lease

Absent: Ruben Armiñana, Deborah Roberts, Karen Thompson, Elaine Newman

Guest: Anthony Gallino

Approval of Minutes of 1/30/14 – Approved.

Approval of Agenda – Approved.

Chair Report – M. Purser

M. Purser passed out a “thinking of you” card for A. Warmoth, a faculty member who had been a “pillar” of faculty governance and was having medical troubles.

Vice Chair Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas reported that the election had ended and reported the results: Chair – Richard Senghas, Vice Chair – Terry Lease, Secretary – Maria Hess, Statewide Senator – Catherine Nelson, At-Large Senator – Matthew James, Lecturer Senator – Jess Hazelwood, Member to URTP – Ben Ford, At-Large to SBS – Mark Perri, At-Large to SDS – Chingling Wo, At-Large to APC – Kathryn Chang and the faculty member to serve on the search committee for the Dean of Arts and Humanities – Lauren Morimoto. He gave the voting statistics – 45% for tenure track, 15% of lecturers and SSPs, so the overall rate was 31%. He said this was not surprising, but S&F was thinking about it. He said that S&F was discussing the open meetings issue, and while it was clear that SSU was not under the Brown Act, there was speculation that we might fall under the Bagley-Keene Act. However, they had heard from the CSU General Counsel that Bagley-Keene does not bind the campus. R. Senghas asked the Ex Com to charge S&F to come up with language for the by-laws about when it is appropriate to go into Executive session. He thought this would help regularize this. A member suggested that S&F tighten up the by-laws and constitution too. R. Senghas said that yes, S&F would work on that, but he wanted to get a memo out to committee chairs soon. There was a discussion between the Chair of EPC and the Vice Chair about how this impacted EPC’s current dilemma about

process issues in the GE subcommittee. A. Gallino noted that the student on the GE subcommittee told him that s/he was very intimated in the meeting in question and that issue needed to be addressed as well. The Chair directed EPC to tell GE that going into closed session was inappropriate and she wanted to address the issue of behavior in some way. The Vice Chair thought that it was the committee Chair's responsibility to maintain healthy discourse in governance. The Chief Student Affairs Officer offered to help faculty to understand the difference between disruptions and dissent and spoke about tools that can be used. The Vice Chair talked about the GMC Board meeting coming up. They would be talking about the expansion of the MasterCard Pavilion and presenting one of the academic integration projects.

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

L. Furukawa-Schlereth said the Board would also be considering another administrative position – the Director of Communications and Marketing and he had asked for faculty to serve on that committee.

Chief Student Affairs Officer Report – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips said that CAPS had found all their drop-in spots taken last week and thought that students were stressed due to midterm grades.

Request to add At-Large members to UPRS – M. Milligan

M. Milligan said that UPRS was asking for more membership for their committee to help with the work of the committee. They had two vacancies for School Reps. She asked S&F to consider this request. A member asked if the two vacancies were filled and everyone was doing their work, would they still need the two At-Large positions? M. Milligan said there would not be as large a need, but they still needed the person power. She noted it was not ideal to add membership, but they were struggling. A member suggested that perhaps governance could declare school rep vacancies as At-Large positions, and proceed from there. A member noted that Schools could want to participate, but not have the faculty to serve. The Vice Chair noted that adding two At-Large could create quorum issues for the committee. He noted that S&F was looking at perhaps restructuring governance overall. M. Milligan thought that the School Rep being filled by an At-Large person was a good idea. **Motion to allow the UPRS to have at-large members to fill vacant position only, interim only, for one semester. Second.** There was a discussion that morphed into more of a consensus of what to do. It was decided that UPRS could recommend a faculty member to S&F to serve out a vacant School Rep position as an At-Large member for the rest of the semester. S&F will take on the topic and request as well.

EPC Report – M. Milligan

M. Milligan said EPC was working on the second reading of the Coms revision. They would be returning to the next meeting as well. They had a discussion of the closed meeting issue. What had happened was that the GE subcommittee made a negative recommendation for an experimental GE course. The proposers of the

course asked to come to talk to EPC anyway. After discussion, it was discovered that the discussion and vote in GE on the proposal was done in closed session. The proposers were unhappy with the negative recommendation and the process by which the decision was made. She said EPC and GE had a discussion about the process for experimental GE and permanent GE courses and decided that EPC would accept the recommendation of GE for experimental courses unless there was a question about the process. If there was such a question, then the proposal could be brought to EPC to review the process. If a permanent GE course proposal received a negative recommendation, it would still come to EPC. She thought it as a very fruitful discussion. She said that the proposers that were unhappy brought a list of process issues to EPC and EPC focused on the closed meeting issue, so that was the information she was seeking to go back to EPC and see what they now wanted to do. She reviewed the upcoming business for EPC. A member asked the EPC Chair to give COMS a heads up that he would ask if the proposal was resource driven or driven by pedagogical reasons.

FSAC Report – R. Whitkus

R. Whitkus reported the FSAC was working on the policy for SETE data. They had also chosen him to Chair the committee again next year. He was contacted by the Director of Diversity to add some presentation about diversity to the new faculty orientation and had sent that to PDS. He said, "Oh Laurel, quit kicking me under the table." ☺ He noted that FSAC was using Moodle as a central resource for their documents. He posted the agendas and minutes there. Members were bringing their own devices or were happy to print them out. They were storing documents they were working on and it was working quite well. A member asked if the Moodle site would retain the documents from year to year. R. Whitkus said the Moodle site was more like a workspace and all-important documents would be housed in the Senate office. It was noted that holding on to things in Moodle was not working well, but as a one year approach it might work. The Chair of EPC said she had put up a Moodle site for EPC and had one for the Sociology office documents and it was ported over just fine each year for the past three years.

Associated Students Report – A. Gallino

A. Gallino said the students elections were in full swing. Election campaigning was on going. He said their Sustainability Senator was working with Facilities on water bottle re-filling stations around campus. He said there was a resolution to limit the use of plastic water bottles. He said the Student Center Board of Directors would be meeting the next week and discuss student rates for the use of the Student Center.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Margaret Purser
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**Special Report: Academic Support Programs – L. Shelton
TC 3:15**

The report on the Endowment and Foundation was deferred to the next Senate meeting.

Approved.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom-Keyes