

**Senate Executive Committee Minutes**  
April 18, 2013  
3:00 – 5:00, Academic Affairs Conference Room

**Abstract**

Agenda approved. Minutes of 4/4/13 approved. Chair Report. Revision/reduction from 124 to 120 units for the KIN major approved for Senate consent calendar. Provost Report. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report. Revision/reduction from 124 to 120 units for the CS major approved for Senate consent calendar. President Report. Resolution on Student Unit Load during Summer School and Winter Intersession referred to SAC and EPC. Statewide Senator Report. Vice Chair Report. EPC Report. FSAC Report. SAC Report. CFA Report. Associated Student Report. Senate agenda approved.

**Present:** Richard Senghas, Margie Purser, Andy Merrifield, Terry Lease, Ben Ford, Sam Brannen, Karen Thompson, Andrew Rogerson, Viki Montero, Armand Gilinsky, Catherine Nelson, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Ruben Armiñana

**Absent:** Deborah Roberts, Maria Hess

**Guests:** Anthony Gallino, Elaine McHugh, Ali Kooshesh

**Approval of Agenda – item added: Resolution on Student Unit Load during Summer School and Winter Intersession - Approved. Request to have occasional report from the Sustainability Executive Committee – Approved.**

**Approve of Minutes of 4/4/13 – Approved.** It was noted by the EPC Chair that there was no “Dean” of Undergraduate Studies, but rather an Associate Vice President of Undergraduate Studies.

**Chair Report – M. Purser**

M. Purser said she had just finished a four hour conference call with the Statewide Senate Chairs and would write up a report for the Senate. She noted that the bill in the Legislature to create a new “University of California” had died ([bit.ly/ZzcDPP](http://bit.ly/ZzcDPP)). She provided some highlights of the meeting. There was a wide ranging discussion about all the legislative bills concerning online education and about the \$125 million coming to the CSU. SB 520 was already being modified. She said a dispute had emerged between the Chancellor’s office and Governor about the definition of a “bottleneck” course. The Chancellor’s office definition was a course in which more than 20% of students are getting W’s, D’s, or F’s. So the definition was based on performance. The Governor’s definitions were about demand, not enough courses for students that need a particular course. This difference in definition was playing into the discussions about all the legislation coming forward about online education. The Chair thought that it was something to keep an eye on and the Statewide Chairs had asked for clarification, but did not know where that would come from. The ASCSU Chair had met with the author of SB 520 and reported that, while he was

open to some changes, he would not budge on the public/private partnerships and that there have to be 60 such courses by the Fall of 2014. They had a brief update from SJSU and their Chair said they did not have any data yet on their courses with Udacity. SJSU said they had to “purge” the classes of “industrial spies” because all of Silicon Valley wanted to know if the project with Udacity was working. They also had Ruth Black at their meeting and found out that CalState Online had redefined their mission to include stateside courses/programs because they wanted to be the signature public/private partnership group that will fulfill the requirements of SB 520. Chair Purser reviewed Dr. Black’s other comments at the meeting. CalState Online thought that they could help out stateside with Early Start and remediation, bottleneck courses; supporting a consortium among campuses to offer upper division GE, open source media and MOOCs. The Chair thought all this needed to be watched.

### **Revision/reduction from 124 to 120 units for the KIN major – A. Gilinsky, E. McHugh**

A. Gilinsky reminded the members about the Chancellor’s office requirement to reduce programs to 120 units and that this proposal was reducing all five concentrations in Kinesiology to the 120 unit cap. He noted that the actual practice in Kinesiology was now transparent in this revision. A. Gilinsky said that EPC approved the proposal unanimously. **It was approved for the Senate consent calendar.**

### **Provost Report – A. Rogerson**

A. Rogerson said the first meeting of the Sustainability Executive Committee was held and they had a good meeting. They were moving ahead on a Sustainability Director position and he thought that would mean bringing back the Diversity Director position. They may both come forward in a reduced form; they were looking at creative options. He reported they had a very successful Seawolf Day on the campus and many deposits were made, higher in both the freshman and transfer categories than last year. He said it would be a busy Fall. A member asked if the university was remaining at 1800 for first time freshman and an X number of out-of-state. The Provost responded yes. The Chair asked how it was going with the \$3 million deficit in Academic Affairs. The Provost said at the Cabinet retreat they worked down the list of the \$3 million and prioritized what was needed in the first few months. He thought the money would be found. He said in the course of the discussion, there was total agreement that the university has to reimage how it does business to live within its means. He thought it was no surprise to the members that he wanted to have less curriculum, but he said that had to come from the faculty. There were 45 majors at SSU and he hoped to see 35. The Chair said she would like to see how much money that would save. The Provost said he would like to see that too and thought faculty might not have to teach as much. A member asked if concentrations were counted in majors. The Provost said no, but that concentrations might be looked at as well. He reiterated that he could only start conversations about curriculum change, which it would have to come from the faculty. He thought this kind of change would help the campus live within it means and perhaps offer more innovative and relevant degrees. The CFA President thought the idea was self-defeating proposition as he thought that trying to live with what we had instead of

asking that the money be directed to Academic Affairs was misguided. He was very skeptical about cutting the breadth of the university. The Provost said he had no intention to lose any breadth and that faculty would retain their expertise. He said he wanted faculty with complimentary interests to work together to re-imagine degrees that would, perhaps, better educate our students for the workplace. A member asked if he had a model he was working with. The Provost said that he thought the intellectual capital at SSU was enormous and could do this. He said he looked at other universities to see what they were doing and gave an example of Arizona State University, saying there was a lot wrong with it, but they had a model of Colleges and Schools. The Schools looked like they had been departments. He said there were other models that were very interdisciplinary programs. The Chair said she thought this discussion was important for the Ex Com and that they would continue to talk about it.

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

L. Furukawa-Schlereth offered free tickets to an upcoming GMC concert and chaos ensued. He said that the GMC would announce it's summer season the next Tuesday. He reported that the campus was in negotiations with the Cotati/Rohnert Park School District to extend the lease of Tech High and to add a little space to Tech High. He said the new space would not take over any instructional space. He said this partnership was a good thing. A member asked how many years were left on the lease. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said there were eleven years left and the extension would be another four more years on top of that. A member asked where the extra space would come from. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said they would be administrative offices. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said there were two conversations going on about creating more instructional capacity – the use of the Student Union and Schroeder's Hall. There was a discussion about how faculty could use these spaces for instruction.

### **Time Certain reached.**

### **Revision/reduction from 124 to 120 units for the CS major – A. Gilinsky, A. Kooshesh**

A. Gilinsky noted that computer science programs and engineering programs were really squeezed to reach the 120 unit cap. A. Kooshesh described how the Computer Science program electives had changed from 7 - 9 to 3 - 5. He noted that if the department went for accreditation, they might have to return to apply for an exemption, as accreditation would likely have them adding two physics courses and more math courses. **It was approved for the Senate's consent calendar.**

### **Return to Vice President of Administration and Finance Report**

A member asked if the lease agreement with Tech High included access to math classes. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said there was no requirement in the lease agreement for that.

## **President Report – R. Armiñana**

R. Armiñana reported on the relations of the CSU, the Governor and the Department of Finance. He said the Governor and Department of Finance were proposing seven accountability measures to be linked to the budget next year. He thought some of them could not be done at all and others would radically change the institutions of higher education. One example was to base graduate rates on four year instead of six. That would mean every student would have to be a full time student. If students came in with remediation needs, they would not be accepted. He said these things could be done, but they would have serious consequences for the mission of the university! He said the Chancellor sent a letter to the Department of Finance, that included twenty-three signatures, saying that such accountability measure were not doable. The Chair said they were calling them “performance metrics” and they were discussed at the Statewide Chairs meeting. The Statewide Chair had argued that these measures would drive students away from STEM majors. A member asked what the problem was these measures were trying address. The President said this was the cost of doing business with the current State administration. The State was putting forward these measures as a condition of funding. The President said the CSU had three strategies. The first, that they were pursuing, was to educate the legislature that what might work at Santa Clara University would not work at Dominguez Hills due to the differing missions of both universities. The second was to tweak the system to attain the measures possible, but that would have radical consequences. The third was to simply not take the money from the State for the next four years and raise tuition, but that had political consequences and he was not sure the Board of Trustees would accept that one. The President said the CSU was facing rocky waters in '14 - '15. A member suggested that the data be found about how many part time students there are now that would not be able to attend under the four year graduation measure. The President said those numbers were available and he thought the enrollment would drop significantly if the measures were followed through.

## **Time Certain Reached.**

### **Resolution on Student Unit Load during Summer School and Winter Intersession – T. Lease**

T. Lease introduced the resolution and noted that Extended and International Education was allowing students to petition to take over 8 units during Summer or Winter sessions. He argued that 8 units in a compressed session was equal to almost the work of 30 units. He was asking the Senate to ask the Provost to cap the units students could take in Summer School or Winter Intersession and that petitions be evaluated by a group outside of Extended and International Education or the instructor teaching the course. There was substantial discussion. **It was referred to SAC and EPC with a request for data about how many students take over 8 units and if there was any measure of their success.**

## **Return to President Report**

A member argued that the new measures from the State might only have the weight of the past “compact” that could be broken at any time and that should be kept in mind. The President agreed, it does set a direction, but is not a law.

## **Statewide Senator Report – C. Nelson**

C. Nelson provided an update on the Levine bills in the Legislature about common course numbering and requiring all new programs to be 10% online. She said both of these provisions have been removed. She noted a lot of lobbying had been going on and she thought the resolutions from CSUs had helped. CFA had also been working hard on lobbying against these bills.

## **Vice Chair Report – R. Senghas**

R. Senghas asked for confirmation for **Kim Hester-Williams and Heidi LaMoreaux as the faculty for the search committee for the Administrative Manager for Arts and Humanities. They were confirmed.** He reported on the S&F’s work on the 2005 self-study recommendations.

## **EPC Report – A. Gilinsky**

A. Gilinsky reported that EPC had tackled 35 program changes and 8 program reviews. They would be hearing from the Associate Vice President of Undergraduate Studies about the committee to oversee University courses. He described other curricular items coming through. He said the EPC agenda was totally packed until the end of the semester. He said they had put aside the Music Certificate until they could get more clarification and the discontinuance of a track in Nursing until the Chair of Nursing could be available again. A member noted that items that do not get any readings by the end of the semester would have to be brought back by the departments proposing them.

## **FSAC Report – V. Montera**

V. Montera reported on a number of things that keep coming up in FSAC. They were finalizing their recommendation to the SETE task force and she asked if S&F could help them gain more members for that task force in the Fall. They would be reviewing the Sabbatical/DIP policy based on how it had gone so far since the last revision. The Chair of EPC would visit them with a report from URTP and they also had a request from URTP to start using electronic portfolios. She thought this might tie in with the online SETE discussion. An item came to FSAC about proctoring off-campus exams for Athletics and they were looking at that. Next year, they would work on the cumulative review policy to make it more in line with CBA. She said AFS did submit a memo to FSAC and SAC regarding the civility resolution.

## **SAC Report – K. Thompson**

K. Thompson said SAC was collaborating with FSAC on the Athletic off campus exam proctoring policy. They were also consulting with FSAC, SDS and AFS about the civility resolution.

## **CFA Report – A. Merrifield**

A. Merrifield said CFA was watching the online discussions, which had already been talked about at the meeting. He provided an update on the proposed change to the health care formula being discussed in the legislature.

## **Associated Students Report – A. Gallino**

A. Gallino reported that last week they had ten items on the agenda and tabled two. Most of their meeting was discussion. He said they were going through interviews for vacant Senate seats. He reviewed the items they were discussing such as expanding library hours, the change to the EOP program, a change to the food and sales policy, their budget, and opposing the Governor's 150 unit cap. He thought there would not be any more new items. He noted they passed a signage policy and discussed two sustainability related resolutions. The President noted that the CFO had received a message during the meeting that the campus would receive \$1 million for equipment.

## **Senate Agenda**

### AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Margaret Purser

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes –4/11 - emailed

Correspondences

**Consent Items:** Revision/reduction from 124 to 120 units for the Kinesiology major; Revision/reduction from 124 to 120 units for the Computer Science major – emailed

### **BUSINESS**

1. Resolution in Support of an SSU Statement on Civility and Tolerance – Second Reading – K. Thompson T. C. 3:30

**Approved.**

**Adjourned.**

*Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom*