

Senate Executive Committee Minutes
November 5, 2015
3:00 – 4:30, Academic Affairs Conference room

Abstract

Chair Report. Provost Report. Vice Chair Report. Agenda approved. Minutes of 10/22 approved. Revised Senate Diversity Subcommittee charge approved for Senate agenda. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report. Vice President of Student Affairs Report. Potential new charge for APC discussion. EPC Report. CFA Report. Associated Students Report. Input on working draft for Faculty Retreat. WASC worksheet process. Senate Agenda

Present: Andrew Rogerson, Laura Watt, Tom Targett, Suzanne Rivoire, Sam Brannen, Ruben Armiñana, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Carmen Works, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Ron Lopez

Absent: Richard J. Senghas, Deborah Roberts, Ed Beebout

Guests: Kate Chavez, Charles Elster

(Chair Senghas was in Long Beach and C. Works chaired the meeting)

Chair Report – C. Works for R. Senghas

C. Works provided a report furnished by R. Senghas. She said R. Senghas wanted to thank the President again for agreeing to start a Dream Center on campus. Both the President's Diversity Council and the Senate Diversity Subcommittee were working on supporting this initiative and had concerns about workload and funding. They asked if the resources would come from re-directing funds or would new funds be available, and wondered if there would be additional workload. Additionally, they were looking at the role of unconscious bias in the hiring of tenure-track faculty. She reported that they were also looking into grant opportunities that might be linked to becoming an Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI). She reported that the GMC Faculty workgroup hoped to bring a document to the Ex Com before the end of the semester. She reported that at CRC last week, CFO Furukawa-Schlereth raised the question of whether to use MasterCard funds to support the construction of a stage/pavilion for the new lawn on the east side of the GMC. The expectation is that the MC funds would cover the cost of a current design, and it should be noted that these funds would *not* come to SSU if the university chose not to build that stage. R. Senghas asked the CFO to give a report to the Senate on this issue. It was requested that a member attend the Associated Student Senate on Friday, as R. Senghas could not attend. T. Targett volunteered to attend.

Provost Report – A. Rogerson

A. Rogerson provided an update on the transfer enrollment numbers and said they were up to 200 transfers. They would keep admissions open until January. A

member asked what the loss of money would be at this enrollment figure. The Provost said approximately \$1 million.

Vice Chair Report – C. Works

C. Works reported that S&F recommended M. Halavais for the Disabled Services Advisory Committee, and said that recommendation would go to the Senate. They also discussed the new charge of APC which would be discussed later in this meeting.

Approval of Agenda – items added: WASC worksheet

Approval of Minutes of 10/22/15 – Approved.

Revised Senate Diversity Subcommittee charge – C. Elster

C. Elster said SDS thought it was time to see if the work they were doing matched their charge, and since the reorganization effort had questioned whether to retain SDS, they also thought it was good time to differentiate themselves from the President's Diversity Council and specify how they work in collaboration with PDC. He discussed the specific changes. The Executive Committee recommended a few minor word choice changes. A member asked what diversity would look like when the campus achieves it. C. Elster said they had created a diversity handbook that discusses that vision. M. Lopez-Phillips noted that there had been some concerns regarding co-curricular and extra curricular activities and hoped that SDS and PDC would work out any issues before making recommendations. It was clarified that faculty were now elected to the PDC. **Approved for the Senate agenda.**

C. Works recognized S. Rivoire as the new At-Large member from the Senate.

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

L. Furukawa-Schlereth reported on the MasterCard pavilion. He said MasterCard would give the campus \$6 million if a pavilion was built. He brought this to the CRC and it was thought that if the pavilion would cost \$6 million or less, then it was a good idea. He noted that On Campus Presents also wanted the pavilion to go forward, as it might represent a more appropriate facilitate for their events. He said what was not included in the \$6 million were fixed seats, and some thought it might be advantageous to have some fixed seats in the area and this was being analyzed. They were also looking at whether the campus had the appropriate technical AV equipment for that space. He noted that it was hard for them to put on country music shows or rock bands in Weill Hall, so this space would help in many ways. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said he thought R. Senghas wanted this report to the Senate so faculty were not surprised. It could move fairly quickly as all the preliminary approvals were done. A member suggested that the fixed seats could be put in later. A member asked how the operating costs for it would be funded. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said the current GMC staff would work in either venue. For big shows they would have to add security and ushers, but that would be borne by the cost of the show. She also asked if neighbors were talked to about this since it was an outdoor venue. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said they did, but there were not many.

When they did their EIR, they said they capped their audiences at 10,000. A member asked if the campus could get money from the state for upkeep of the pavilion. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said yes, they could pursue that. A member asked if there was a plan to put a stop light at the north entrance to campus on Expressway. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said, yes there was a plan to put this in and he would find out when. A member noted that Weill Hall was not good for shows where people wanted to dance. There was a suggestion to use the pavilion as a commencement space and at orientation.

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

M. Lopez-Phillips reported on a meeting of the Dreamer's Group. He was amazed at all the different work that was being done in different areas. He said there would be a coordination of efforts using resources that were already available. They were doing a needs assessment of undocumented students. They had done a couple of focus groups as well. M. Fabionar was looking at how to incorporate the Dream Center with the Hub.

Potential new charge for APC

C. Works noted that the reorganization task force had developed a proposal for a new charge for APC. S&F had discussed moving the Senate Budget Subcommittee into this new standing committee which would be focused on planning and budget. She asked for input from the Executive Committee to take back to S&F. Members generally like the new charge and gave suggestions for a new name – Academic Planning and Budget Committee.

EPC Report – L. Watt

L. Watt reported on the upcoming curricular items. She noted there had been a lot of conversation in EPC and in GE about the role of GE and the levels of review. They would work on some clarifying language for that. C. Works asked if the discussion about GE would be appropriate for the faculty retreat. L. Watt wanted to wait until the GE program review for those discussions. She said the clarification was needed about what each level of review should be doing.

CFA Report – S. Brannen

S. Brannen reported that the strike vote had an 80% turnout system-wide and 94% of those voted to authorized a strike. At the CFA meeting, the board passed a resolution to ask for independent asbestos testing in Stevenson Hall and other buildings and asks the campus to delay the writ that prohibits independent asbestos testing. He reported that CFA was asked about delaying first year and second year faculty reappointment notification to June instead of February, and CFA said they would push back on this since they did not have the authority to change the contract and that proposal did not meet contract guidelines.

Associated Students Report – K. Chavez

K. Chavez said the lull in the Associated Students Senate was over and they currently had nine resolutions in the beginning stages. She reported that the AS would be tabling during the next week as they thought it was a good time because of registration, since students had school on their minds. A member asked about the nine resolutions and K. Chavez said they were mostly focused on internal AS items.

Input on working draft for Faculty Retreat

C. Works introduced the item and asked for suggestions. C. Works proposed a GE conversation about what faculty want GE to do, how resources were linked to GE, and what is good curriculum for GE. She noted other potential workshops focusing on issues faculty were seeing in students linked to No Child Left Behind. M. Lopez-Phillips offered to do a workshop on dealing with disruptive students. It was suggested to start the event at 9:00am. Members liked the modular aspect, but voiced concern about too many things at the same time. There was a suggestion to discuss SETEs. A member voiced concern about putting discussions that should happen in faculty governance into the Retreat. C. Works asked the members to send any more feedback to R. Senghas.

WASC worksheet process

The members moved into smaller groups to discuss and evaluate the criteria using the scale identified – 1 = doing good and 3 = needs improvement, A = very important and C = not as important. There was some discussion about the exercise and criteria. The materials were given to R. Whitkus after the meeting.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Richard J. Senghas

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes - emailed

Consent Items:

Information Items:

BUSINESS

1. Revised Senate Diversity Subcommittee charge (by-law change) – Charles Elster - First Reading TC 3:15

Adjourned.

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