

Senate Executive Committee
February 11, 2016
3:00 – 5:00, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Abstract

Agenda approved. Minutes of 1/28 approved. Vice Chair Report. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report. Vice President of Student Affairs Report. EPC Report. CFA Report. Associated Students Report. Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status - approved for Senate consent calendar. Jump-Starting the Academic Planning, Assessment and Resources (APARC) committee. Appropriate actions responding to SETE discussion at Senate – referral to FSAC. Potential implications of strike dates for faculty governance. CSU CFP for affordable textbook/materials postponed to next meeting. Continued discussion of electronic agenda. Senate agenda approved. Good of the Order.

Present: Tom Targett, Carmen Works, Michaela Grobbel, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Andrew Rogerson, Brandon Mercer, Deborah Roberts, Sam Brannen, Elaine Newman, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Laura Watt, Ruben Armiñana

Absent: Ron Lopez, Ed Beebout, Richard J. Senghas

Guest: Jason Wenrick

(The Vice Chair, Carmen Works chaired this meeting as Richard J. Senghas was attending the Statewide Council of Senate Chairs meeting.)

Agenda – Approved.

Minutes of 1/28 – Approved.

Chair Report – C. Works

C. Works said she had not received a report from Richard.

President Report – R. Armiñana

No report.

Provost Report – A. Rogerson

No report.

Statewide Senator Report – D. Roberts

No report.

Vice Chair Report – C. Works

C. Works noted that the new committee – APARC was approved. She reported that two faculty were identified for the search for the AVP of Academic Programs – herself and Lauren Morimoto. She said L. Ogg had visited S&F to talk about the Distinguished Alumni Committee, and it was decided that the Chair of the Faculty would serve on that committee. A member voiced concern about the possible increased workload on the Chair of the Faculty.

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

L. Furukawa-Schlereth reported that Peter Neville was retiring at the end of June. They had decided to hire a manager of the Recreation Center and hire a full time person to oversee Veteran's Affairs. He and the Provost were talking about in which group a Veteran's Affairs would best "fit." The first thought was to put the Veteran's Affairs officer in Financial Aid as so many of the issues were financial in nature. A member asked how many students were veterans. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said he thought it was less than a hundred. However, working with veterans issues is very time consuming. A member suggested that Veteran's Affairs be housed in Advising. The Provost thought Veteran's Affairs would coordinate with many offices and his understanding was that the bulk of the work had to do with the money and requirements coming from the Federal government.

Vice President of Student Affairs Report – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips reported on the progress of the Dream Center. A draft proposal would be out soon for people to react to and for vetting. It would go to SDS, SAC and Associated Students and the Dreamers Club. Once it was final, it would go to the Cabinet. A member asked about the report at the Senate about the students on probation and/or disqualified, and that a high number of them were Latino/a. The Provost said the issue was referred to the Graduation Initiative Group.

EPC Report – L. Watt

L. Watt reported they did have the public hearing for the discontinuances of two concentrations in Kinesiology. She had received more comment after the hearings and was attempting to "sort out" what to do with that.

CFA Report – E. Newman

E. Newman reported that the strike dates had been finalized now – April 13 – 19th. She described all the organizing happening and was glad to see faculty support. She noted Students for Quality Education were passing around a flyer focused on student concerns. A member asked what the email from S. Kashack meant by the phrase "classes will be covered appropriately." The President said everyone was following manuals and that phrase had come from the manual that was issued to all CSU campuses. A member noted she had heard from students that they were confused by that phrasing.

Associated Students Report – B. Mercer

B. Mercer reported that the application period for students to run for student government was almost over. Soon, they would start the election process. A member asked about the last AS meeting. B. Mercer said they cancelled the Senate meeting and held an open forum. The primary discussion was about Lobovision and how it was funded. R. Ernst was there to answer questions. There was discussion about student club chartering and the faculty strike. He said they would do this again as it was very productive. A member asked how to address the student Senate regarding the faculty strike. B. Mercer responded that Bianca Rose was the person to contact. A member asked if there was more information on the open SETEs resolution. B. Mercer said the CSSA passed that resolution on January 24th. He offered to send the resolution to the members. A member asked about the relationship between Associated Student and CSSA. B. Mercer said CSSA was made up of representatives from all the campuses, typically the Associated Students Presidents. CSSA is located at the Chancellor's office and has staff. Students pay a \$2 fee to fund CSSA.

Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status

The list of faculty eligible for emeritus status was approved for the Senate's consent calendar. Those included were Jean Chan, Patricia Hansen, Mira-Lisa Katz, Walter Rohwedder, Catherine Wynia, and Marguerite St. German.

Jump-Starting the Academic Planning, Assessment and Resources (APARC) committee – C. Works

C. Works said S&F was talking about the best way to get APARC started. They hoped all the Schools would hold their elections soon. Once the committee is elected, they were thinking they could meet once in the Spring to prioritize what they want to discuss. She asked the members about a chair for the committee – should the committee elect, should someone run as chair or should a chair be selected. Members preferred that the committee select a chair. A member suggested that they stagger terms first thing in the fall.

Appropriate actions responding to SETE discussion at Senate

C. Works noted that there was quite a bit of discussion at the Senate and this item was meant to discuss where to continue the discussion. She expressed the opinion that Rate My Professor did not seem legal and that she did not have a rate my student site that would prejudge people before a class. A member agreed and noted research on the gender bias in the SETEs. A member noted her department was seeing a huge drop in response rates for SETEs after going electronic and low numbers of responses made the SETEs meaningless. B. Mercer offered that Cal Poly SLO had gone this route. A member suggested that the Ex Com could fashion their own resolution in response to this issue. A member, playing devil's advocate, noted the prevalence of reading reviews currently and that, perhaps open SETEs should be looked at that way. A member responded that the analogy broke down in this case because students were being looked at as customers. Members wanted more information about campuses that have open SETEs before proceeding with a

resolution. A member voiced concern that gender bias in SETEs made an argument for not using SETEs in the RTP process at all. A member argued that it was not easy to assess effective teaching, especially when challenging work may be very effective. A member suggested that faculty could let the students know what they are about, but that would not be used in RTP and not be “the chili pepper” in the corner. There was discussion about chili peppers used on Rate My Professor. The topic was referred to FSAC to consider a resolution in response to CSSA and/or decide how to deal with the distribution of SETEs since they must be used. It was clarified that the contract required SETEs, but what the SETEs were was up to the campus. There was general frivolity at one of end of the table. They were mesmerized by Rate My Professor.

Potential implications of strike dates for faculty governance

C. Works said that if a committee did not have a quorum, they could not make any decisions on business items. There was discussion about cancelling the Senate and other committees during the strike dates. There was a suggestion that the Senate write a resolution in support of the strike. It was noted that committee meetings could not be cancelled due to the fact that some faculty may choose not to strike and governance could not take that work away from them. The CFA President requested specific language regarding whether faculty governance could cancel meetings. There was discussion about whether a meeting could be cancelled if the Chair of the committee knew quorum would not be met. The Analyst noted that quorum was only needed if a vote was needed or business needed to be approved. C. Works offered to talk to M. Barnard and R. Senghas to clarify if meetings could be cancelled during the strike.

CSU CFP for affordable textbook/materials

A member noted that in the previous semester they heard that several faculty received funding to print or deliver digital materials to lower the cost of textbooks. This appeared to be another call for faculty. **Motion to postpone to next meeting. Second.** The Provost read out an email he received and said he would send it to the Senate Analyst. (*this was forwarded to the Ex Com*) It was clarified that this program was targeted to disciplines that had to update textbooks every year. **Motion withdrawn.** A member asked what the money could be used for. The Provost responded that the email said there was a conference about how to get the \$50,000. **Motion to postpone to next meeting pending more information. Second. Approved.** It was noted that all the information was included in AB 798. http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB798

Continued discussion of electronic agenda

C. Works asked for any more thoughts about completely electronic agendas for the Ex Com. A member appreciated the entire agenda being in one pdf. A member thought it worked well with not too many documents and appreciated a paper copy when it was a long document. It was noted that videos were sent to show how to annotate on a computer or a tablet. C. Works asked J. Wenrick about getting iPads

for use of faculty governance. He said once there was proof of concept, he was ready to move forward. Another model suggested was a hybrid where some members could have printed copies and some could use electronic. A member said she was delighted to go completely electronic. A member suggested that those who want paper copies, should print them. A member suggested a wait and see attitude to determine if the quality of work remained the same at the Ex Com before moving to the entire Senate.

Senate agenda

AGENDA

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

Consent Items: Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status - attached

BUSINESS

1. Revision to the Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion policy – Second Reading – P. Hammett, E. Beebout – *Please bring your agenda from 2/4*

Good of the Order

A member noted the great article about the discovery of gravity waves on the SSU website. He characterized the discovery as imaging that everything in the universe is based on light and the only sense you have is sight and then suddenly you hear a sound. While that sound will not change the world, it's the first step to developing that sense. <http://www.sonoma.edu/newscenter/2016/02/gravitational-waves-detected-100-years-after-einsteins-prediction.html>.

Adjourned.

Minutes prepared by L. Holmstrom-Keyes