

Senate Executive Committee Minutes

November 15, 2007

3:00 – 5:00, Sue Jameson Room

Present: Maria Hess, Art Warmoth, Elaine McDonald, Tim Wandling, Scott Miller, John Wingard, Robert McNamara, Edith Mendez, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Susan Moulton, Karen Thompson, Thaine Stearns, Ruben Armifiana, Eduardo Ochoa

Guests: Steve Wilson, Timothy Dondero, Stephanie Milne, Richard Senghas

Approval of Agenda – Sustainability resolution from APC added. Focus the Nation time certain added. Ad-Hoc report added. *Approved.*

Minutes of 9/20/07 – *Approved.*

Statewide Senator Report – R. McNamara

R. McNamara spoke about the Transforming Course Project and noted that the Executive Committee needed to become aware of it. It was his understanding that it was supposed to come to the Executive Committee via the Provost. He brought up the issues that have arisen around the initiative. He also said the big news was about the budget. The Chair asked if the Statewide Senate's resolution on responding to no confidence votes had been responded to yet by the Board of Trustees. R. McNamara said no, they have not received a response yet. A member asked for online information on Transforming Course Design:

(http://www.calstate.edu/ats/transforming_course_design/) and (http://www.sonoma.edu/ctpd/tcd/TCD_Opps_flier.htm).

Grade Appeal Procedures revision – K. Thompson

K. Thompson introduced the item and explained that it was the last of the policies that required updating to reflect the change from juries to a Fairness Board. She explained all the changes. There was some discussion. **Approved for the Senate agenda.**

There was a motion to put the CALS program revision and the Paleontology program on the Senate's consent calendar. Second. *Approved.*

Chair Report – T. Wandling

The Chair noted that it was a difficult time for faculty leadership right now. He said he wanted to have difficult dialogues with humanity and he wanted to model respect for how people want to express themselves. He then said he has asked President Armifiana if he would help in inviting Chancellor Reed and Roberta Achtenburg to campus. He said he was perplexed by the lack of response from the Chancellor's office and really wanted to figure out together how to move forward. R. McNamara said that in the past the Executive Vice Chancellor would have visited the campus after a no confidence vote. This was not followed in the recent circumstances. When the current Vice Chancellor was asked specifically about the instances of Sacramento and our campus, he said, you've probably already seen what you're going to get. The Chair said he appreciated the Statewide Senate's efforts. He said if he had known the meeting he had this summer with Chancellor

Reed and Trustee Achtenberg was all they were going to get, he would have communicated it more.

Chair-Elect Report – S. Miller

S. Miller reported that Structure and Functions is working on amending the by-laws to include language about referenda. They are also working on the Faculty Representation on Administrative Search Committees policy that is out of date and they are looking at the student request for more representation. They are also beginning to look at how faculty are defined in the Senate's Constitution.

Vice President for Administration and Finance – L. Furukawa-Schlereth

L. Furukawa-Schlereth reported that the Board of Trustees approved the campus sustainability initiative and he thanked the faculty for their support. He announced the CSU has come forward with a new computer-based training program that will offer a wide variety of courses that the campus will have for one year. He approved purchasing it for every permanent full time staff employee to have access to staff development. He also reported that system wide there is an initiative to improve the CSU's human resource management practices and he has been asked to serve on a new human resource advisory group. He said he would work with C. Blackshire-Belay and FSAC for input. The Statewide Senator noted that at the CSU level, he also heard that there was going to be a faculty input committee and a lot of red flags went up. The Executive Committee of the Statewide Senate met with HR and it has not been created so far. He also asked about the funding for the basketball tournament. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said the he thought ASI and Enterprises are coming together to fund the tournament. Barnes and Noble is also interested in funding the tournament. The member said that he thought that needed to be communicated to the campus. Another member noted that faculty governance is a substantial management structure of the university and that faculty in governance might benefit from access to the computer-based training. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said that this was a topic coming up in the management team seminar.

Sustainability Resolution – A. Warmoth

A. Warmoth introduced the resolution as based on a similar resolution from San Diego State. The resolution also contains the idea that perhaps a committee be created for sustainability, as a subcommittee of APC. He said the students are very supportive of a sustainability coordinator. Until then, he thought that the sustainability workgroup could function in the current manner. He discussed how this workgroup would interface with other campus entities. The Provost noted that SDSU is a large institution with a large budget and that needed to be taken into account; however, that does not take away the value of the project. The Chair requested that the AS be involved in the discussion. A. Warmoth noted the ways students are being involved. There was discussion about the other documents attached to the resolution. A member noted that there are smaller colleges that have been ranked by the Sierra Club as having high sustainability in their campus practices and curriculum and that perhaps they could be look at for initiatives. **Approved for the Senate agenda with extra documents labeled.**

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Focus the Nation – T. Dondero and S. Milne

T. Dondero and S. Milne introduced themselves as coordinators of the Sustainability Coalition. T. Dondero asked for time at the next Senate meeting to talk about Focus the Nation (<http://www.focusthenation.org/nationalteachin.php>), which is a national teach-in engaging millions of students and citizens with political leaders and decision makers about global warming solutions on January 31, 2008. He said that they need endorsement from the Senate and the AS. They are reaching out to community political leaders. It will be a non-partisan roundtable discussion about what global warming solutions we, as a campus, can endorse. He named the faculty coordinators at SSU. The Chair asked him for a statement for the Senate to endorse with a brief rationale. A member asked how they would get it organized in such a short time. T. Dondero said there are lots of students involved, so they believe it can happen. There was discussion about what form the teach-in would take. The body thanked the students for their enthusiasm and activism. **MSP to give time for T. Dondero to talk about Focus the Nation at the next Senate meeting.**

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Ad-Hoc report – S. Moulton

S. Moulton reported that the Ad-Hoc committee will meet weekly and they had designated her as coordinator to receive information and get information out. She said the noon meeting before the Senate last week went very well. She said they didn't mean for one speaker to go on the whole time. They will give L. Furukawa-Schlereth equal time at the next meeting. All the materials are being posted on the Senate website (<http://www.sonoma.edu/senate/AdHoc/Ad-Hocmaterials.html>). She asked for an hour for the next meeting presentation. After CIHS, they will move to diversity. There was discussion about the process of the Ad-Hoc committee and that their presentations need to go through the Executive Committee. S. Moulton said they want to get written materials to the Senate ahead of time. L. Furukawa-Schlereth spoke about his thinking about the events of last week. He felt it was a tricky issue, as he understood people's legitimate need for information and his responsibilities as the CFO and under the law. There was some discussion about the previous presentation by the Ad-Hoc committee. The Chair of EPC argued for time to be allocated for Senate business as well as the Ad-Hoc committee.

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A. Warmoth asked to have the Schools to Colleges item off the Senate agenda.

There was further discussion.

Discontinuance of TESL Certificate – T. Stearns and R. Senghas

T. Stearns noted changes he wanted to make to the EPC cover memo and noted the signature sheet is signed off through EPC. R. Senghas explained the rationale for discontinuing the TESL certificate. He noted that staffing patterns, resources issues, and declining enrollments were the major reason the program was moving toward discontinuance. He explained how the current students would be served. He said there is a hope that Education might pick up an MA in TESL. He noted that a masters is now required for TESL. A member asked why it did not pass unanimously at EPC. The Chair of EPC said primarily the issue was about discontinuing a program due to resources, that resources shouldn't drive the curriculum. A member noted that over the years many programs have been de-funded and suggested that APC should talk about it. R. Senghas said that he

thought the Linguistics TESL program was different due to staffing issues. Previous faculty had expertise in TESL and he does not. The President said he thought that some programs may have credentialing changes that require changes in the programs. **MSP to be put on Senate agenda as a business item.**

Spring Convocation and Faculty Retreat – T. Wandling

T. Wandling said he thought the Spring Convocation should be more formal again. He suggested that the Faculty Retreat be on topics concerning the corporatization of universities across the country. The President noted that he was not available on Jan. 23rd. There was wide ranging discussion about the date for the convocation and retreat, format for each.

Meeting extended 10 minutes – no objection.

Senate Agenda

There was a motion to put a time certain of 4:15 on the Ad-Hoc committee. Second. Discussion. Failed. There was a motion to put a time certain of 4:00 on the Ad-Hoc committee. Second. Approved.

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Senate - Tim Wandling

Correspondences

Consent Items:

- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of Minutes 9/27/07 emailed
- Revision of CALS program – attachment
- New Minor in Paleontology – attachment
- End of Year Report - Scholarship

➤ Update on WASC

BUSINESS

1. Revision to Grade Appeal Procedures – First Reading - K. Thompson – attachment T.C. 3:15
2. Sustainability Resolution – Second Reading – A. Warmoth – attachment T. C. 3:30
3. Focus the Nation – First Reading - T. Dondero & S. Milne – attachment T.C. 3:45
4. Ad-Hoc Committee: CIHS continued – T. C. 4:00

APC recommendation: Schools to Colleges – Second Reading – A. Warmoth – POSTPONED BY REQUEST

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The Chair-Elect said that he didn't think CIHS would be finished in one hour.

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Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström