

Senate Executive Committee Minutes
November 13, 2014
3:00 – 4:08, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Abstract

Agenda – Approved. Minutes of 10/30 – Amended and Approved. Chair Report – T. Lease chairing for R. Senghas. S&F Report – task force info graphic about service in the university. ENSP program revision approved for the Senate Consent calendar. Sociology program revision approved for the Senate Consent calendar. Question for the Vice President of Administration and Finance. Honorary Degree Committee membership. EPC Report. FSAC Report. SAC Report. CFA Report. Associated Students Report. Report from liaison to SEC. Senate agenda approved.

Present: Terry Lease, Margaret Purser, Maria Hell, Melinda Milligan, Richard Whitkus, Julie Shulman, Laura Watt, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Elaine Newman

Absent: Richard J. Senghas, Sam Brannen, Ruben Armiñana, Andrew Rogerson, Matthew Lopez-Phillips

Guest: Mercedes Mack for Christian George

Approval of Agenda – Approved.

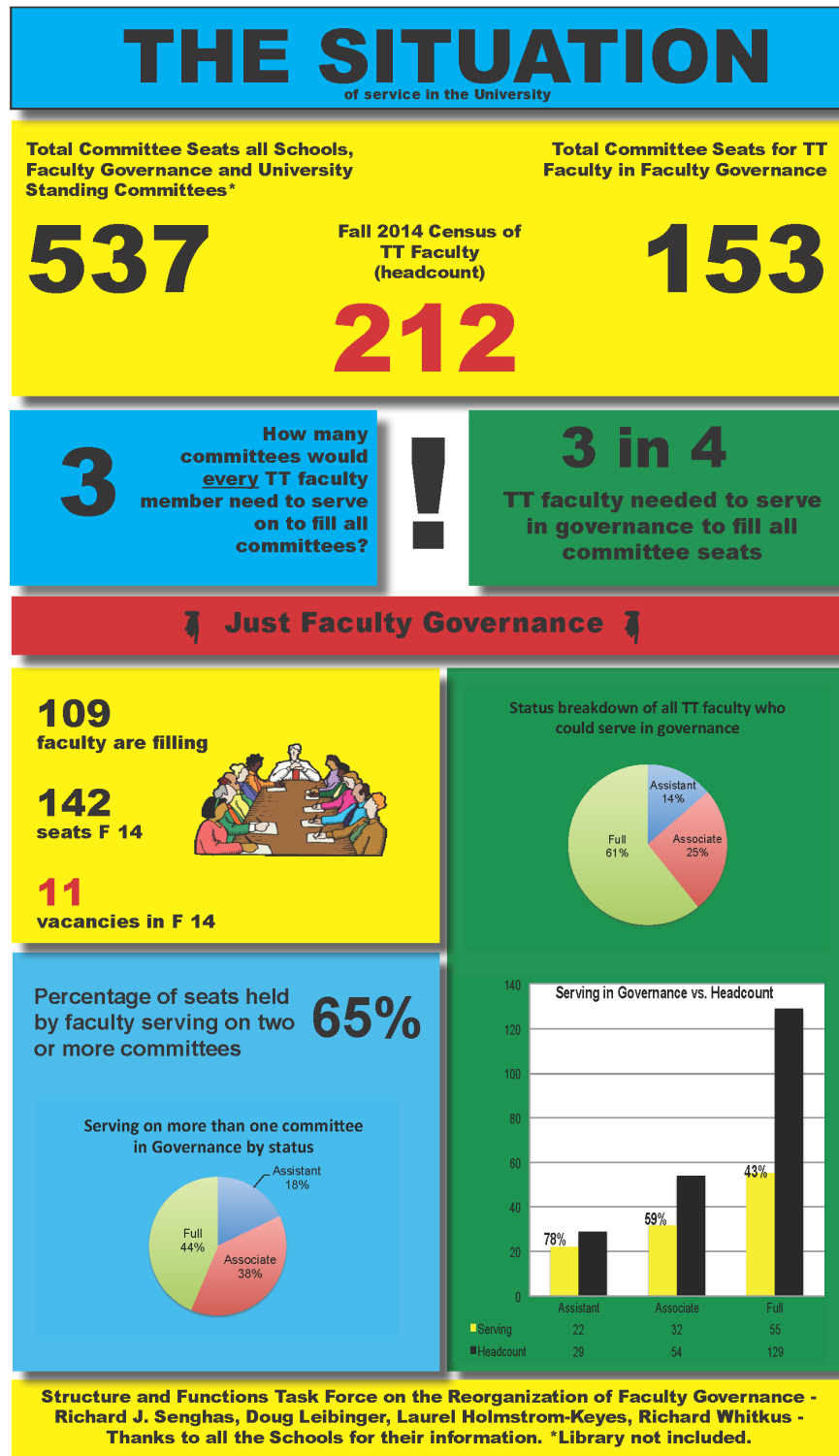
Minutes of 10/30 – Amended and Approved.

Chair Report – T. Lease chairing for R. Senghas

T. Lease reported that B. Bryant had sent an email to R. Senghas about the AAUP's centennial celebration of their statement on Academic Freedom and wondered if the Senate would have any interest in discussing or endorsing or fighting it. T. Lease noted that the statement has been updated and they would discuss how to disseminate it to faculty. He asked the Ex Com to think about the recent call for nominations for faculty trustee and wanted to nominate Catherin Nelson. The Ex Com members thought this was a good idea. He did not want to make a formal nomination without her being present. He noted that the Chair, the President, the Provost and C. Nelson were all down at the Academic Conference in Long Beach.

S&F Report – T. Lease, L. Holmstrom-Keyes, R. Whitkus

An infographic was passed out that put data into graphic form about the situation of service at the university for tenure-track faculty. L. Holmstrom-Keyes asked the Ex Com, if the infographic could go to the Senate. T. Lease reviewed the information on the graphic.



The members approved that this be an information item on the Senate agenda.

ENSP program revision – M. Milligan, L. Watt

M. Milligan introduced the item by saying that it was unanimously approved at EPC. She asked L. Watt to discuss the changes. L. Watt said the department wanted to phase out two of their study plans. They could not staff the complexity anymore and they were the lowest enrolled plans. They also had a retirement upcoming that affected this change. She described the changes in detail. **It was approved for the Senate consent calendar.**

Sociology program revision – M. Milligan

M. Milligan noted that this revision had been approved unanimously through EPC. She said the change came out of their program review last year which was looking at how to manage resources given that their advising ratio was 100 to 1 currently. Some strategies they used were to teach some courses in a larger size and try to streamline the program more. She talked about the changes in details. There were some questions about how the change would affect the Human Development program and the Sociology Department moving toward impaction. **It was approved for the Senate consent calendar.**

Question for the Vice President of Administration and Finance

The CFA rep asked if there had been any progress on the recently approved contracts. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said that M. Barnard was working on determining what the cost of the contract would be. They had received approximately \$750,000 for the faculty salary piece. He thought what M. Barnard came up with might exceed the \$750,000. A member noted that the new contract had release time for new faculty and she wondered if she should be giving her new faculty member release time in the Spring. It was L. Furukawa-Schlereth's understanding that the Provost intended to implement that in Spring of 2015. A member asked if new faculty had that benefit retroactively and if so, could they use multiple course releases in the same semester. The CFA rep said there was nothing in the contract about taking them together, but she didn't know how the campus would manage that and if they couldn't use them, they would be banked somehow.

Honorary Degree Committee membership

The members reviewed the new membership for the Honorary Degree committee, which had updated titles and an addition of the Commencement Manager. It was noted that this constituted consultation between the President and the Executive Committee as directed by CSU policy. **No comments or objections.**

EPC Report – M. Milligan

M. Milligan said at the next EPC meeting they would have three revisions to majors, minors and programs. She noted this was the last meeting to get proposals a second reading before the last EPC meeting of the semester. They would be talking about creating a University Studies Curriculum Committee. The Senate Analyst had

unearthed a memo from the past that clearly explained EPC's purview over the curriculum and she would be bringing that information to EPC as they discussed this matter. A member noted that in the Fee Advisory Committee, they had learned that IRA funds could only be given to a course or department and had to have a faculty signature on the application, so it was important that the University Studies Curriculum Committee get up and running and have a faculty member as the Chair.

FSAC Report – R. Whitkus

R. Whitkus said that about two years ago, the PDC asked FSAC to include a couple of questions in the SETEs about diversity. They had a report from the SETE task force (M. Callahan and R. Whitkus) that brought out the pros and cons, mostly cons, of including such questions on the SETEs. He said that FSAC was still interested in including some questions that asked about faculty creating a good learning environment for all students. M. Callahan, who was an expert in this area, would be bringing them another report and then FSAC would work through that and then bring that to the Senate. A member asked if there was carry over from the SETE task force from the past. R. Whitkus said they were working off of a previous report from that task force.

SAC Report – J. Shulman

J. Shulman reported that Campus Life was working on identifying someone in Academic Affairs to coordinate programming efforts on campus. The Art Department was working with the Student Center to put up some student art in the Center. She said Peter Neville had been working hard to put together Veteran's Services on campus and he would be reporting to SAC next time. The Student Center Board of Advisors was looking for a faculty member. A specific request had not gone to S&F at this point.

CFA Report – E. Newman

E. Newman said the tentative agreement was ratified by the faculty and the Board of Trustees also approved it, so it would be implemented immediately, whatever that meant. She said faculty should see raises by December, hopefully, and the retroactive pay took longer to compute and would come in a separate check. A member asked if there was a way for specific faculty members to figure out what their raise would be. She said that was available on the CFA website. E. Newman said she would be working with the President about the campus equity program. She thought that such a program would address inversion and compression and inequity at hire time by gender. She would be asking for people to serve on an equity organizing committee. A member asked if workshops would be done about this. E. Newman said yes, there would be workshops.

Associated Students Report – M. Mack

M. Mack said they would be having a preliminary discussion about raising the AS fee. They encouraged attendance by faculty members.

Ex Com rep to the SEC – M. Purser

M. Purser reported that P. Draper had sent alternate language for the Sustainability section of the Strategic Plan to ACT. The subgroup of ACT working on the Plan had put together all the feedback they had received and would be bringing that to ACT next time. SEC's language had been included.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Richard J. Senghas
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes

Consent Items: ENSP and SOC program revisions – emailed

Information Item: Info graphic from S&F task force showing situation of service at SSU

BUSINESS

1. Lecturer's role in Departmental Governance - Second Reading – R. Whitkus – *see 11/6 agenda*

Approved.

Adjourned.

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