

Senate Executive Committee Minutes
March 15, 2012
3:00 – 5:00, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Abstract

Approval of Agenda. Approval of Minutes of 3/1/12. Chair Report. President Report. Revision to the MS Family Nursing Practitioner approved for the Senate consent calendar. Revision to the Theater Arts Program approved for the Senate consent calendar. Chair-Elect Report. Vice-President of Administration and Finance Report. Request for routing paths for policies from APC. Student Fee Referendum Code as Information Item to the Senate approved. Vice President of SAEM Report. FSAC Report. Senate agenda approved.

Present: Ben Ford, Margaret Purser, Maria Hess, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, John Wingard, Jennifer Mahdavi, Deborah Roberts, Richard Senghas, Armand Gilinsky, Terry Lease, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Andy Merrifield, Ruben Armiñana

Absent: Brian Wilson, Andrew Rogerson

Guests: Paul Ramey, Scott Horstein, Steve Wilson

Approval of Agenda – Approved.

Approval of Minutes 3/1/12 – Approved.

Chair Report – B. Ford

B. Ford noted that he had received a memo from the Chancellor's office regarding enrollment issues and wanted to discuss that at this meeting. He reported that the Constitutional Amendment was approved 195 – 27.

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana began a discussion about the Chancellor's office memo regarding over-enrollment that described new rules for the CSU. He noted that SSU had already enacted enrollment limits and now the CSU was asking for enrollment limits system wide. He noted that the memo also stated that "super seniors" would be graduated which had already happened at SSU as well. He said SSU had hoped to grow a little more next year, but the memo prevented that as enrollment would go down. He noted the memo included restrictions and reduced campus flexibility. Discussion included: the exceptions to the enrollment limits for individual students; which campuses could admit students under SB 1440 in the Spring; what the actual unit limit amount would be at SSU; that the cap actually limits students to five courses; that the memo under discussion conflicted with the graduation initiative; what was meant by "authentic" access; clarification about admissions for second bachelor's degrees, masters, etc.; the status of students who take courses without a degree goal; whether Extended Education was part of the enrollment limits; exceptions based on

accreditation requirements; the 120 unit limit on degree programs. The President said that the Presidents were told not to submit new programs. The CFA rep asked if there were any threats in the memo. The President thought not, but did think that if a campus had the same headcount, but higher average unit loads, the CSU would ask what was going on. The Student rep asked about double majors and the President said he thought double majors were going to phase out. Others pointed out that some double majors could be completed in 120 units and noted the reasons people might double major for career goals. The Student rep argued that students would need more co-curricular activities to explore what they might want to do or have interest in, if they can't use the units to explore. The President noted the issues with transfer students from community colleges coming with over 60 units.

Revision to the MS Family Nursing Practitioner – A. Gilinsky

A. Gilinsky said the proposed changes were driven by accreditation needs. There was some discussion. **Approved for the Senate consent calendar.**

Revision to the Theater Arts Program – A. Gilinsky

A. Gilinsky said the revision was an addition of a theater studies concentration to the Theater degree. S. Horstein was present to describe the revision in more detail. There was some discussion. **Approved for the Senate consent calendar.**

The Chair asked S. Horstein to provide a one-minute statement about what would be presented at the next Senate meeting by Theater Arts and Claudia Luke. S. Horstein said they would be talking about the Theater Arts and Dance Department leading the coordination of a themed year of course work, exhibitions and performances around the idea of inland water flow as a resource, image and metaphor in the 2012-2013 academic year. He said this would leverage interdisciplinary engagement with the topic across the university. They were talking to the FYE in the Sciences about linking and others as well. The Chair said he would give this idea 10 minutes at the Senate meeting to invite other collaborators.

Chair-Elect Report – M. Purser

M. Purser reported that the election had finally ended with one result being that R. Senghas was elected Vice Chair. She noted that there was an issue brought up about the regular need to waive the by-laws for an election.

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

L. Furukawa-Schlereth said he had three items to report. Item one was three topics that CRC would be discussing soon that he thought the Executive Committee would be interested in – the AS resolution on smoking; the resolution about subsidizing Category II fees and a request from the SDS for a Spanish language option on the telephones. The second item was a brochure he handed out about the recently announced GMC classical season. He said tickets were selling briskly and that they would go on sale for the general public on March 25th. He said there was an employee discount of 20% for two tickets maximum. The third item was that he had

decided to search for an Artistic Director for the GMC and thought it would require faculty participation. He did not know if the faculty needed to be elected or selected. He asked for Structure and Functions to take in to consideration that the faculty on the committee would need a background in theater, arts, or performance, so they would understand the job of the Artistic Director. He said the position would be privately funded and not be funded out of the general fund. He said the position would report to him, but he would work closely with the Provost and explore the position having retreat rights to the faculty. He wanted to move it along quickly. He said the GMC Board of Advisors would have to be worked into the process somehow since they were providing the money. He noted that students would have a 50% discount, one ticket only for GMC events. The Chair asked why the Artistic Director would be moved under Administration and Finance, as currently the acting Artistic Director was a faculty member. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said that the new position would be an MPP position and report to him, as he was the acting Executive Director. He said that was more traditional for an arts organization. The Chair was concerned about the academic tie with the GMC.

A member clarified where the no smoking area would be based on the Associated Student resolution. There was some discussion about the request for a Spanish language option on the telephone. It was clarified that the Artistic Director search request would go to S&F and they would try to fast track an election. The Student Rep asked about the potential of the Student Union to be dissolved as an auxiliary. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said that they were trying to reduce the operating costs of the auxiliaries and this was an option for consideration. He questioned whether the university needed all three legal entities. P. Ramey was concerned that the students had agreed to pay a larger fee and thought it was going to a student organization. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said that the fee was a university fee, not a fee for a particular organization and had to be used for the Student Center and the Recreation Center. He said every administration function had to be reviewed to see if the overhead could be reduced to put the money towards sections and maintain employment. The President noted the audits that had to happen with auxiliaries were a major cost. L. Furukawa-Schlereth noted that these were hard topics that they were struggling with. A member asked if the transparency of the funds would be affected by a change, as he was concerned about things shifting and disappearing. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said there were a variety of ways of to do this and it had not been decided yet. A member praised the GMC brochure and asked if a study had been done to see if the campus could go paperless and how much that would save. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said a study had not been done.

Request for routing paths for policies from APC – D. Roberts

D. Roberts said that APC was talking about where to send the Online Education policy as it was being developed. They had sent it to CFA and to the Chief Information Officer already. She suggested that the policy be sent to each Standing Committee and those chairs could send it to whatever subcommittee they wanted. There was discussion about the appropriate process for faculty governance consultation. There was a suggestion that the policy “code” those things that could not be changed due to CBA or DSS requirements. The Chair suggested that the Standing Committee Chairs let APC know if any of the subcommittees want to be

consulted on this policy and then APC could work directly with the subcommittees. Once it comes to the Executive Committee, it could be decided that it needs to be seen by others. The discussion became more general about how policies move through governance.

Student Fee Referendum Code as Information Item to the Senate – J. Mahdavi

J. Mahdavi introduced the item and said the code had been written in collaboration with SAC, Associated Students and the Fee Advisory Committee. The Associated Students were recommending it to the President and she thought it should go as an information item to the Senate. It was agreed that P. Ramey would speak to this item at the Senate. Approved as an information item to the Senate.

Vice President of SAEM Report – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips asked for a time certain for Dr. Lisa Wyatt, the Director of the Counseling Center at the next Senate meeting. There was discussion about how to show that she would attend the Senate on the agenda. M. Lopez-Phillips updated enrollment information. He noted the new Director of the Multicultural Center would begin work on Monday. The Student rep asked about the index the campus used for admissions.

FSAC Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas noted that there might be some language change in the DIP policy after the first reading and that FSAC met right before the Senate, so the draft might not be in the packet. The members thought that would be fine. He noted that FSSP was looking at recommendations for the Conflict of Interest Policy and would probably be creating an addendum just for the NIH requirements.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Ben Ford
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes – 3/8/12 emailed
Correspondences

Consent Items:

Revision to MS Family Nursing Practitioner program – emailed
Revisions to the Theater Arts program – emailed

Information Item: Student Fee Referendum Code

Guests: Theater Arts invitation to collaborate in themed year 2012-13 T.C. 4:20

BUSINESS

1. Replacement of existing policies with new Sabbatical & Difference in Pay (DIP) Policies – Second Reading – R. Senghas (attachments on 3/8 agenda)

Standing Reports

1. President of the University - (R. Armiñana)
2. Provost/Vice-President, Academic Affairs - (A. Rogerson)
3. Chair-Elect of the Senate - (M. Purser)
4. Vice President/Admin & Finance - (L. Furukawa-Schlereth)
5. Vice-President of SAEM – (M. Lopez-Phillips)
with Guest Dr. Lisa Wyatt T. C. 4:00
6. Vice-President of Associated Students – (P. Ramey)
7. Statewide Senators - (C. Nelson, B. Wilson)
8. Chairs, Standing Committees:
Academic Planning – (M. Paolucci-Callahan)
Educational Policies – (A. Gilinsky)
Faculty Standards & Affairs – (R. Senghas)
Student Affairs – (J. Mahdavi)
9. CFA Chapter President – (A. Merrifield)
10. Staff Representative – (D. Bainter)

Approved.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström