

Academic Senate Minutes

February 9, 2006
3:00 – 5:00 Commons

Abstract

Chair's Report. Approval of Agenda. Approval of Minutes of 12/15/05. Revision of Chemistry minor approved. Academic Calendar for 2006/2007 revised and calendar for 2007/2008 approved. Program Review Policy approved. Consultation policies first reading. Revision to Global Studies Major approved. Creation of Global Studies minor approved. Vice President of Administration and Finance report.

Present: Elizabeth Stanny, Elaine McDonald, Melanie Dreisbach, Edith Mendez, Robert McNamara, Catherine Nelson, Rick Luttmann, Noel Byrne, Birch Moonwomon, Michael Pinkston, Steve Wilson, Kristen Daley, Elizabeth Martinez, Robert Coleman-Senghor, Robert Train, Thaine Stearns, Liz Thach, Steve Cuellar, Bob Vieth, John Kornfeld, Raye Lynn Thomas, Tia Watts, Murali Pillai, Richard Whitkus, Dan Karner, Wanda Boda, Sandra Feldman, Myrna Goodman, Glenn Brassington, John Wingard, Bruce Peterson, Sandra Shand, Marguerite St. Germain, Ruben Armíñana, Lindsey Simoncic, Sara Statler, Greg Tichava, Perry Marker, Carlos Ayala, Doug Jordan

Absent: Eduardo Ochoa, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth

Proxy: Teresa Ciabattari for Melinda Milligan

Guests: David Abbott, Denise Anderson, Lynn Cominsky, William Babula, Ian Hannah, Elaine Leeder, Rose Bruce, Gary Alexander, Elaine Sundberg, Mary Gendernalik-Cooper

Report of the Chair

E. Stanny announced semester replacements for Senators. Dan Karner will be sitting in for Sam Brannen and Thaine Stearns for Tim Wandling. She also announced the beginning of the nomination period for the Excellence in Teaching Awards. She reminded the body that at the next Senate meeting the Faculty Trustee will be present and there will also be a presentation on the Green Music Center finances.

Approval of Agenda – Approved.

Approval of Minutes of 12/15/05 – Approved.

Consent item: Revision to Chemistry Minor – Approved.

Academic Calendar Revision – P. Marker

P. Marker explained the context for the item. By law now the campus is required to observe Veterans' day on Veterans' day, which requires adding a day to the academic calendar. In the Executive Committee it was also discussed that the

calendar should be the charge of the University Standards subcommittee of EPC. He noted the item was time sensitive. It was discussed in EPC this very day and approved, so it now comes forward to the Senate.

The chair proposed that since the written materials for this item were not available yet, the body should move onto the next business item.

Program Review Policy – P. Marker

P. Marker noted that the document shows the changes approved by EPC. He noted there was amended language for the policy proposed by EPC previously. It would be the fourth bulleted item in the introduction: *** Successful program review depends on adequate resources to engage in that review.**

Motion to change in second bulleted item in introduction - *should be changed to shall.* Second. Approved.

Motion to delete the word *on-going* in bulleted item one in introduction. Second. Discussion. Approved.

Motion to change 5th line down in new language, first paragraph, inserted on second page to change, *relatively new to accepted.* Second. Discussion. Approved.

Motion to change on first page “Purposes of Program review” to *program review involves a thorough evaluation of: . . .* Second. Approved.

It was clarified that the fourth bullet point proposed and the language inserted on the second page both needed approval by the Senate.

Motion to replace original language with the inserted language on second page. Second. Discussion. Arguments were presented for and against changing the language in this second. Vote on substitution. Approved.

Motion to insert ** Successful program review depends on adequate resources to engage in that review* as fourth bulleted item under introduction. Second. Approved.

Vote on amended Program Review Policy – Approved.

Return to Academic Calendar Revision – M. Jolly

M. Jolly explained to the body why the calendar needed to be revised. She stated it was necessary to add one day to the fall academic calendar due to the requirement to celebrate Veterans' Day on November 11. Previously, this was a floating holiday for the campus and was used during the winter holiday break. There are two deadlines concerning the calendar: the catalog deadline and the housing department is ready to send housing contracts. Two items needed to be considered by the body. The calendar for 2006-2007 needs to be modified to start the semester one day earlier and the 2007-2008 calendar with the extra day needs to be approved by the Senate.

She discussed the choices the committee discussed for adding a day and the reasoning for adding it at the beginning of the semester. She informed the body that University Standards is now in charge of the academic calendar and if anyone has ideas for how to arrange the calendar in the future, they welcome that information.

Considerations were expressed about starting a day early in terms of the scholarship requirements for RTP.

It was discussed whether students would or could be compelled to attend class the day before Thanksgiving and issues concerning traveling safely at that time of year were mentioned.

Motion to waive the first reading. Second. Approved.

There was further discussion of the item, with various alternative suggestions offered and responses given by M. Jolly as to why they continued to request one day added at the beginning of the semester.

Question called. Second. Vote – Approved.

Vote on revision of Academic Calendar of 2006/2007 beginning August 18th and approval of Academic Calendar of 2007/2008 – Approved. 1 abstention.

Consultation Policies – First Reading - E. McDonald

E. McDonald introduced the items. Included in the item was an existing policy on Faculty Consultation in Budgetary Matters that Structure and Functions was asked to update. In that process the question of what consultation means came up. In researching consultation policies in the CSU, S&F came up with language defining consultation. In discussions with the President, it was concluded that the definition of consultation be a separate policy. She discussed the changes to the policy on Faculty Consultation in Budgetary matters and described the main points in the new policy on consultation. This presentation was interrupted to go to a time certain.

Revision to the Global Studies Major – P. Marker

P. Marker remarked that this curriculum revision was unanimously approved by EPC. The Senate Executive Committee had decided to put this as a business item as it was very complicated. He thanked Rheyna Laney for coming to the Senate to answer questions about the revisions.

R. Laney gave a brief overview of the revisions. The program has core requirements, basic areas and concentrations. The changes were focused in the basic areas with some changes in the concentrations. The other major change was the development of a Global Studies minor. It replaces the International Business minor.

There were questions and discussion about the program changes, particularly in regards to the language requirement.

Motion to waive first reading. Second. Discussion.

Question called on waiving the first reading. Second. Approved.

Vote on waiving the first reading. Approved.

Discussion continued as second reading.

Motion to divide the question. Second. Approved.

The body considered changes to the major. **Question called. Second. Approved.**

Vote on changes to the major – Approved.

The body considered the new minor in Global Studies. Discussion.

Question called. Second. Approved.

Vote on new minor in Global Studies. Approved.

Continuation of Consultation Policies – E. Stanny took over for E. McDonald

It was observed that the President did not actually chair or attend the President's Budgetary Advisory committee and it was questioned whether he would begin to do so as the policy states. The President responded that he would attend at his discretion and that the committee gives him recommendations.

It was pointed out that the language in the policy stated that the budget meetings were open to faculty which excluded staff and other community members. The makers of the policy did not intend such a reading and suggested changing it to all meetings "are open."

It was suggested that the PBAC, CRC and AABAC meeting dates be posted on the web.

First reading concluded.

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

L. Furukawa-Schlereth stated that information from the Chancellor's office on enrollment projections is wrong and he is working with the Chancellor's office to figure out the issue. He stated that the numbers he and the Provost have been using are the correct ones for SSU. He also said that the enrollment projections will change again due to a change in the marginal cost formula for graduate students.

The Chair asked how close the campus was to target. R. Bruce responded that we are 150 FTES short.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom