

Senate Executive Committee Minutes
October 18, 2012
3:00 – 5:00, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Abstract

Agenda approved. Minutes delayed. Chair Report. President Report. Provost Report. Changes to the BS in Business Administration. Statewide Senator Report. Vice Chair Report. Chief Student Affairs Officer Report. Discussion of bike/skateboard safety and enforcement for referral to committee – referred to SAC. SAC Report. Associated Students Report. Senate agenda approved.

Present: Margaret Purser, Richard Senghas, Karen Thompson, Catherine Nelson, Sam Brannen, Ruben Armiñana, Andrew Rogerson, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Terry Lease, Maria Hess, Ben Ford

Absent: Deborah Roberts, Viki Montera, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth

Guest: Carmen Works for EPC

(Attendance not recorded. This attendance derived from the recording of the meeting.)

Approval of Agenda – approved

Minutes delayed.

Correspondence – The Chair noted that four other CSU campuses had used SSU's resolution (<http://www.sonoma.edu/senate/resolutions/OpposeBOTF12.html>) as a template for their own and two others had passed resolutions supporting Prop. 30.

Chair Report – M. Purser

M. Purser reported on the Senate Budget Subcommittee activities and said by the beginning of next week, SBS would have visited all the School CDC's to follow up on the budgeting principles. At the last ACT meeting, they had agreed to put together an inventory or catalog from the Departments about what budgeting practices they were already using to reduce costs or generate income, whether those practices were sustainable and what kinds of strategies they would like to be implementing, but found impediments to implementation. She said a Moodle page would be set up for all campus chairs to improve communication between chairs and share information. All of this was leading up to the event on November 30th, with the working title of SSU Budgeting Dialogues. This would be after the election, so that planning for Fall 2013 could be discussed. She said Organizational Development students would be facilitating the event. She reported on the conference "Funding the Future of the CSU, part two." She said all the Senate Chairs attended, plus the Statewide Senate, four Presidents, CSSA, and officers from the Chancellor's office. She would be posting a link to the position papers and systemwide data. A member asked if the November 30th event would be about re-

organizing. The Chair said she hoped the event would help to build more trust among the faculty and departments. The Provost said the campus was looking at other universities and the conversations were starting, but no re-organization decisions had been made.

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana reported on meeting the new Chancellor and said he seemed very nice and very knowledgeable. The new Chancellor brought with him a couple of people that he wanted to work with. The meeting where they met the new Chancellor was the last Executive Council meeting for Chancellor Reed. There was a lot of concern about Prop. 30, the polling was falling below 50% approval. He noted a PAC from Arizona was putting \$12 million in the anti-Prop 30 campaign. He said they were an anti-tax group.

Provost Report – A. Rogerson

A. Rogerson said the campus was initially going to spend \$200,000 on out of state recruitment, but they were short of money for classes for the Spring, so that money was diverted to classes and the recruitment was on hold. He noted the annual giving fund was starting soon and one of the initiatives was the Provost's Student/Faculty research initiative to help fund a faculty member to mentor student scholarship experiences. Two donations had come in to kick start the initiative. A member asked about hearing in a Department Chairs meeting that the Provost wanted to know about combining departments to save on Chair time. The member presented arguments why this was not a good idea. He suggested eliminating the position of Dean and empowering the Department Chairs with budgeting decisions, which would be more motivating, if the savings stayed in the department. The Provost said he thought not to put too much into such discussions because it was just the beginning of talking about ideas and many ideas were coming forward. The President said it was important to look at the entire university organization and that Deans over Schools or Units were the norm at most universities. He acknowledged that previously SSU had not had Deans and that some people thought those were the "grand ole days." The President said the elimination of Deans would not happen while he was at the University. A member asked if there was an alternate strategy for out of state recruitment. The Provost said it was purely a financial decision at this point, but they still wanted to do out-of-state recruitment. M. Lopez-Phillips described the ideas for starting to do more out of state recruitment and that actually this delay gave them more time to plan. He said they would be doing focus groups with out-of-state students already here to find out why they come.

Changes to the BS in Business Administration – C. Works presenting for EPC

C. Works described the revisions to the Bachelors of Science in Business Administration and noted they were changing their major to 120 units. They were taking units from their free electives. It was passed unanimously at EPC, but had a dissenting vote in the Curriculum Committee, so they asked for it to be a business item on the Senate agenda. A member asked if taking units from the free electives was a common strategy for majors moving to 120 units. C. Works said EPC usually

saw majors using free electives to change their programs. **Approved as a business item for the Senate.**

Statewide Senator Report – C. Nelson

C. Nelson provided more detail about the campuses that had used SSU's resolution as a template. She noted SJSU's resolution was more sympathetic to the 120 unit maximum. She said the revised proposal for the Title V change in Bachelor degree units will include that the Chancellor can grant exceptions, but will also include that the Chancellor can require adjustments to programs that are over the 120 unit maximum. Some majors over 120 units have their own Title V sections. Language was still in the proposal that programs need to move to 120 units by January, even though the Board of Trustees will not vote on the Title V change until January. She said this was challenging to many campuses due to the program revision change process on the campuses. She said this scenario was bordering on the absurd. She reported on attending the CSSA meeting on behalf of the Statewide Senate Executive Committee. They talked some about the 120 unit issue, but talked more about the new fees being imposed from the CSU and how to protect Student Union monies from being "scooped." A member asked if the fees were based on a "trigger." C. Nelson said the fees would be enacted no matter what. There was discussion about the "super senior" fee. The President noted that the fees were not a significant source of revenue as that was not the intent, the fees were being used to change behavior. C. Nelson said the students at the CSSA were very angry about the fees.

Vice Chair Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas reported on the election results: At-Large Senator – Mary Ann Wilkosz, Dean of Art and Humanities search – Lauren Morimoto, Dean of Education search – Laura Naumann, Dean of Social Sciences search – Adrian Praetzellis. The Statewide Constitutional amendment was approved by 94% of the voters. He said S&F had been asked about publishing vote count results of elections and they talked about the delicate balance of transparency in democracy and face saving retreats for faculty who are not elected so people will put their names forward. They decided they would send the election results to the candidates with percentages and what threshold needed to be obtained and if faculty wanted more information that would be directed to the Chair of Structure and Functions. They also discussed whether the At-Large positions on the search committees should actually be from other schools, but looking at other At-Large positions did not see that requirement. They decided that when a call goes out and on the ballot it be explicit that faculty voting would be deciding if the position should be from outside the School or not.

Chief Student Affairs Officer Report – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips said he was seeing more cheating and plagiarism informal forms coming to his office. He noted that eight students were on the radar for aberrant behavior. This was higher than last year. He was asked to share any more appropriate information about the cheating and plagiarism cases. M. Lopez-Phillips said the cases came from all over the University and he thought there may be more freshmen than others, but had not done that analysis.

Discussion of bike/skateboard safety and enforcement for referral to committee

The Chair said she did not know much about this item, but heard that it had come up in the Senate and deferred to others to start the discussion. A member said that the Staff Senator had brought it up in the Senate, and many members shared stories of unsafe bike or skateboard use and R. Senghas, who was chairing the meeting, said he would bring it to the Executive Committee to see if faculty governance could address it. There was some discussion **to refer the item to SAC**. It was suggested that it be referred to Public Safety since skateboards and bikes were becoming standard use in what used to be primarily pedestrian areas. The Alternative Transportation committee and the Campus Planning committee were also suggested as groups that might consider this issue. **There was no objection to referring the issue to SAC.**

SAC Report – K. Thompson

K. Thompson reminded the committee about the issues brought up in the Senate about how difficult the last registration had been. She had talked to various people and was facilitating the conversation between the appropriate people to sort out the issues. She asked the committee if they had any other input. The committee offered names of people who would be good to be in the conversation. The Provost said his area definitely wanted the input.

Associated Students Report – A. Gallino

A. Gallino reported on the last student Senate meeting. He said the meeting got very interesting when they started discussing a resolution about fostering better relations with neighboring communities. The resolution passed 6-5. The AS was continuing their voter registration drive and he announced the Get Out the Vote Rally the next week. He said on election night the AS was hosting a get together to watch the returns and talk politics. A. Gallino said he had received a resolution from the Long Beach AS opposing the new fees proposed by the Board of Trustees. A member asked about the resolution for better relations with neighboring communities. A. Gallino described the gist of the resolution and said it was being distributed through various means.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Margaret Purser
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes – postponed
Correspondences

Information Items: SAC End-of-year Report (emailed)

Consent Items: Revision to the MA in Spanish, Revision to the MBA – emailed

BUSINESS

1. GE Experimental Course Process and Form – (second reading)
2. Revisions to the BS in Business Administration (attached; first reading)

Approved.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström