

# Academic Senate Meeting

## MINUTES

February 22, 2001

### Abstract

Agenda and Minutes approved. Mayor Jake MacKenzie of Rohnert Park addressed the Senate. Motion to create the Senate Budget Advisory Committee approved. Resolution for Vote of No Confidence in Chancellor Reed and substitute motion presented by P. McGough tabled until next Senate meeting. Responses given to the "The CSU at the Beginning of the 21st Century: Achieving the Highest Levels of Quality and Meeting the Needs of California" document. Reports from Provost, Chair-Elect, SAC and APC.

Present: P. McGough, R. Luttmann, A. Merrifield, L. Brooks, P. Phillips, S. McKillop, W. Poe, W. Boda, D. Hammond, E. Martinez, T. Wandling, H. LaMoreaux, V. Garlin, S. Tiwari, E. Mendez, T. Nolan, R. McNamara, C. Merrill, C. Nelson, P. Marker, R. L. Thomas, S. Miller, B. Goldstein, E. Carlson, S. Pridmore, J. Filp, S. Heft, M. Dreisbach, S. Moulton

Absent: R. Armiñana, M. Rattigan

Guests: Mayor Jake MacKenzie, J. Hunt, E. Sundberg, R. Coleman-Senghor

Proxies: T.K. Clarke for D. Dove, D. Poland for D. Trowbridge, S. Gutierrez for R. Deorsey, D. Harris for L. Furukawa-Schlereth

Meeting began at 3:10

Guest Jake MacKenzie was asked to speak first to the assembled Senate.

### **Mayor Jake MacKenzie of Rohnert Park.**

The mayor gave a short description of his background. He is an agricultural scientist, who did his undergraduate work at Edinburgh University in Scotland and Graduate work in Oregon. His interests are primarily in pesticides and pesticides use. He has worked with R. Luttmann in the past on bicycle committee as well as other political issues in Rohnert Park. He ran his campaign with no outside money and sees himself as an environmental advocate.

He brought a map of Rohnert Park and used it to discuss the city's boundaries and reasons for some unusual shapes to the boundaries. Rohnert Park is the densest city in Sonoma County and has the highest number of multiple family residences. It is the 5th least affordable housing in US. Houses built in 1958-1962 are now selling for over \$250,000. SSU Students have been in dialog with city council about the housing problem in Rohnert Park and are actively working towards a Renter's Bill of Rights.

The Mayor came to the Senate to establish a dialogue with the faculty. Contacts have been made already with SSU administration and students. Mayor MacKenzie would like to establish relationship with faculty senate as well and hopes to visit again.

The Green Music Center will have an impact on traffic. Petaluma Road will not become a four lane highway. Alternative routes out of RP are being explored. He expects Hwy 101 to be widened and foresees the possibility of light rail on the railroad lines.

He hopes dialogue will continue between Rohnert Park and SSU in terms of growth issues for both parties. We need to work together or we are headed for disaster.

Floor opened for questions for the Mayor.

P. Phillips - Is Rohnert Park in line with low cost housing requirements?

J. MacKenzie - We are arguing over fair share numbers with ABAG. We want 500 more housing units over next 5 years, ABAG wants considerably more. If our housing plan is not approved, we believe we will be sued locally. We are not in compliance technically at the moment.

S. Pridmore - The Renter's Rights proposal we are developing will be brought to SRJC students and then before city councils.

J. MacKenzie - We are working on a housing ordinance that would require 15% low income units for developments. We are working to amend the general plan and through this housing ordinance that low income housing will be built at the same time as market housing.

T. Wandling - Bicycling and walking is difficult in Rohnert Park due to city layout.

J. MacKenzie - Yes, we need to make things more walkable and bikeable.

R. Luttman - We are looking at diversity issues on our campus. How might Rohnert Park look upon this project?

J. MacKenzie - Rohnert Park is not as diverse as other communities in Bay Area, but this is changing. Walking precincts can really let you see your community. People of different cultures living in Rohnert Park are increasing, but still "white bread" society. There are points of friction often between police officers and community. He hopes people from SSU going out into community will be treated in a fair and welcoming manner. If this is not what is happening, he wants to know and wants city manager to know of any complaints.

E. Carlson - Thank you for your work with the students.

J. MacKenzie - Thanks for having me here.

Correspondences. No correspondences were received.

Consent Items:

**Approval of the Agenda- MSP *Approved***

**Approval of Minutes - MSP *Approved***

## **BUSINESS**

### **SECOND READING: Senate Budget Committee proposal (packet of 2/8).**

P. McGough began the discussion by stating that the point of the Senate budget committee is to look at the budgetary big picture for instructional programs. One primary focus might be what happens when growth money comes to campus.

Thereafter a discussion took place which demonstrated general support for the creation of the subcommittee, but also offered a variety of amendments to proposal.

**E. Martinez - Called the question which passed.**

**Amendment voting proceeded as follows:**

**That the Senate Budget subcommittee be a subcommittee of the Senate, not the Executive Committee - *Approved***

**That knowledgeable about budgetary matters, tenure or tenure track be deleted and change at-large members be elected by the faculty rather than appointed - *Approved***

After more discussion which clarified the subcommittee's status as a subcommittee and not a standing committee and its probable permanence, **C. Merrill moved to call the question. *Approved.***

### **Final Motion:**

**The Structures and Functions Committee recommends that the Senate create a new committee to be known as the Academic Senate Budget Advisory Committee. This committee would be a subcommittee of the Senate.**

**Its charge: To inform and educate the Senate and its committees on an ongoing basis regarding the University's budget process and current budget allocations; to review the University's budget, budget process, and budget allocations, and to make recommendations to the Senate and its committees on academic and instructional priorities making claim on the University's budget.**

**Membership shall be: The Chair of the Faculty; the Chair-Elect of the Faculty; the Chair of APC or designee; the Chair of EPC or designee; and three other members elected by the faculty for staggered three-year terms.**

**MSP - *Approved***

**SECOND READING: Resolution of No Confidence in Chancellor Reed - Peter Phillips (packet of 2/8)**

**P. Phillips - Please note the revised edition in your packet to be accepted as friendly amendment to original resolution - MSP - *Approved***

P. Phillips - He asked people to think about experiences with the FAR, the state of strike last year, opposition to FMI, gossip in house about FMI. This is a long term problem. Merit pay is destructive and counterproductive to academic life. Chancellor Reed has offered no compromise - CFA offered the RTP process to replace FMI and was rejected. If we accept this then we've diminished the wholeness of the faculty. It is time to collectively say we have no confidence in our Chancellor.

**P. McGough presented a Substitute Motion which was Moved and Seconded.**

P. McGough -The Chancellor did a terrible job implementing FMI. But he feels Peter's resolution is a declaration of war and could have bad repercussions on our campus. Stanislaus is the only campus that supports Stanislaus' resolution on no confidence, no other have passed it that he knows of. This substitute resolution focuses on what I think we want.

W. Boda - There is a difference between attacking merit pay and attacking a person. Supports substitute resolution.

A. Merrifield - Against substitute resolution - other campus have passed other resolutions - Monterey Bay is an example. This problem is created by the imposition of a contract once again. P. Phillips' complaint is about leadership - we need better leadership. It is not accurate that others than Chancellor Reed brought this about. Does not see this as declaration of war. There is a long history of universities voting no confidence.

C. Merrill - Incorrect that other campuses have passed similar resolutions.

**P. Marker moved to adjourn due to time considerations. MS - *Failed***

**S. Heft moved to table both resolutions until next meeting so that S. McKillop's agenda item would get time. MSP- *Approved***

R. Luttman will keep speakers list for next meeting.

**Responses to "The CSU at the Beginning of the 21st Century: Achieving the Highest Levels of Quality and Meeting the Needs of California."**

**V. Garlin and S. McKillop asked for a Motion for committee of the whole to discuss this document - MSP *Approved***

S. McKillop - Please email comments to me if you are not prepared to give them here.

R. Luttmann - This is an excellent document. Commends those who created it. There is important data in here. It presents cogent cases for problems we are facing. Everyone should read it - Chancellor, Trustees, Legislature. There is nothing to hide or apologize for in there. Suggestion to soften the tone and clarify one graph.

A. Merrifield - The short timeline shows contempt for faculty.

S. Moulton - Ordering of item shows an implicit prioritization. Look at the audience to set priorities.

S. Heft - Agrees that this is an excellent document.

L. Brooks - What items in this document might not be appropriate go to the Legislature?

S. McKillop - Perhaps not bring up FERP's, five years to retire may seem too long to them. Also the document itself may be too long. Again, please send emails and your comments will be taken to the next statewide meeting.

## **REPORTS**

1. President of the University (R. Armiñana) - No report.

2. Provost/Vice President, Academic Affairs (B. Goldstein)

Saturday, March 10th is set for the Diversity Retreat. An email is going out to all university employees inviting them to attend. We plan to develop a vision for diversity for this campus that has some clout behind it.

3. Vice President/ Admin. and Finance (L. Furukawa-Schlereth) - No report

4. President of the Associated Students (E. Carlson) - No report

5. Chair-Elect of the Senate (R. Luttmann)

Election update - 35% of ballots have been return so far. Please send in ballots in by noon Friday. A Proposal to add at-large lecturers to the Senate will be coming to you.

6. Statewide Senators (S. McKillop, P. Phillips) - No report

7. Chairs, Standing Committees (Moulton, Filp, Heft, Dreisbach,)

M. Dreisbach- SAC plans to have the student grievance procedures completed July 1.

S. Moulton - APC will be starting with few selected programs to look at teaching loads and their impact on department.

Items from the Floor: None

Good of the Order:

A. Merrifield- Wanted to make sure that it is clear he is not impuning P. McGough by not supporting his substitute resolution.

**Adjournment MSP 5:24**

*Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom*