

Senate Executive Committee
January 31, 2013
3:00 – 5:00, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Abstract

Agenda amended and approved. Minutes of 1/17 approved. Chair Report. Provost Report. Questions from SDS. Charges for academic use of the GMC. Change to GE Area B accounting – referred back to committee. Faculty Governance Assigned Time for '12 – '13 approved. Vice Chair Report. Vice President of Administrative and Finance Report. Question for the Chief Student Affairs Officer. APC Report. EPC Report. FSAC Report. SAC Report. Associated Students Report. Senate agenda approved.

Present: Margaret Purser, Maria Hess, Deborah Roberts, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Sam Brannen, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Andrew Rogerson, Viki Montera, Armand Gilinsky, Ben Ford, Richard Senghas, Catherine Nelson, Karen Thompson

Absent: Ruben Armiñana, Andy Merrifield

Guests: Anthony Gallino, Sharon Cabaniss, Michael Smith

Approval of Agenda – item added: Charges for academic use of the Green Music Center. Approved.

Minutes of 1/17/13 – Approved

Chair Report – M. Purser

M. Purser said she would be attending the Statewide Chairs meeting on February 14th. She noted many campuses concerned about the mandatory reporting of child abuse and neglect executive order coming out of the Chancellor's office. She said there was some buzz on the campus about the 120 unit limits and noted that E. Sundberg had sent out information about departments that had not reduced to 120 units. It appeared that some programs would be asking for exemptions. She reported that the city of Cotati was planning to put up a memorial plaque for Bob Coleman-Senghor and read what the tentative wording would be. The city was asking of the university wanted a copy of the plaque. Les Vadasz, a member of the Green Music Center Board of Advisors, had been tasked for coming up with a strategic plan for the Green Music Center and very much wanted to the plan to reach out to the campus as much as possible. The Chair had invited him to the Senate to give a report, probably at the end of the semester.

Provost Report – A. Rogerson

A. Rogerson reported on the distribution of IDC for this year. The total amount of IDC was \$142,000. Fifteen percent would go toward the Provost's discretionary fund to explicitly fund that faculty who needed help with research. \$95,853 would go to the Schools and the Provost said he would use a weighting system for distributing

money to the PI's and the Schools. He said the money would go to the Deans, but he was clear with the Deans that IDC money should be used help PIs with their grants, to repair equipment and other items related to grant funded research.

Questions from SDS – S. Brannen

S. Brannen noted he had become a co-chair of the Senate Diversity Subcommittee and he said at the first meeting this semester, they had questions and wanted more direction from the Senate. They asked: how could SDS become more relevant to the work of the Senate; what would the Senate like them to work on and had the time come to combine the SDS and PDC (President's Diversity Council)? The Chair of SAC noted they had spoken about this at SAC due to E. Leeder retiring, who was co-chair of PDC, and it seemed like a good time to talk about a restructuring. There was some discussion about how the SDS and PDC could combine and why this was good time to clarify the roles of the SDS, PDC, the Hub and the Director of Diversity and Inclusive Excellence. S. Cabaniss argued that the SDS should be following up on the recommendations from the Gender and Sexual Health Exploratory Workgroup provided to the Senate last year. She also thought the SDS needed more discussion on this topic. A member suggested that SDS go to Structure and Functions for assistance. It was noted that the PDC would also be talking about the future of the committee at its next meeting.

Charges for academic use of the GMC – B. Ford

B. Ford said that he had heard from a faculty member in the Music department that they will now be charged \$5000 per use of the GMC for music festivals they do each year. He thought that ran counter to long standing assurances that academic uses of the GMC would not be charged. Since the events had already been scheduled, this was clearly a problem. He wanted to know where to take it. L. Furukawa-Schlereth asked about the nature of festivals. B. Ford said he thought it was music students who plan to be teachers organized these festivals. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said there was no charge for Sonoma State University to use the GMC. He thought perhaps it was an outside group. B. Ford said some departments were part of large collaborations and perhaps the definition of academic group might need to be looked at. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said this was covered in the Special Events policy: <http://www.sonoma.edu/UAffairs/policies/eventspolicy.htm>. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said the Music department should talk to him. A member noted long standing associations between departments and other entities that needed to remain open and free because it was part of the student's education. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said he would follow up.

Change to GE Area B accounting – A. Gilinsky, M. Smith

A. Gilinsky said that the item proposing a change in how the units were counted in GE Area B. He introduced M. Smith as the Chair of the GE subcommittee and noted the change had passed the Science and Technology Curriculum Committee and the GE Subcommittee and EPC. M. Smith reminded the committee about the passage of the unit policy last year to limit the amount of units students would take in Areas A and C. They looked at Area B, category 4 and noted that some of the math courses

were 4 units, and under current policy only 3 units were counted and so they wanted to allow that 1 unit to count. M. Smith passed out the current GE pattern to look at with the changed pattern in the packet. There was some discussion. **The pattern was returned to the GE Subcommittee to clarify the language of the Area B general instructions and bring it back to the Executive Committee for February 14th.**

Faculty Governance Assigned Time for '12 – '13

The Chair noted that the proposal for faculty governance assigned time in the packet needed approval before being formally given to the Provost. A member asked if the assigned time was adequate. There was some discussion. A member suggested that the proposal not include courses, but just show units. It was noted that using courses and units made it harder for a Provost to cut the assigned time. **It was approved to be submitted to the Provost.**

Vice Chair Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas reported that the call was out for candidates. He discussed issues surrounding the timing of elections and faculty scheduling. He said S&F was discussing holding elections in the Fall for the following Fall. He discussed the issue of subcommittees changing their meeting times and whether the Standing Committees would care to know that. He noted issues associated with committees changing their meeting times or days. He asked for feedback from the Standing and subcommittees on this issue. There was some discussion. The Vice Chair asked for help attending the Associated Students Senate. The Chair of SAC volunteered. There were many who argued for committees to maintain their meeting times and days.

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

L. Furukawa-Schlereth reported on items that would be discussed in the CRC that faculty governance might want to be aware of and provide input. One item was stabilizing the University base. He noted that Academic Affairs/Student Affairs needed stabilizing which the Provost and CSAO would work on and that he was focused on areas in his purview. Instructional technology was the first and he wanted to get a sense of what that really meant. The second was urgent maintenance and repair. He said the campus infrastructure was deteriorating. He said it was one thing to identify needs and another to identify the funding for those needs. He said one idea they were discussing was to recruit 500 – 1000 non-California students. He provided some of the pros and cons of this strategy. He invited any of the faculty governance committees to become part of the discussions on these issues. The Associated Students rep requested that he bring the item to their Senate. The Provost discussed the out-of-state students idea from his perspective in terms of developing pathways for out-of-state students to finish their degrees in four years and recruiting strategies and what those activities would cost. He thought it would be a three to five year process if they decided to follow this strategy. A member noted that year round housing and services might be needed to make this strategy work. M. Lopez-Phillips discussed how they were thinking about leveraging information from people already here to help with out-of-state recruiting. A member suggested

calculating the cost of more students carefully including how it affected workload. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said there were other strategies to be considered as well, but were not fully developed yet. A member suggested that an ideal profile be developed for the students SSU wants to attract from out-of-state. The Provost said his ideal was to recruit graduate students internationally and national students for undergraduates. A member asked how interested faculty could participate. The Chair asked the Standing Committees to think about how the Committees articulate with the process and if they see any issues that need to be addressed.

Question for the Chief Student Affairs Officer – M. Lopez-Phillips

A member asked M. Lopez-Phillips about whether the campus would consider an ombudsman program. M. Lopez-Phillips responded that one of his roles was to do that kind of work when it involved students. He thought if a conflict was between staff or faculty, there might be other issues to consider. A member brought up a new Facebook page called SSU Confessions and was concerned about it. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said it was not appropriate for an outside entity to use the Sonoma State University name. The Provost said this phenomenon was happening on many universities. M. Lopez-Phillips said he was in contact with the University Counselor. The Chair suggested that the Associated Students “bomb the site.”

APC Report – D. Roberts

D. Roberts reported that APC would not be meeting on February 21st as ¾ of the committee members would be at the service awards.

EPC Report – A. Gilinsky

A. Gilinsky reported that EPC would be taking up a small amount of degree unit reduction proposals or waivers. They would look at the Instructional Materials Policy from FSAC. He said they would also discuss the oversight of courses, particularly University courses. He said the Program Review Subcommittee was underway.

FSAC Report – V. Montera

V. Montera hoped the Instructional Materials Policy would come to the Ex Com at the its next meeting. They were talking more about electronic SETEs and the implications of that.

SAC Report – K. Thompson

K. Thompson reported that SAC had reviewed the Instructional Materials Policy and would be sending their feedback to FSAC. They continued to work on a resolution about foster youth. They would be hearing a report from the DSS Director at their next meeting as apparently the demand for those services had gone up. In the future, they would have T. Hill come talk to them about emergency preparedness for the campus, particularly from the student perspective. She asked what the emergency plan was for faculty. The Chair suggested she bring back what

they learned from T. Hill and go from there. Just then, an alarm went off in the building and pandemonium ensued.

Associated Students Report – A. Gallino

A. Gallino reported that the AS was recruiting for elections and he would keep bringing it up until the deadline was closed. He said that the AS wanted to work on academic advising, particularly consistency between Schools, faculty training for advising, and the infrastructure for advising.

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Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Margaret Purser

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes – 1/24/13 - emailed

Correspondences

Special Report: Academic Council on International Programs

T.C. 3:15 T. Alfaro-Velcamp

Approved.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström