

Executive Committee Minutes
February 14, 2008
3:00 – 5:00, Sue Jameson Room

Present: Tim Wandling, Maria Hess, Susan Moulton, John Wingard, Robert McNamara, Eduardo Ochoa, Scott Miller, Edith Mendez, Karen Thompson, Thaine Stearns, Elaine Newman, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth

Absent: Art Warmoth, Ruben Armiñana

Guests: Steve Wilson, Paula Hammett, Eva Oliver, Whitney McClure, Nathan Rank, Rheyna Laney

Approval of Agenda – item added Constitutional amendment to use Senate election process for faculty referenda. Second. No objections. Time certain requested for the item on FYE. Approved.

Approval of Minutes of 11/1; 11/15; 12/6 – Approved.

Chair Report – T. Wandling

The Chair noted he has received a lot of email. He then commented on the Board of Trustee's response to the Statewide Senate's resolution regarding no confidence votes and could not understand that they thought his meeting with them in the summer constituted "dealing" with the issue. He had made it clear to Trustee Achtenburg that he thought a campus wide meeting was needed. He said he thought faculty needed to stay vigilant about the impact of budget cuts on the curriculum. He thought going about things as we have always done is not going to work this time. He was concerned about the students. He argued that if we don't have enough teachers to teach students, then we should teach fewer students. He said from his perspective, he would cut the bureaucracy first, but thought that the campus would see direct instruction cut first by losing lecturers. He thought it was the Senate leaders that needed to adamantly object if such a scenario is realized. He thought the Focus the Nation activities last week went very well and said he and S. Miller would put together a resolution commending Timothy Dondero for his efforts. He said it would be introduced after the sustainability resolution.

Presentation for SSU's Production of the Vagina Monologues – E. Oliver

E. Oliver introduced herself as the news editor of the STAR and said she appreciated the Executive Committee's time. She then eloquently described the Vagina Monologues production and the significance of V-Day. (<http://v10.vday.org/>) She asked to be able to speak to the Senate for support and endorsement of the production. There was some discussion about how the Senate could endorse the production. It was suggested that E. Oliver come the Senate and give the same presentation, and then it could be moved that the Senate endorse the production. *The body had no objection.*

Revision to RTP policy – M. Hess

M. Hess passed out FSAC's "read me" document draft and reported that, despite the concerns expressed last time at the Executive Committee, FSAC wants the RTP policy to go forward. They want to get all the concerns, suggestions, etc. at once at the Senate and then if needed they will work on it again as a chunk. They do not want to send it out for comment, work on it, send it out for comment, etc. They hope to have it on WebCT for two weeks. The Provost voiced his concerns about the current state of the document and noted that as it stands he didn't think he could recommend it to the President. His main issue was that there are disparate criteria being applied at various levels of the RTP process. There was considerable discussion. (*digital recording available on SSU-5 server or in Senate office*)

Time certain reached.

Geography/Global Studies revisions – T. Stearns and R. Laney

T. Stearns introduced the item. He noted he had the signature sheets in hand. There were three separate proposals. *Approved for Senate consent calendar.*

Return to Agenda – the EPC chair asked for a time certain for his report and an item from the Ad-Hoc committee was added to the agenda. No objection.

Provost Report – E. Ochoa

E. Ochoa spoke about the over enrollment for this year. He said the resident FTES is over 100 and the non-resident FTES is over 300. He discussed how this would be handled structurally. He noted additional enrollment does equal additional tuition and the university has turned 100% of the student fee revenue collected from the over enrollment to instruction. It has gone out to the Schools to mount additional sections. The rest of the campus did suffer additional workload. This means next year we have to shrink by 300 FTES. Once we shrink, that excess fee will disappear. It will be a wash. We are not setting a new base based on this year. We are going back to last year. He also reported on the CSU Academic Council meeting as well as the ACE national meeting in San Diego. In one of the sessions, Chancellor Reed was extremely passionate about access to higher education for underserved communities and blasted NYU for going to Dubai while ignoring Harlem. He thought it was a Chancellor some would have been surprised to see. From the Academic Council, he learned that every campus is scaling back in anticipation of the budget cuts. The Chair asked if the CS codes were policy. Can the Deans ignore that? How does it relate to academic planning in departments? The Provost responded that the CS codes are no longer policy. They used to be part of the orange book. The only reason they are still used is that there was no other quantified method of benchmarking workload, so people held on to it as a reference point. The Chair then asked for the Provost to bring to AABAC some sense of how many of each type of course we might be able to do. To plan in the departments, they need "terra firma." The Provost said there is no systemwide policy. A member then asked about the cancelled faculty searches and said that it will take years to make up for that. On one

hand we're saying yes, we can survive these cuts and yet we're arguing to the Legislature that we can't. The Provost said yes, the member was describing the schizophrenia the CSU is feeling accurately.

University 150 (FYE) – T. Stearns

T. Stearns said EPC voted 7 to 2 that University 150 be approved as a permanent course at its current size. He noted that Nathan Rank was available to answer questions and John Kornfeld would be at the Senate. A member of APC said that some on APC argued that an assessment needed to be done of the impact on other programs before it was approved as a permanent course. Others on APC thought that assessment is coming in the GE assessment that the GE subcommittee described to them and so it would be taken care of. The issue was about permanency and the budget cuts. The Chair said he was troubled that APC did not vote on it. He had hoped both recommendations by EPC and APC would be available for the Senate. The EPC chair noted that from that committee's perspective, they are following the curriculum guide which states that pilot courses can be offered for two years and then must be brought through faculty governance for permanency. He reviewed the Senate resolution on FYE and argued that the resolution was being fulfilled.

(<http://www.sonoma.edu/Senate/Resolutions/res2yearFYE.html>). He was not sure this should be slowed down as a course. He then asked for a time certain for the EPC report at the Senate so the Chair of the GE subcommittee could report on the assessment activities of that committee. A member asked why APC did not vote. The member of APC reviewed the issues raised in APC and said their discussion was not completed. The Chair asked APC to attempt to vote between the first and second readings of FYE at the Senate. The Provost remarked that he supported EPC's position and would commit to keeping FYE at its current level as GE reform assigns it a role. Funding concerns were raised. Praise for the assessment portion of FYE was voiced. The Chair of the GE subcommittee described their process of GE assessment and said that in the future there will be regular assessment of GE and as such FYE would fall under that and remain as long as it was appropriate. Courses do come and go.

The Chair asked the body to consider whether to put this on the Senate agenda as the meeting continued.

EPC report – T. Stearns

T. Stearns reported on the Singapore program. He noted the email correspondence initiated by the new Dean of Extended Education and he spoke to R. Laney who felt that the program has been "kaboshed" by the Dean of Extended Ed. He also reported on an August intersession and asked for guidance about how EPC should think about that in terms of the academic calendar and year round operations. The Chair thought it would be popular among faculty. A member said they needed specific information about what courses could be offered during an intersession. There was more discussion about the issues surrounding such an intercession. The Chair asked the Provost to ask the Dean of Extended Ed to send his proposal about a August intercession to the appropriate faculty governance committees, such as EPC

and APC. Members also wanted to know why the Singapore program was axed. The Provost said the new Dean made an assessment of his area and noted various aspects of the proposal that did not seem viable to him. The Provost thought the issues he brought up were compelling. He noted resistance from other departments as well. The EPC chair said R. Laney thought if she didn't have the support of the Dean of Extended Ed, she wouldn't keep pursuing it. He also noted that two departments had voiced concern about the program and eleven departments supported it.

Ad-Hoc Committee Strategies document – S. Moulton

S. Moulton introduced the document commenting that much of it was written by C. Nelson. The document attempted to delineate what issues were involved in the no confidence vote and provided a list of strategies that could now be referred to appropriate bodies. A member suggested having the appropriate body for referral after each bullet point. The Chair noted that C. Nelson had resigned from the committee and another member will need to be elected at the Senate. A member offered grammatical edits. The Provost said that the document was a far-reaching proposal to change the administration of the university and makes it appear that the Senate runs the university, since it does not recommend that the President do something. There was a discussion that the word strategy should be remedies and that the language of the document ask the Senate to endorse the remedies. There was discussion about the charge of the Ad-Hoc committee and whether the Ad-Hoc committee was done with its work. The Provost reiterated that he thought the document should recommend to the President. The Chair asked the body to put the document on the agenda with the proviso that "strategy" be replaced with "remedy" and to insure that we are not asking the Senate to do something that it cannot do.

Senate Agenda

There was discussion about the agenda and what items would go forward to the Senate. The outcome was as follows. The Chair also said that he would put a beginning and end time on all second readings this semester. *There were no objections.* The meeting was extended by five minutes to finish the agenda. The Chair asked to refer the Blood Bank resolution to SAC and the Associated Students and then have it come back to the Executive Committee. The Vice President noted he could report on the Governor's budget and the latest audit report. The Chair asked to put the new resolution on CIHS from the Ad-Hoc committee and the letters received from former CIHS employees on to the next Executive Committee agenda.

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Senate - Tim Wandling

Correspondences

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes 10/25; 11/8; 11/29; 12/13 and 2/7/08

Geography/Global Studies: Revision to Existing Programs - attachments

INFORMATION ITEM: CO Response to Statewide Resolutions

➤ Update on WASC

BUSINESS

1. Request for endorsement of SSU presentation of the Vagina Monologues – E. Oliver T. C. 3:15
2. Revision to RTP policy – First Reading – M. Hess - attachment T. C. 3:45
3. University 150 (FYE) – First Reading – T. Stearns- attachment T. C. 4:00
4. Remedy recommendations to the Academic Senate in response to the Spring 2007 No Confidence vote – First Reading - attachment – S. Moulton (Ad-Hoc committee) T.C. 4:30
5. Sustainability Resolution – Second Reading – A. Warmoth – attachment T. C. 4:45
6. Course Outline Policy revision – First Reading – M. Hess – (2/7 agenda)
7. APC recommendation: Schools to Colleges – Second Reading (11/8 agenda)
8. TESL Discontinuance – Second Reading – T. Stearns – attachment (12/13 agenda)

Time certains were given to the Associated Student report and the EPC report.

Approved.

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström