

Senate Executive Committee Minutes

April 28, 2011

3:00 – 4:30, Sue Jameson Room

Abstract

Chair Report. Agenda amended and approved. Minutes of 4/7/11 approved. CFA Report. Chair-Elect Report. Provost Report. Statewide Senator Report. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report. Vice President of SAEM Report. From the Curriculum Guide: Discontinuance Policy approved for Senate agenda. Economics revisions approved for Senate consent calendar. Chemistry revisions approved for Senate consent calendar. Engineering revisions approved for Senate consent calendar. Executive MBA revisions approved as a business item. Motion concerning recent Student Fee Referendum approved for Senate agenda. Senate agenda approved.

Present: Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Andy Merrifield, Susan Moulton, Jennifer Mahdavi, Ben Ford, John Wingard, Sam Brannen, Saeid Rahimi, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Ruben Armiñana, Elaine Newman, Catherine Nelson, Kelly Estrada

Absent: Maria Hess, Margaret Purser, Richard Senghas

Guests: Anthony Gallino, Richard Whitkus, Katie Robinson, Steve Wilson, Neil Markley, Peter Neville, Sharon Cabaniss, Sara Young, Noel Byrne

Chair Report – J. Wingard

J. Wingard announced that he appointed Don Romesburg as co-chair for the Gender and Sexual Health Stakeholder's Exploratory Workgroup and he thought the President had appointed Chuck Rhodes as the other co-chair. He noted that the Senate Analyst framed the resolution for Bob Coleman-Senghor to give to his wife and also burned a CD of the part of the Senate meeting where people spoke about Bob. A. Merrifield commended the Payroll and Benefits group for their professionalism and thoughtfulness towards making sure Bob's widow received everything appropriately.

Approval of Agenda - item added: Representation on Administrative Search Committees Policy. Approved.

Minutes of 4/7/11 – Approved.

CFA Report – A. Merrifield

A. Merrifield reported that the situation on bargaining had changed slightly since he last reported. He noted they would be having a conceptual discussion on workload, but not an exchange of articles at this time. He hoped it was a good sign. He noted that dates had been set for the summer for bargaining, if needed. He mentioned that the Dean of Extended Education at Fresno resigned suddenly, and the Provost there appointed the campus President's wife without doing a search. He said efficiency

was obviously present on some campuses and that it was hard to do political satire any more.

Chair-Elect Report – B. Ford

B. Ford noted that voting would start for a new member of URTP and the Statewide Constitutional Amendment on Monday. He discussed the work of the Sustainability Workgroup and noted Earth Week coming up. He noted that the Workgroup in consultation with ENSP would be bringing forward a more formal structure for the group in the Fall semester.

Provost Report – S. Rahimi

S. Rahimi said a lot was going on, but there was nothing to report.

Statewide Senator Report – C. Nelson

C. Nelson said that the Statewide Senate would meet the next week. She talked about her service on the General Education Advisory Committee that was considering some controversial items coming from the Chancellor. One of the items was to amend Title V to not require the American Institutions section of GE. Under certain circumstances, the Chancellor can waive GE requirements, and this change has been proposed due to SB1440. They would also be talking about the number of GE units a campus can require. She said she had talked to EPC, the GE subcommittee and history and political science faculty about the American Institutions requirement proposal.

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

L. Furukawa-Schlereth updated the members on the search for a new Provost. He encourage everyone hold the week of May 16th for the on-campus interviews. The meetings just for faculty would be held 2:30 – 3:30 in Schulz 3001. He said they hoped to conclude their work the week after and then send their recommendation to the President. There was a question about the search for the AVP of Faculty Affairs. The Provost said the search was working along at the same time frame.

Vice President of SAEM Report – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips noted that around 1550 students had put in their enrollment deposits. They were receiving around 100 per day. He discussed the upcoming transfer orientation for 350 students. He talked about going to the CSU Alcohol and Drug conference and what the other VPs of Student Affairs were talking about. He noted that his office was working with the parents of the missing student and were doing all they could on that issue.

From the Curriculum Guide: Discontinuance Policy – E. Newman

E. Newman noted she had visited FSAC and SAC for input and incorporated their suggestions. She highlighted the three main changes – who can initiate

discontinuance, de facto discontinuance and allowing other committees to look at discontinuance proposals too. The Discontinuance procedures themselves had not been changed. **It was approved for the Senate agenda.**

EPC Curricular items – E. Newman

Economics revisions approved for Senate consent calendar. Chemistry revisions approved for Senate consent calendar. Engineering revisions approved for Senate consent calendar. Executive MBA revisions included an increase in units. There was some discussion and the CFA rep brought up CBA issues with the item as well. **This item was put on the Senate agenda as a business item.**

Motion concerning recent Student Fee Referendum – S. Cabaniss

S. Cabaniss passed out an updated version of her resolution. She provided some background and then discussed the resolution. She stated that she thought the University Auditor was the best suggestion of who should investigate the recent student fee referendum. The resolution asked the Senate to create a workgroup to write a letter to the University Auditor or other impartial third party regarding allegations of improper procedures during the recent student fee referendum for the Student Center. She argued that the Senate had a responsibility to “help make sure” that the referendum process was open, fair and objective. She noted several issues that had been raised by students, faculty and staff. She thought a close examination of the allegations were appropriate to determine if they were true or not. She noted two specific areas of concern: the role of auxiliary organizations in the referendum process and whether students opposing the referendum received the same amount of resources as the pro side as specified by the CSU guidelines. She stressed that the resolution was asking for an investigation, not a vote on whether the allegations were accurate. She argued for an off campus investigator. A member asked for more thorough evidence of the allegations. M. Lopez-Phillips asked if campus procedures for this had been followed yet, before the resolution went forward. L. Furukawa-Schlereth argued that the guidelines for fee referendum were set up over 10 years ago and had always been followed. The President noted that the guidelines provided for an election commissioner. There was then substantial discussion about the procedures for violations of election matters and whether the resolution was in order and ready for the Senate. **It was approved for the Senate agenda by a 4 to 3 vote.**

Representation on Administrative Search Committees – B. Ford

B. Ford introduced the policy. He noted that the policy had been under discussion and various drafts introduced over the past few years. Last year the Senate approved a revision to the policy that was sent back by the President, primarily due to the list of positions to which the policy applied, as many were out of date, etc. This year there was agreement between the Chair and the President for a negative list of positions. Structure and Functions also decided to completely re-write the policy for easy comprehension. He discussed the new language of the policy. There was a question about whether there was any policy on interim administrative appointments. **It was approved for the Senate agenda.**

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – John Wingard

Correspondences

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Economics revisions – emailed

Chemistry revisions – emailed

Engineering revisions – emailed

BUSINESS

1. Elect two Senators to Ex Com for '11 – '12 – B. Ford TC 3:10
2. Intellectual Property Policy – Second Reading – R. Senghas
(4/14 agenda) TC 3:20
3. Executive MBA revisions – First Reading – attached – E. Newman TC 3:40
4. Discontinuance policy in Curriculum Guide – First Reading – E. Newman – attached TC 3:50
5. Policy on Representation on Administrative Search Committees – First Reading – B. Ford – attached TC 4:00
6. From SAC: Proposal for revised Class Attendance Policy to be university policy – Second Reading – J. Mahdavi – attached TC 4:10
7. Resolution requesting letter sent to CSU Office of the University Auditor or Other Impartial Third Party regarding allegations of violations of CSU election guidelines in recent student referendum – First Reading – S. Cabaniss – attached TC 4:45

Approved.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström