

Senate Executive Committee Minutes

April 22, 2010

3:00 – 5:00, Sue Jameson Room

Abstract

Agenda amended and approved. Minutes of 3/4/10 and 3/18/10 approved. Correspondence received from alumni regarding no confidence vote. President Report. Provost Report. Revision to the Biology Minor approved for Senate consent calendar. Move of Organizational Development from Psychology to Hutchins approved for Senate consent calendar. Chair-Elect Report. Vice President of Administrative and Finance Report. Vice President of SAEM Report. CFA Report. APC Report. FSAC Report. Associated Students Report. Diversity Recommendations Survey Report approved for Senate agenda. Senate Agenda approved.

Present: Susan Moulton, Derek Girman, Margaret Purser, Ruben Armiñana, Art Warmoth, Deb Kindy, Sam Brannen, Richard Senghas, John Wingard, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Eduardo Ochoa, Andy Merrifield, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Scott Miller

Guests: Jenny Tice, Richard Whitkus, Debora Hammond, Kia Kolderup-Lane

Approval of Agenda – items added Moving of Organizational Development to Hutchins; Report on Diversity Recommendations Survey; Representation on Administrative Appointment Committee policy revision – *Approved*.

Minutes of 3/4 and 3/18 – *Approved*.

Correspondence – a letter from previous ASI Presidents, new alumni, regarding the no confidence vote. The Chair also noted it was Earth Day.

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana noted there was a travel warning for Mexico and all members of the CSU community required specific approval by the Chancellor to travel to Mexico. He thought the Western Psychological Society meeting was being held in Cancun and they found people applying too late. He clarified that it was for people traveling on CSU business. He noted that people who brought equipment across the border to help with the earthquake had trouble on both sides of the border. He reported that the gap in the State budget was still about \$20 billion dollars and revenues were up about \$1.2 billion. He said the Legislative Analyst Office was recommending that the CSU not be given the \$305 million. They argued that the CSU should get \$149 million with the proviso that the money would fund 20,000 additional FTE. He then spoke about the last 10% of the stimulus money and the maneuvering going on. He thought the Governor would give back the \$255 million that he took from higher education, however, the question was how it would come back. It might not come back to the base. It could come back as one-time money with some of it being attributed to the stimulus money. He spoke about the Federal Government's discussions about more stimulus money to the states for education. He noted in many states there were layoffs in K-12. He discussed why California might not be eligible for additional stimulus money unless the bill being proposed changed its language a bit. He said the earliest there could be a general education bond would be November of 2012. If that comes to pass, SSU was in the bond for \$77,000 for planning money for the Business and Education building. In capital projects, it was expected that growth would happen again in the 2015/16 year. The growth would be 2% and differentiated by the size of the campus. These ideas were just for planning purposes. He spoke about a presentation made by Richard Katz in 2006, who was part of Educause, that projected what the year 2020 would look like in higher education and technology.

Katz predicted the dissolution of most universities as we know them today, with only a few universities with face-to-face interaction. There would be a standardized curriculum and faculty would be represented by agents, like sports players. The President said he did not agree with the projection, but was seeing some of it. He talked about a film he had seen that shows how technology was adapted. (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQHXSjgQvQ>)

The CFA President said he was at a meeting with the Board of Governors of a small elite liberal arts college and a member had talked about the future of higher education. He had some agreement with Katz, but not much. He thought that technology would free up upper division students to have smaller sections again. He also thought the system would be revolutionized.

Provost Report – E. Ochoa

E. Ochoa reported back on the Executive Committee's request for reassigned time for '10 – '11. He had plotted the assigned time request against the FTES and faculty governance assigned time for all the campuses. He discussed the results and concluded that SSU was an outlier from most other campuses. He also discussed the change in reassigned time request when moving from units to courses. He said it was context for what his office would ultimately decide to do. Highlights of the discussion: if it was bad to be high in units for our faculty governance reassigned time, that the data showed SSU was inefficient in its use of resources for faculty governance, and questioning the use of FTES as the measure. Time certain reached.

Revision to the Biology Minor – R. Whitkus

R. Whitkus introduced the item and described it as a bookkeeping change. It had been approved at all levels so far. **Motion for item to be on the Senate's consent calendar. Second. *Approved.***

Return to Provost Report

The CFA rep argued that since SSU faculty were the lowest paid in the CSU, the actual cost of the release time may be less than other CSUs. He thought it was better to look at a larger picture. The Provost responded that his office was using a systematic approach to guide allocations using the other CSUs to benchmark specific criteria. He was asking the committee to reflect on whether this was the best use of resources. The use of FTES as the variable was questioned. It was suggested to look at what committees do and how much release time they have on all the campuses to determine what would be a sustainable organization for faculty governance.

Move of Organizational Development from Psychology to Hutchins – D. Hammond

D. Hammond introduced the item and provided a brief summary of the reasons for the move of the program. It was noted there were no curricular changes, only that the degree would be a masters in Organizational Development instead of Psychology. She noted some time sensitive issues. **It was approved for the Senate's consent calendar.**

Chair-Elect Report – J. Wingard

J. Wingard reported on a call that recently went out for faculty for the Core Implementation Group of the Graduation Initiative. S. Moulton said she had gotten a message from a member of ERFA (Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association) asking for emeritus representation on the Senate.

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

L. Furukawa-Schlereth verified that the Athletics fiscal report was on the Senate agenda for the next week. He asked if the Senate was interested in the internal audit statements. He thought by the next week, materials would be up on the web to promote more financial transparency and described what would be posted there. (<http://www.sonoma.edu/afd/home/transreport.html>) He noted there might be some controversy with the Associated Students Productions contracts. He talked about whether the campus should continue to do stand alone financial statements. He said he was leaning toward continuing them and asked for feedback about whether they should continue yearly or every three years. He talked about the campus conversation with the San Francisco Symphony and their interest in using the Green Music Center. He commented on the proposal from the Mayor of Cotati to partner on the Smart Train initiative. He noted that the Provost and Vice President of SAEM were successfully working towards the campus' first Fulbright Fellow. The Chair asked about the residential confirmation deposits and L. Furukawa-Schlereth said the residential confirmation deposits were down, but the enrollment confirmation deposits were not, so it was a bit confusing. A member pointed out the difference in the amount of the two deposits.

Vice President of SAEM Report – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips said SAEM would be having 437 transfer students for orientation this year. He thanked the faculty for their help with advising. He talked about the freshman class and how closely they were watching the enrollment deposits. Of the transfer class, most were coming from the local area. The Chair asked for the schedule to be online sooner to help with advising. M. Lopez-Phillips noted that a key person in that area was seriously ill and they were working on setting up backup systems. The President noted a bill in the legislature that would create an AA transfer degree. The Chair said this was brought up as part of the graduation initiative. The CFA rep said that the Chancellor did not go through faculty governance with this idea. M. Lopez-Phillips asked the Chair-Elect for two faculty from AMCS and WGS for the CCGS Advisory committee. He spoke about two student life positions that they were hiring. He noted that the Associated Students voted electronically this year and increased their voter turnout. A member said he had heard a rumor that the Board of Trustees had voted to remove remediation from the CSU by 2012. The President said he did not think it was that absolute and steps were being taken to have students do their remediation before they come to the CSU.

CFA Report – A. Merrifield

A. Merrifield gave most of his time to Kia Kolderup-Lane of Students for Quality Education. He said CFA was concerned about threats against Senator Yee who was asking for more transparency in public education. Ms. Kolderup-Lane brought the SQE idea for a campus action to CFA and CFA thought it was appropriate to bring it to the Executive Committee. Ms. Kolderup-Lane noted that there had been an attack on an Associated Students President on another campus and after conferring with many other groups, SQE wanted to have SSU come together opposing hate crimes. They proposed that on May 5th everyone wear black to show that hate crimes would not be tolerated at SSU. They proposed to have a table set up to sign a commitment to stand up to hate. She said this would show that the community was coming together. She asked the President, Provost and CFO for their endorsement.

The President said he thought the report from Chico that she spoke of was not quite accurate. He said he had spoken to the President of Chico who said that even though the student was badly beaten, it didn't appear to be a hate crime, but rather a case of being at the wrong place at the wrong time. The student himself was not going to report the incident as a hate crime. The President then said he had no problem signing the commitment card. Ms. Kolderup-Lane remarked that she had heard racial slurs were used during the crime. She still wanted to have the event as other things have happened in the CSU and she didn't want them to happen here.

Members of the committee voiced their concern about the date of the event as it was also Cinco de Mayo. Ms. Kolderup-Lane said they were well aware of that and were in discussion with MECHA about it. Members clearly asked that SQE look for another date. The Vice President of SAEM invited Ms. Kolderup-Lane to meet with him for more assistance.

APC Report – A. Warmoth

A. Warmoth reported on the JCAP meeting that morning. They heard reports from the Core Implementation Group and the Curriculum and Innovation Workgroup. There was general agreement to extend the student feedback survey another week. He noted the main agenda of the Curriculum and Innovation Workgroup was to make sure there was not diminution of the quality of the curriculum as the graduation initiative proceeded. He reported that some strategic investments would be needed to flesh out the graduation initiative and discussed the thinking and focuses of the Curriculum Workgroup. He noted the group was seriously considering meeting in the summer.

FSAC Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas said that they found out that the topic of RTP was in a workshop and no one was there from URTP. He asked that any workshops that include RTP information have a representative from URTP there. He discussed the letter that will be going out from FSAC about RTP deadlines. The CFA rep asked about the selection of SETE's for RTP documents and noted that the contract stated that two SETE's will be selected by the candidates. If Departments want to add to that, they have to have a department meeting, include any lecturers, agree to do more than the contract states and put it in writing.

Associated Students Report – J. Tice

J. Tice reported on the results of the recent Associated Students elections. She noted that the Earth Day festival was a great success. She encouraged the members to let their students know about the feedback survey. The AS 2010-2011 budget was coming before their Senate. She then spoke about the letter from the alumni regarding the no confidence resolution and how the AS was thinking about it and what she personally thought about it. She did not think it was a good idea for the Senate to pursue the matter. The Chair praised J. Tice for her strong commitment to student government and her incredible service on faculty governance committees. J. Tice talked about how much she appreciated her time at SSU.

Diversity Recommendations ranking survey results – L. Holmström Vega

L. Holmström Vega reminded the members that the Senate's Ad Hoc Diversity committee provided the Senate with 24 recommendations about how to improve diversity efforts on campus. The Senate asked the committee to rank the recommendations. The Ad-Hoc committee then approached L. Holmström Vega to do a survey of the entire campus to rank the recommendations. She passed out the report of the findings. **It was approved for the Senate agenda.**

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Senate - Susan Moulton

Correspondences

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Revision to Biology minor – emailed
Move of Organizational Development program to Hutchins – emailed

Special Report: Athletics Fiscal Report – L. Furukawa-Schlereth T. C. 3:30

BUSINESS (*in time certain order*)

1. Resolution applauding the Recognition of Norooz by the U.S. House of Representatives – First Reading – S. Brannen – (*4/15 agenda*) T. C. 3:45
2. Results of Diversity Recommendations Survey – attached – L. Holmström Vega T. C. 3:55
3. Resolution to Hold a Referendum of No Confidence in the Financial Management of Sonoma State University and a Call for the Resignations of President Ruben Armiñana and CFO/VP for Administration and Finance, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth – Second Reading – (*4/15 agenda*) – N. Byrne T. C. 4:15

Approved.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by L. Holmström Vega