

**Senate Executive Committee Minutes**  
October 6, 2011  
3:00 – 4:30, Academic Affairs Conference Room

**Abstract**

Agenda approved. Minutes of 9/22/11 approved. Chair Report. Provost Report. Statewide Senator Report. Chair-Elect Report. APC Report. Resolution Regarding the Subsidization of the new CAPS Student Fee for Pell Grant Students approved for Senate agenda. Revision to the Grade Appeal, Student Grievance and Cheating and Plagiarism policies approved for Senate agenda. Vice President of SAEM Report. EPC Report. FSAC Report. SAC Report. Associated Students Report. Senate Agenda

**Present:** Deborah Roberts, John Wingard, Armand Gilinsky, Andrew Rogerson, Sam Brannen, Jennifer Mahdavi, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Brian Wilson, Margaret Purser, Terry Lease, Richard Senghas

**Absent:** Ruben Armiñana, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Kelly Estrada, Andy Merrifield

**Guests:** Paul Ramey, Steve Wilson, Sharon Cabaniss

M. Purser chaired the meeting in B. Ford's absence.

**Approval of Agenda – Approved.**

**Approval of Minutes of 9/22/11 – amended and approved.**

**Chair Report – M. Purser**

M. Purser noted that RSVPs were due for the Emeritus Dinner the next day.

**Provost Report – A. Rogerson**

A. Rogerson announced that David Thornberg was coming to do a keynote speech for the new faculty center. He said Dr. Thornberg would give a talk that would give people "cerebral whiplash" to get people thinking in new ways. The keynote address was scheduled for October 27, 3:00pm, in Schulz 3001. He announced that a conference on Engaged Learning sponsored by the CSU was coming up and five faculty teaching in the lower division were asked to attend. M. Purser said she would alert Structure and Functions. He said they received notification from the Chancellor's office that they had defined "credit hour." This definition was required systemwide by the Federal government. He said it must approximate 1 hour of classroom time and 2 hours outside of class time. He said there was more detail, that he was just summarizing. He said an hour was defined as 50 minutes. The EPC Chair said they would no longer consider that issue in their committee.

## Statewide Senator Report – B. Wilson

B. Wilson reported on a meeting he attended for the Commissioners of the Extended University. He said the meeting focused on hiring the CSU Director of Online Learning. He had learned there that each campus had put \$50,000 towards this position and he brought up in the meeting that to get faculty buy-in for the position, they should provide an accounting of what they were doing with all that money. Another issue that came up was how the faculty would be paid. There were questions about the committee he attended.

(<http://www.gateway.calstate.edu/ceu/>)

## Chair-Elect Report – M. Purser

M. Purser reported about the status of the election and that there were enough candidates now to run the election with a waiver by the Senate. She asked for this to be on the Senate agenda. She said S&F recommended to the Executive Committee the following faculty to serve on the GMC University Affairs Committee: B&E: John Urbanski, S&T: Joseph Lin, Library: Karen Brodsky, Social Sciences: David McCuan, A&H: Andy Collingsworth with Brian Wilson already serving as ex-officio on that committee. **No objection.** S&F also recommended the following two faculty for the ORSP Director Search Committee: Karina Nielsen, Biology and Adrian Praetzellis, Anthropology. **No objection.** S&F also recommended Kyuho Lee in Business to serve on the Alternative Transportation Committee. **No objection.**

## APC Report – D. Roberts

D. Roberts reported that APC members had gotten feedback from faculty about academic priorities and intended to write a report about what they found.

## Resolution Regarding the Subsidization of the new CAPS Student Fee for Pell Grant Students – S. Cabaniss

S. Cabaniss introduced the item. She noted that an increase in local fees was not reflected in the amount of money students received under Pell grants. She said statistically Pell grants represented the lowest income students. 22% of all SSU students received Pell grants. SDS thought the new \$50 fee for CAPS presented a real hardship on Pell grant students. She read a testimonial from a student about how the fee would be a hardship. She argued that since the campus wanted to bring more diversity to the campus, the fee represented a roadblock to such students. She noted that the resolution asked the President to find a funding source to subsidize this particular fee for these particular students. She suggested an income base scholarship as a possible solution. A member asked for the amount of money it would take to do the subsidization. A member picked a couple of nits and thought it should say students that "received" Pell grants rather than "were eligible" for Pell grants and that "ethnic racial minority" did not make sense to him. It was noted that graduate and credential students were being excluded and it was suggested to change the format of the resolution. S. Cabaniss noted that another resolution could come forward for graduate and credential students if criteria could be found. There was more discussion. **It was approved for the Senate agenda if reformatted to the**

**current form of resolutions for the Senate.**

(<https://www.sonoma.edu/senate/governance/prepdocs.html>)

**Revision to the Grade Appeal, Student Grievance and Cheating and Plagiarism policies – J. Mahdavi**

J. Mahdavi noted that the policies came through SAC via the Dispute Resolution Board. She said the revision didn't change anything about the policies. It just moved the information about the informal process into the Formal Dispute Resolution procedures. She also noted that in the Cheating and Plagiarism policy, a change was made for faculty to use the RP (Report in Progress) grade for cheating or plagiarism issues that were not resolved by grading time. This replaced RD in the policy. She noted these grading modes should not be confused with RF, Report F\*ed up which denotes a PeopleSoft error or RGTBINAB which denotes Report Getting There But I Need Another Beer. There were a few questions. **Approved for the Senate agenda.**

**Vice President of SAEM Report – M. Lopez-Phillips**

M. Lopez-Phillips said they had recently had all the CSU registrars and enrollment management people on campus and coming up they would host high school counselors and transfer people. They had 130 people sign up and sent out a message to departments to participate in a college fair type event. He said the Career Counseling position was closing and the Multicultural Center Director position was almost ready to be posted as well as a Judicial Officer/Orientation Coordinator position. He noted that nothing had risen to the level of Judicial Affairs yet this semester. He said they had a lively conversation in the Associated Students meeting about the alternative consultation process regarding last semester's student referendum. He had taken the information to Fee Advisory Committee and the FAC was now working on further consultation. He discussed the process in more detail. There were questions.

**EPC Report – A. Gilinsky**

A. Gilinsky reviewed curricular proposals before EPC.

**FSAC Report – R. Senghas**

R. Senghas said FSAC was working on the Sabbatical policy and comparing it with the MOU. He said the Provost would visit them the next week. He said the SETE work was going slowly.

**SAC Report – J. Mahdavi**

J. Mahdavi said SAC did their first reading on the Disruptive Student policy and forwarded it to FSAC. It was suggested that the title be disruptive "behavior" policy.

## **Associated Students Report – P. Ramey**

P. Ramey reported on the recent Associated Students Senate meeting and their discussion about who to target in the alternative consultation process. He hoped having the conversations in an official manner would help the people who feel wronged be heard. They also discussed the smoking ban proposal for the first time and felt they learned a lot and were clearer about the details that needed to be worked out. He said basically they wanted to extend the boundaries of where smokers smoke and ask for consequences for violators. A member argued that he didn't see that many smokers anymore and thought chewing gum on the pavement was more of an issue. A member noted that 22% of teens smoke cigarettes and 300 billion dollars goes to health issues related to tobacco. There was more discussion.

## **Senate Agenda**

### **AGENDA**

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Ben Ford  
Approval of Agenda  
Approval of Minutes  
Correspondences  
Consent Items

### **BUSINESS**

1. Request from S&F to waive by-laws to hold election without requisite number of candidates – M. Purser
2. Resolution from SDS: Resolution Regarding the Subsidization of the new CAPS Student Fee for Pell Grant Students - First Reading – S. Cabaniss - attached
3. Revision to Grade Appeal Policy, Student Grievance Policy and Cheating and Plagiarism Policy – First reading – attached - J. Mahdavi

**Approved.**

**Adjourned.**

*Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström*