

Senate Executive Committee Minutes

March 13, 2008

3:00 – 5:00, Sue Jameson Room

Present: Scott Miller, Maria Hess, John Wingard, Susan Moulton, Robert McNamara, Tim Wandling, Edie Mendez, Thaine Stearns, Karen Thompson, Art Warmoth, Ruben Armiñana, Elaine Newman

Absent: Eduardo Ochoa, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth

Guest: Steve Wilson

Approval of Agenda – *Approved.*

Approval of Minutes of 2/14/08 – *Approved.*

Chair Report – T. Wandling

T. Wandling reflected on his experience with the WASC team. He was very impressed. He talked about the open faculty forum and how he liked the process the WASC team used. He found the Provost and the CFO very responsive in discussions with faculty about faculty concerns.

Chair-Elect report – S. Miller

S. Miller brought three items from Structure and Functions. Ben Ford was approved as a representative to the Campus Reengineering Committee and Susan McKillop was approved as the At-Large rep to APC. He has one other item he wanted for the consent calendar – faculty approved to serve on the Review Committee for Dean Leeder. They were Randy Dodgen, Maureen Buckley and John Wingard.

FSAC report – M. Hess

M. Hess reported on FSAC's last meeting and discussion about the RTP documents. She explained FSAC's thoughts about how to proceed and asked for feedback from the Executive Committee. FSAC will propose only 2-3 substantive changes. They only heard from eight faculty. Most of comments were structural or cosmetic. The substantive changes are: department criteria would be evaluated by FSAC; add program advising and mentorship to university service and to re-define the brief evaluation. They are working on making it more streamlined and easier to follow. What they would like to do at the Senate is continue the general discussion and have that be the final feedback from the community. Then come back on 4/10 and ask the Senate to substitute the Committee's new document. The Chair suggested a summary document discussing what concerns were not included to help those issues not come up again in the Senate. There was more discussion in the body about the particulars of the policy. There was a discussion about process in the Senate.

Resolution re: Staffing Ratios in Student Counseling and Psychological Services – K. Thompson

K. Thompson introduced the item and discussed how SAC came to write the resolution. They did some research and talked to the Counseling Center. They didn't want to suggest that just more staffing would solve all the problems associated with students with emotional problems, but thought it was a step in the right direction to provide more services to students and training to faculty. There was considerable discussion. *It was approved for the Senate agenda.*

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana reported on the discussions about the budget at the Chancellor's office and the report that was sent out. He noted that starting in 2002, the net reductions to the CSU were 522.3 million dollars. SSU's share has been 13 million dollars. Going back to '95-'96, another 8-9 million can be added to that figure. He said these were staggering numbers. And now we are looking at another 3.5 million dollars for next year. He talked to a Board member who follows these things, and that Board member estimates that the budget deficit by the May revise will be back to 16 billion dollars. These reductions do not include the unfunded mandates. A member asked if the worst scenario develops, did the President think we should radically re-think the way we do things on the campus. The President said the way the academy is structured there are very few radical things one can do. He ran through a few scenarios to illustrate his point. He noted that 82% of the budget was for personnel and a significant number of our employees have permanency. He said that to recoup the millions of dollars for the CSU they would have to raise fees by 40%. He thought that would not happen politically. The solutions are not easy to come across because of the way we are organized. He discussed the LAO's suggestion that the campuses have summer utilization of 40% and remarked that SSU probably could not achieve that goal. The Chair asked about the GMC and what will be open when. The President said the actual construction would be completed with the funds raised. The interiors may not be ready yet. The academic portion will be the first to be functional. The Chair asked if there would be an increase in the need for funding, if construction has to stop. The President said it is more expensive if someone has to come back to a building site. A guest noted that there are people working all over the State to restore the budget and argued that the campus should also plan for the best case scenario. The President said he understood that, but that the calendar of higher education does not coincide with the calendar of the State.

Time Certain reached

EPC Report – T. Stearns

T. Stearns asked for feedback from the Executive Committee about changes EPC made to the Master Catalog Course form and whether it needed to go to the Senate. A short cover memo was suggested. **It was approved as a business item for the next Senate meeting.**

Statewide Senator Report – R. McNamara

R. McNamara passed out materials about the talking points for improving the budget from the Alliance for the CSU. He noted there was not a lot of talk about what would happen if the budget does not improve. He noted a report has come out about faculty recruitment from the Chancellor's office and he passed out information on the report. He noted that the information is a bit skewed on resignations as they are putting together full professors with all others and full professors tend not to resign. They have asked for data on other than full professors. He also discussed their meeting concerning the loyalty oath firing at Cal State East Bay. He noted that Catherine Nelson was elected to the Statewide Executive Committee as a replacement to finish out this year.

APC report – A. Warmoth

A. Warmoth reported that APC has been talking about WASC related issues and the University Strategic Plan. He noted that they may need to figure out how to get more buy-in from faculty for strategic planning in general and this plan specifically. He reported on their conversation with WASC. He thought the time for public comment on the University Strategic Plan should be extended.

Constitutional Amendment for faculty referenda – S. Miller

S. Miller presented the body with a revised presentation of the proposed constitutional amendment. **It was approved for the Senate agenda.**

Revisions to the German minor and Psychology major – T. Stearns

The Chair asked questions about the German minor revision GE course. He questioned the new GE course creation process. T. Stearns reminded the body about the new process of creating GE courses that was presented last spring by the GE subcommittee Chair. The Chair expressed his confusion about the GE process and the EPC Chair talked further about the total package of GE reform and how the GE subcommittee was thinking about it. A member asked that the GE subcommittee Chair come to the Senate to explain the GE creation process now. There was continued discussion. **The body approved these revisions to be consent items on the agenda.**

Resolution on the Oath of Allegiance from Terry Lease

A member asked that the writer of resolution cite in the resolution where the language came from as he thought it was close to the language of CSU East Bay's resolution. **Approved for the Senate agenda.**

Motion to extend the meeting for 10 minutes. Second. Approved.

AS decision to leave CSSA and support for Northern Illinois University – T. Wandling

The Chair noted the faculty's desire to be included in planning for emergency situations as discussed in the last Senate meeting. That discussion referred to the resolution about Northern Illinois University shooter. He also spoke about the AS decision to leave CSSA. Members asked to hear more about the AS decision. **It was moved to refer to SAC the CSSA resolution for further discussion and possible recommendation. Second. Approved.**

Ad-Hoc committee report on Diversity – S. Moulton

S. Moulton reported on the Ad-Hoc committee's work on Diversity. They will hold an open meeting next Wednesday at noon and the Wednesday after the spring break.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Senate - Tim Wandling

Correspondences

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes 2/21/08 emailed

Revision to German minor – attachment

Revision to Psychology major - attachment

➤ Update on WASC

BUSINESS

1. University 150 (FYE) – Second Reading – T. Stearns- (2/21 agenda) *new attachments in this packet*. T. C. 3:20
2. Revision to RTP policy – Second Reading – M. Hess – (3/6 agenda) T. C. 4:10
3. Course Outline Policy revision – First Reading – attachment -M. Hess – T. C. 4:00
4. Resolution re: Administration of College Learning Assessment - First Reading– T. Stearns
5. Resolution re: Staffing Ratios in Student Counseling and Psychological Services - First Reading– attachment - K. Thompson
6. Constitutional amendment for faculty referenda –First Reading- attachment – S. Miller
7. Master Course Change form revision – First Reading – T. Stearns

8. Resolution Regarding Oath of Allegiance for State Employees – First Reading – T. Lease

7. APC recommendation: Schools to Colleges – Second Reading (11/8 agenda)

Ad-Hoc Committee business -

Diversity – T. C. 4:30

Approved.

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