

Senate Executive Committee Minutes
November 15, 2012
3:00 – 5:00, Academic Affairs Conference room

Abstract

Agenda amended and approved. Minutes postponed. Chair Report. Film Studies Minor revision approved for Senate consent calendar. President Report. CALS Interdisciplinary BA proposal approved for Senate consent calendar. Questions for the President. Provost Report. Statewide Senator Report. Vice Chair Report. Proposed name change of the School of Extended Education. EPC Report. FSAC Report. CFA Report. Associated Students Report. Senate agenda approved.

Present: Margaret Purser, Ben Ford, Maria Hess, Karen Thompson, Andy Merrifield, Sam Brannen, Matthey Lopez-Phillips, Andrew Rogerson, Ruben Armiñana, Terry Lease, Viki Montero, Armand Gilinsky, Catherine Nelson

Absent: Richard Senghas, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Deborah Roberts

Guests: Anthony Gallino, Christina Baker, Patricia Kim-Rajal, Helen Kallenbach

Approval of Agenda - Discussion on Extended Education Course and Program Development Policy removed from agenda. Draft Senate agenda added to agenda – Approved.

Minutes postponed.

Chair Report – M. Purser

M. Purser reported that she had a wonderful time representing the Senate at the 30th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Grove commemoration. She said the Senate's resolution was well received. She said the person who had organized the event spoke and said veterans who had attended the event were willing to reach out to current student veterans. She put people in touch via email. She asked the members to drum up attendance for the November 30th event on budget dialogues.

Film Studies Minor Revision – A. Gilinsky, C. Baker

A. Gilinsky said that the Film Studies Minor revision was unanimously approved by EPC. He said it was basically about moving the minor from one department to another - Art History to AMCS. A member asked what the minimum number of units was for a minor. It was determined that the minimum units for a minor were 12 with 6 upper division units, most at SSU were 18 – 20 units. C. Baker said there was a lot of interest expressed by students for this minor. **Approved for the Senate's consent calendar.**

President Report – R. Armifiñana

R. Armifiñana reported on the recent Board of Trustee's meeting. He said he had been attending those meetings for twenty years and thought this would be the most politicized period for the CSU he had ever seen. He thought the CSU would see the Governor involved in the curriculum, what is taught and how it was delivered more than previous Governors. The Governor actually showed up for a real meeting. He said the Governor thought the CSU should be a "more robust junior college" and concentrate on workforce preparation. The Governor told the UC that they needed to reduce the cost of production, by using distance learning, etc. He said not to expect much and that was the challenge. He did not mention the research aspect of the UC's at all. The President thought the Governor had the votes on the Board to pursue his perspectives. The CFA rep heard that the Governor was engaged in the Board discussions and the President agreed. The President said the Governor was very interested in reducing the production function of education, which for the CSU meant teaching to create the workforce with an emphasis on technology. The Governor said he knew that the academy was reluctant about this idea.

Time certain reached.

CALS Interdisciplinary BA proposal – A. Gilinsky, P. Kim-Rajal

A. Gilinsky said that EPC has passed the proposal unanimously. They were streamlining the program by changing the core course to reflect the current faculty and changing the electives to be more focused. A. Gilinsky noted that this proposal was part of a trend EPC was seeing of changes based on staffing and helping students graduate in four years. There was some discussion. The CFA rep was concerned about anything that increased the workload for faculty. P. Kim-Rajal noted that the workload was being better distributed. **Approved as a consent item for the Senate.**

Questions for the President

A member asked if there was non-state side money for a portion of the Chancellor's salary and if Presidents had a similar arrangement. The President said the Chancellor had an additional \$30,000 from the CSU Foundation. Some Presidents had similar arrangements, especially newer hires. He did not.

Provost Report – A. Rogerson

A. Rogerson reported on the current Dean searches. The Dean of the School of Education would go forward, but the Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences searches would be deferred. Thaine Stearns would continue as interim dean for Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences was undetermined.

Statewide Senator Report – C. Nelson

C. Nelson noted that a written report was sent out on Senate-Talk and she requested that it be included in the Senate packet. She said CFA reported at the Statewide

Senate that it had established a task force on CalState Online to look at faculty oversight, workload and intellectual property rights. She said there was a move at the Chancellor's office to consolidate seven Executive Orders about international education into three. One of the issues about the consolidation added another level of review that might make it more difficult for students to study abroad. There was a lot of discussion about it statewide and consternation in the statewide Academic Affairs committee as they had not seen a draft yet of the consolidation language. The Statewide Senate opposed the three new student fees being considered by the Board and that was taken off the Board's agenda. She noted the Chancellor's office changed the timeline on the 120 unit issue and that provided more time for programs to change to 120 units. She updated the committee on the issue of the Chancellor being able to adjust programs that did not comply with the 120 unit requirement. The Statewide Senate asked who would make those adjustments and were told that faculty would be involved. She said it was still not clear, but that's all they could find out. At their January meeting, the Statewide Senate considers a resolution asking all campuses to go smoke-free. The current Chancellor continued to talk about efficiency and emphasized that health care costs as currently distributed were not sustainable and thought CSU employees should pay 20% as other state agency employees. The President said a change in employee contributions for health care costs would require a change in the law.

Vice Chair Report – B. Ford for R. Senghas

B. Ford reported that Structure and Functions was working on the self-study recommendations from 2005, one of which was to study communications between the Standing committee and subcommittees. There had been changes since 2005 in this area with the creation of ACT and the practice of Standing Committees noting what was coming up and reporting on their subcommittees. Structure and Functions wanted to know if a study was really needed or talking to all the Chairs of faculty governance committees about communication would be sufficient? He asked for feedback from the Executive Committee. B. Ford also said R. Senghas commended the Associated Students on their work approving a resolution opposing the new student fees. The Executive Committee provided feedback about S&F's question: a suggestion to incorporate the subcommittees too; it might be more useful to consider the need for all the committees in the first place; do nothing about it. The Chair noted that the self-study was the most recent benchmark study about faculty governance with many recommendations. There was currently a loud conversation on campus about the nature of both the structure of faculty governance and the tasks allocated to it. Two Standing Committee Chairs welcomed being talked to by S&F.

Proposed name change of the School of Extended Education

The Chair noted that the policy on School name changes was entirely devoted to situations when a donor wanted a naming opportunity. She said according to the policy it was the President's decision to change a School name in consultation with faculty governance. The Chair thought that EPC had reviewed the name change and approved it and that was where the consultation was at this point. The EPC Chair said the name approved at this point was the School of Extended and International

Education. H. Kallenbach was present to represent Dean Merickel. H. Kallenbach said Extended Education preferred International Education because it was more encompassing. It was clarified that there were no curricular changes. The admission of international students remained in Admissions with a specialist. The Chair asked if this discussion concluded the consultative process. **Motion to support the name change of Extended Education to Extended and International Education. Second.** A member voiced concern that by supporting the name change, it also implied support for the move of International Services to Extended Education and he did not want to imply that. The Chair of EPC noted the potential positive impact of the move and name change for International Education as it would heighten the visibility of international education at Sonoma State University. A member countered that he thought international education was highly visible on campus. **Motion to amend: the Executive Committee supports the name change of Extended Education to Extended and International Education, but is not supportive of the move of International Services to Extended Education. Second. Vote on motion – Approved.**

EPC Report – A. Gilinsky

A. Gilinsky reported that EPC would be looking at revisions to the CALS teacher track program, the MA in Counseling and the Economics minor.

FSAC Report – V. Montera

V. Montera reported that they were working hard on the Course Materials Adoption policy and thought it might come forward at the next meeting.

CFA Report – A. Merrifield

A. Merrifield talked about the task force CFA had set up on CalState Online and noted that any provisions in CalState Online that did not follow the intellectual property portions of the contract would be null and void, unless re-negotiated. He said that the Director of CalState Online had stated repeatedly that faculty that teaches in CalState Online would be under the contract. CFA continued to watch the implementation of that program. He said he thought that the Board's budget proposal to the Governor included fully funding health care costs. If they had wanted to change that, it would have guaranteed a re-opener on the contract. He noted that there were two opportunities to re-open on the contract this year. The CSU had responded that it did not know whether it would ask for that or not. He thought CFA would not ask to re-open. The second re-opener time line would coincide with the Governor's budget release. He noted that when J. Brown was Governor the last time, he thought the UC should only be for graduate students and the CSU should have no graduate programs. He discussed his thoughts on Governor Brown and his positions on higher education. He thought the CSU faculty, administrators and students would need to keep hammering on the Governor about the needs of CSU. He noted the CFA workload committee had its first meeting the other day with CSU administration and they agreed to getting a handle on workload and reducing grievances.

Chief Student Affairs Officer – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips said the Great American Smoke Out was happening. The Student Health Center had an accreditation visit and they came out very well. The accreditation assessment had no findings at all and they spoke well of the caring attitude of the Health Center staff. This was the second round of accreditation.

Associated Students Report – A. Gallino

A. Gallino reported on the Mario Savio speaker's corner dedication. He said the AS had finished their search for Election Commissioner and would be forwarding their choice to the President. They also passed a resolution opposing the new student fees. He said they appreciated the follow up on the 120 unit issue and they were encouraging students to tweet and Facebook the CSU on this issue. He said the AS also passed a new resolution on sustainability within the AS.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Margaret Purser
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes – 9/27/12 emailed
Correspondences

Consent Items: Film Studies Minor revision – emailed,
CALS Interdisciplinary BA - emailed

BUSINESS

1. Online Course Policy – Second Reading – D. Roberts – attached

Approved.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström