

Academic Senate Minutes

May 13, 2010

3:00 – 5:00, Commons

Abstract

Chair Report. Agenda amended and approved. Minutes of 4/15/10 – approved. Revision to English, Single Subject Credential – approved. New program track in Communication Development in ELSE – approved. Revision to Specialist Credential in ELSE – approved. New Minor in Queer Studies – approved. President Report. Provost Report. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report. Statewide Senator Reports. CFA Report. Chair-Elect Report. Revision to the WEPT policy – First Reading completed. FSAC Report. APC Report. Revision to Representation on Administrative Appointment Committees – First Reading completed. Associated Students Report. Changes to the Structure and Functions by-laws – First Reading completed. EPC Report. Report back from the Executive Committee re: format of online forum related to resolution of no confidence – First Reading completed. Vice President of Student Affairs Report.

Present: Susan Moulton, J. Wingard, Scott Miller, Robert McNamara, Noel Byrne, Sam Brannen, Edith Mendez, Michael Pinkston, Steve Wilson, John Sullins, Janet Hess, Ed Beebout, Chip McAuley, Mutombo M'Panya, Terry Lease, Florence Bouvet, Paula Lane, John Kornfeld, Rick Robison, Cora Neal, Nick Geist, Tia Watts, Michael Cohen, Karin Jaffe, James Dean, Laura Watt, Maria Hess, Margie Purser, Sandra Shand, Lillian Lee, Ruben Armiñana, Eduardo Ochoa, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Andy Merrifield, Jenny Tice, Morgan Carvajal, Dolores Bainter, Art Warmoth, Carmen Works, Richard Senghas, Robert Coleman-Senghor, Catherine Nelson, Matthew Lopez-Phillips

Absent: Wanda Boda, Jacqueline Holley, Matt McCarty, Derek Girman

Guests: Mary Gendernalik-Cooper, Emilano Ayala, Saeid Rahimi, Elaine Sundberg, Elaine Leeder

Chair Report – S. Moulton

S. Moulton reported on an idea proposed to have a faculty listserv that would encompass broader topics than Senate-Talk. She said it had been talked about at the Executive Committee and she asked the Senators to think about it. She hoped the President would talk about the state budget May revise and she requested faculty and administrators meet over the summer, if necessary. She noted reports from the “occasional reports” committees would be heard at the last meeting as well as a report from the Academic Technology Committee. Crisis areas that she thought need attention right now due to the budget situation were the Counseling Department, the Center for Gender, Culture and Sexuality, and departments and majors that may be in special need. She thought a clearinghouse of that kind of information was greatly needed. She advised making a list of things, so they were not forgotten over the summer.

Approval of Agenda – Education Specialist consent item missing from paper agenda, added by voice approval. **Agenda approved.**

Minutes of 4/15/10 – approved.

Consent items:

Revision to English, Single Subject Credential – approved.

New program track in Communication Development in ELSE – approved.

Revision to Specialist Credential in ELSE – approved.

New Minor in Queer Studies – approved.

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana said that the May revise of the budget was due the next day. He thought the Governor would remain committed to education. Tax revenues for the state were \$3 billion below expectations. He thought the state was still on track for a deficit of \$20-22 million dollars.

Provost Report – E. Ochoa

E. Ochoa announced two positions that had been sent out via email to all faculty. They were both half-time assigned time positions for faculty – The Director of Diversity and Inclusive Excellence and the Director of Undergraduate Studies. He discussed the representation of the groups that would review the applications. He said the Director of Undergraduate Studies would work closely with Academic Affairs on scheduling of GE and major courses, liaison with University courses and help mainstream them into the faculty governance curriculum processes and help rejuvenate the GE program. The Provost was asked about the representation on the Diversity Director committee. The Provost said it would be representative of the campus since the PDC is representative of the campus. A member argued that the Undergraduate Director was related closely to the curriculum and since the curriculum was the faculty's purview, he questioned the Provost's creation of the position without a recommendation from the Senate. The Provost responded that no new academic unit was being created and said the position was giving more capacity to the Provost's office that was greatly needed by the Schools and Departments. He noted the position would be much like the faculty associate positions that were created for WASC. He noted the support from the Deans and discussed new systems that needed to be put into place. The CFA representative asked if the other 50% of those positions would be backfilled. The Provost said yes. The Chair questioned whether this was the appropriate use of resources at this time. She noted the lack of release time to the GE subcommittee Chair. She thought the waitlist function on PeopleSoft would help the campus arrive at a better picture of what the needs were. The Provost thought that the positions would provide great value at this time and was an appropriate use of current resources. He noted the positions were being funded with one-time money and hoped in the future, when growth returns to the campus, permanent money could be found.

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

L. Furukawa-Schlereth reported on three items. He discussed the scaling back of Staff Appreciation Day due to the budget, however, heard how important that day was to the staff and decided to move it to July or August. Furloughs will be over then and perhaps more will be known about the budget. He corrected a previous statement about the transparency webpage and making all contracts available online. He found out that Associated Students Productions contracts had confidentiality agreements in them, so he amended his views that for now contracts for ASP do not need to be made public. He thought there needed to be more dialogue about this particular situation. He also spoke about stand alone audited financial statements and said he would be bringing this item to the PBAC. The question was whether to do the stand alone financial statements every year or every three years. The staff representative expressed appreciation for the change to Staff Appreciation Day. A member expressed her concern for the mental health of students and said she did not understand why money could not be made available for psychological counseling for students and for a Women's Center. She finds herself counseling young people and found it uncomfortable since she was not a counselor. L. Furukawa-Schlereth responded that it was a good question and he hoped in the May revise they would see some portion of the \$305 million for the CSU in the budget and that it would continue to stay there. If so, then he would want to discuss how to shore up the Counseling Center and address the CCGS question. He made a personal commitment to do what he could to help in this area. The President said there was a report released on Tuesday from a task force on Counseling services in the CSU. It shows that the issues for counseling centers are similar for all CSUs and that there are conflicting issues. If someone was in crisis mode, they got immediate attention and, if not, the average time to get an appointment for counseling was two weeks. During peak times (before Thanksgiving and before Spring break), the wait time was three weeks. He then noted the average face-to-face appointments per day in the counseling centers throughout the CSU was 2.8. The majority of time, the counselors have other duties, such as supervising interns, doing paperwork, etc. He said a fee for counseling services was being considered, as there is a health fee.

Statewide Senator Reports – R. McNamara and C. Nelson

R. McNamara reported on a number of resolutions passed at the last plenary session of the Statewide Senate. He highlighted one about shared governance, "Objection to Unilateral Decision Making and the Pursuit of a "Culture of Compliance in the CSU" and read a few phrases from the rationale.

(<http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/2009-2010/>) C. Nelson reported on her concern about shared governance statewide and what she termed Deliverology II and the transfer degree in Senate bill 1440. On Deliverology II, she spoke about a report by Zemsky and Finney called "Changing the Subject: Costs, Graduation Rates, and the Importance of Reengineering the Undergraduate Curriculum." She summarized the report which was available at:

<http://www.calfac.org/deliverology.html>. She noted that one of the authors spoke at the Statewide Senate and received much comment and criticism. She was concerned that the ideas of this report would become a mandate from the

Chancellor's office. She then spoke about the Chancellor's office efforts to pass bill 1440, a transfer degree and characterized it as trying to create a degree without going through the faculty. The Statewide Senate passed a resolution that they could not support the bill. They also passed a resolution on "Importance of CSU Faculty Consultation in Development of Legislation Related to Curricular Matters." (available from above Calstate website) She reviewed the major items in the resolution. A member thanked the Statewide Senators and the Statewide Senate for standing up to the Chancellor and to opposing these kinds of ideas in the CSU. C. Nelson also noted that it was R. McNamara's last term as a Statewide Senator after six years and read a resolution passed in praise of R. McNamara's service.

**Resolution Honoring the Service of Robert McNamara on the Academic Senate CSU
(ASCSU) 2004 - 2010**

Whereas: Robert McNamara has represented Sonoma State University well and truly on the ASCSU from 2004-2010; and

Whereas: Robert McNamara has served as a member of a remarkable number of committees and taskforces during his six years on the ASCSU, including the Faculty Flow Taskforce, the Financial Aid Advisory Council, the General Education Advisory Committee, the General Education Advisory Committee Course Review Subcommittee, the Taskforce on the Formative Review of Faculty Scholarship and Community Engagement, the Institute of Teaching and Learning and the Faculty Affairs Committee; and

Whereas: Robert McNamara has served in leadership positions on the ASCSU during difficult times, including as Vice Chair and Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee and Chair of the Institute for Teaching and Learning; and

Whereas: As Vice Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee Robert McNamara always could be counted upon to "deliver the goods," whether that involved taking minutes, writing resolutions, remaining well-informed and articulate on the issues under discussion, shopping for and preparing the Senate Reception, among many other contributions; and

Whereas: As Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee Robert McNamara did an extraordinary job of effectively leading an exceptionally energetic and feisty committee through numerous diverse and often controversial issues, while ensuring that the perspectives and input of all participants was heard and respected; and

Whereas: Robert McNamara is held in the highest esteem by his ASCSU colleagues for his eloquent and repeated defense of faculty rights, his fierce dedication to transparency and his penetrating questions to CSU administrative leadership; and

Whereas: Robert McNamara is known for his civility, sense of humor and knowledge of California wines, as well as his willingness to toss back a pint or two of fine brew

with colleagues while engaging in weighty discussions involving significant matters of moment; and

Whereas: Robert McNamara is valued highly by his Sonoma State University colleagues for his expertise on international relations and comparative politics, his passionate defense of faculty prerogatives, his commitment to diversity, his deep and rich understanding of the connection between statewide and local campus decisions, and his clear and succinct reports to the Sonoma State Academic Senate about statewide matters; and

Whereas: Robert McNamara is highly respected by his ASCSU colleague from Sonoma State University as a valued partner in shared governance, a true gentleman, a delightful traveling companion, and most of all as a good friend who will be sorely missed; therefore be it

Resolved: That the ASCSU expresses its great appreciation for Robert McNamara's service, his contributions to shared governance and his cultivation of a spirit of civility during his tenure on the ASCSU.

Applause.

CFA Report – A. Merrifield

A. Merrifield spoke about the sunshine proposals between the CFA and CSU seen last week. He reminded the membership that the current contract expired on June 30, 2010. He said the proposals were online at cfa.org. A. Merrifield expressed appreciation for the latest Chancellor's report about the value of a CSU degree and noted that for every dollar spent in the CSU, now \$5 returns. He said this was why CFA was focusing on quality education so that the value remains. He then spoke about an end of year event for CFA members.

Chair-Elect Report – J. Wingard

J. Wingard reported that Dean Rahimi had approached Structure and Functions for a faculty member for the Graduation Initiative Group and S&F recommended Thaine Stearns for that position.

Revision to the WEPT policy – First Reading – C. Works

C. Works introduced the item. She described the reason for the revision. The course referred to in the policy was incorrect and there were a few other items that needed to be revised. There were a few questions. There was discussion about having students take the WEPT earlier. It was noted that the policy was written more as a policy so the procedures could be changed if needed.

First reading completed.

FSAC Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas said FSAC applauded the Academic Freedom Subcommittee's response to the Time, Place, Manner Policy and FASC endorsed their response. He said they hoped faculty would remain as contributing members on the committee working on that policy. He noted that the SAC chair had brought to them the idea of having advising holds on student records at key points in their academic careers. He asked for feedback on this issue. FSAC was also working on the proposal to have an Emeritus Senator on the Senate.

APC Report – A. Warmoth

A. Warmoth noted that the last meeting of JCAP would be next Tuesday. He invited all the Standing Committee Chairs to attend. He spoke about the four items APC put on the agenda: First Year Experience student documentary; what kinds of investments were needed to be made to make sure the quality of the BA degree does not go down as the Graduation Initiative moves forward; Report from the Curriculum Planning and Innovation work group; and Planning in the Summer.

Revision to Representation on Administrative Appointment Committees – First Reading – J. Wingard

J. Wingard introduced the item. He noted the Senate had passed this previously in 2009, but it was rejected by the President. A letter detailing the President's concerns was included in the packet. J. Wingard then reviewed all the changes. There were some questions and discussion particularly about the Appendix.

First Reading Completed.

Associated Students Report – J. Tice

J. Tice reminded the body that the Associated Students have held their elections and had their installation of new officers. She noted that anecdotally she's hearing that there were not enough upper division GE courses. She said the new Executive VP, Alex Boyer, would attend the next meeting and was excited about his position. The Senate applauded J. Tice.

Changes to the Structure and Functions by-laws – First Reading – J. Wingard

J. Wingard said the revision to the S&F portion of the by-laws concerned the Chair of the committee. Currently, the Chair-Elect chairs S&F, however this is problematic as the Chair-Elect is the least knowledgeable person on the committee and has a high learning curve to chair the committee successfully. He argued that it created a certain level of ineffectiveness and inefficiency in the committee. The Chair-Elect would continue to serve on the committee and would be the liaison to the Executive Committee and Senate. It did not preclude the Chair of S&F from attending any meetings they might want to attend. There were questions.

First Reading completed.

EPC Report – C. Works

C. Works reported that the Chair of EPC next year would be E. McDonald-Newman who was elected to EPC from the School of Science and Technology. She reported on the New Unit proposal that passed EPC a year ago. She noted that it was looked at by APC as well. She said they passed it conditionally as it did not have a resource statement from the Provost's office. She noted that GE was working on a revision to the 3-unit policy and they were working on a letter asking that the waitlist function be turned on in PeopleSoft. She spoke about the reassigned time for the GE Chair and that a request for units for the GE Chair had gone to the Faculty Chair. Concern was expressed for bringing a new item, the 3-Unit GE Policy, to the last Senate meeting. The EPC chair thought that could be discussed in the next Executive Committee.

Report back from the Executive Committee re: format of online forum related to resolution of no confidence – First Reading – S. Moulton

S. Moulton read the report. There was a question about who would monitor what went on the website. S. Moulton said the Senate Budget Committee was suggested. There were many questions about the wording presented by the Executive Committee. It was asked who would be providing the data. S. Moulton said it would come from respondents and be tied to a reference source. It was asked how something not referenced, would make its way on to the forum. S. Moulton said they wanted most of the information referenced and would not exclude some interpretation that could be tied to information. She noted people could ask for clarification of postings. There was a question about either citing references or providing the references. S. Moulton said they wanted the references cited and easily available. A member asked for more detailed information to be included in the document such as who was able to participate; were people outside the university able to participate; how will people be identified; and other implementation issues. S. Moulton said they had talked about vetting and protecting the identity of people if required and that she thought anyone would be able to participate if they had references. A member asked how long the forum would last. S. Moulton said the Vice President of Administration and Finance had offered, at the Executive Committee, to join with the new Provost to engage in dialogues that would move the campus forward. A member asked how long the individual postings would last. A member argued that the underlying issue with this was not to restrict information and that true dialogue was back and forth.

First Reading completed.

Vice President of Student Affairs Report – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips reported that they had been successful in hiring two individuals – one for Campus Life and one for the Associated Students. He updated the statistics on the first year class. He noted there were 140 EOP students this year and discussed other diversity recruitment successes. He said the Counseling Center was doing two workshops on stress. The Chair asked about housing deposits. M. Lopez-Phillips

said that their numbers were down and they were seeing that all over the state. No one really knew why this was going on. He said the transfer class was very strong. A member asked if there had been an increase in resources for the increase in EOP students. M. Lopez-Phillips said he was considering shortening the Summer Bridge and other services that might need creative ideas because of the budget. A member asked if the campus had dropped the eligibility index due to worries about meeting target. M. Lopez-Phillips said they had dropped the index from 3500 to 3400 to 3300, etc. trying to find the number to get the yield they need. A member asked about transfer students getting classes. In her department, she didn't think there were any seats available for any more students. The Chair asked if students who had not registered yet would be able to get any classes. M. Lopez-Phillips said he had not seen a sense of panic from students yet. The Chair said students were contacting faculty directly on these matters. The Vice Provost said the waitlist function was on the CMS docket and had risen to the top of the projects. She was waiting for endorsements from the Deans and had already gotten it from EPC. She said it was a complicated technical process and hoped they would have it ready in the Fall. A member noted that she was seeing few options for GE when advising students and noted that if the incoming freshman take all the GE courses, returning freshman and sophomores would find it tough to get GE courses. The Provost said this pointed out the need for a Director of Undergraduate Studies, someone with an overview of a complicated picture.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom Vega