

Academic Senate Minutes

August 30, 2012

3:00 – 4:30, Commons

Abstract

Approval of Agenda. Approval of Minutes. Chair Report. Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status approved. Crash Course in Robert's Rules. Resolution Endorsing Academic Senate CSU (ASCSU) Resolution AS-3090-12/EX Support of Proposition 30 on the November 2012 Ballot approved. Provost Report. Vice Chair Report. Chief Student Affairs Officer Report. Associate Students Report. Statewide Senators Report. APC Report. EPC Report. FASC Report. CFA Report. Good of the Order. Group photo.

Present: Margaret Purser, Richard Senghas, Ben Ford, Maria Hess, Catherine Nelson, Brian Wilson, Michaela Grobbel, Sam Brannen, Birch Moonwomon, Helmut Wautischer, Jim Robison, Marco Calavita, John Palmer, Terry Lease, Karen Brodsky, Jean Chan, Sharon Cabaniss, Matty Mookerjee, Noel Byrne, Laura Watt, Lena McQuade, Michael Pinkston, Sandra Shand, Marisa Thigpen, Edie Brown, Andrew Rogerson, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Andy Merrifield, Anthony Gallino, Deborah Roberts, Armand Gilinsky, Viki Montera, Karen Thompson

Absent: Parissa Tadrissi, Ed Beebout, Merlin Hanauer, Tom Buckley, Ruben Arminana, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth

Proxy: Dolores Bainter for Mary Beth Hull

Guests: Elaine Sundberg, Melinda Barnard

Approval of Agenda – approved

Approval of Minutes of 5/10/12 – approved

Chair's Report – M. Purser

M. Purser noted she was receiving 35 emails per 20 minutes segments of her day. She would try to sort out what was important for the Senate. She noted the conversations begun last year would continue in the Faculty Center. An email had gone out with the dates. She noted that both the Mayor of Rohnert Park and the Mayor of Cotati would visit the Senate at its next meeting. She thanked D. Bainter for her last three years of service as the Staff Rep. She noted new roles for existing members and welcomed new members to the Senate. B. Ford was appointed to serve as parliamentarian for the year. A member noted that L. Furukawa-Schlereth was absent and had been absent quite a bit the past year. She asked the Chair to inquire about this and ask L. Furukawa-Schlereth to send someone else if he could not attend. The Chair agreed to the suggestion.

Consent item: Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status – the following faculty were approved for Emeritus status: Jagannath Agrawal, Engineering Science; Leslie Adler,

Hutchins; Anthony Apolloni, Political Science; Cindy Caruso, Financial Aid (SSP); Ed Castillo, Native American Studies; Sue Hayes, Economics; James Hiserman, Athletics; Nancy Lyons, Theater Arts; Susan Moulton, Art History; David Page, Communication Studies; William Poe, History; Jonah Raskin, Communication Studies; Madeleine Rose, Sociology; Richard Svendsen, Literacy, Elementary and Early Education; Phyllis Tajii, Student Records (SSP); Robert Worth, Music; Ai-Cu Wu, Mathematics & Statistics – approved.

Crash Course in Robert's Rules

The Senate viewed an entertaining Powerpoint presentation about Robert's Rules.

Resolution Endorsing Academic Senate CSU (ASCSU) Resolution AS-3090-12/EX Support of Proposition 30 on the November 2012 Ballot – First Reading – C. Nelson

C. Nelson introduced the resolution. She noted that if Proposition 30 did not pass the CSU faced a further \$250,000 budget reduction. She noted the various constituencies that had voiced support for the Proposition. She described the types of tax increases in the proposition.

Motion to waive the first reading. Second. Approved.

A member asked about another Proposition that was supposed to raise taxes too. A. Merrifield clarified that the Munger initiative would raise taxes \$7900 for everybody. It also provided no funding for higher education. If the Munger initiative passed by a larger number than Prop 30, it would be enacted instead of Prop 30 and vice versa. He noted most every group interested in the welfare of the state of California opposed the Munger initiative. There was substantial discussion.

Vote on resolution to endorse – Approved.

Resolution Endorsing Academic Senate CSU (ASCSU) Resolution AS-3090-12/EX Support of Proposition 30 on the November 2012 Ballot

Resolved: That the Sonoma State University Academic Senate endorse the ASCSU Resolution AS-3090-12/EX Support of Proposition 30 on the November 2012 Ballot; and be it further

Resolved: That this resolution be distributed to the Board of Trustees, campus presidents, campus senate chairs, the California State Student Association, the California Faculty Association, the leadership of the California State Legislature, Governor Jerry Brown and the "Yes on Prop 30" campaign.

Provost Report – A. Rogerson

A. Rogerson reported that the merger of Student Affairs and Academic Affairs was going smoothly. He said reporting lines had changed, communication has improved and there were dollar savings. He noted that the campus still had a unit of Student

Affairs and that the Chief Student Affairs Officer sat on the Cabinet and reported to the Chancellor's office and would continue to report to the Senate. He described the vacant positions in Sponsored Programs and Institutional Research that were filled during the merger. He announced six faculty searches in Communications, Chemistry, ENSP, Accounting, Engineering and an Instructional Designer in the Library. He noted that it was likely the campus would do three Dean searches during the academic year. He said the campus had a record 9050 students this year. There were questions about the Instructional Designer position and the Provost said they were still talking about whether it would be a faculty position or not, but was most likely to be a faculty position. A member asked about the CSU not accepting graduate students and graduate student grants. The Provost said the CSU would not accept graduate students in the Spring, which was very hard for the Schools of Education. Only students under SB 1440 would be able to be admitted in the Spring. The graduate student grants were under the Trustees and there was not a decision on that yet. Self-support graduate programs could accept students.

Vice Chair Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas reported on recent calls out from Structure and Functions for faculty to serve on various administrative committees and for elected positions. He stressed the need for faculty to participate so that the campus had shared governance.

Chief Student Affairs Officer Report – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips thanked everyone who helped move the students in and those faculty who have taken on larger class sizes. He discussed changes to the Multicultural Center and said they would be rolling out a new concept for it called "The Hub" where diverse peoples come together in an ever-evolving environment. He noted that the person holding the Victim's Advocate position resigned and they were working on a search for a new person and he said that the Counseling Center would serve as a confidential resource for now.

Associate Students Report – A. Gallino

A. Gallino reported that Associated Students reorganized their internal committee structure and were emphasizing outreach to students. He thought resolutions coming from the AS would have a lot of outreach to students behind them this year. He said the new AS Senate was a very new group of students to student government.

Statewide Senators Report – B. Wilson and C. Nelson

B. Wilson commended C. Nelson for being on the Statewide Executive Committee this year. C. Nelson reported on the Systemwide Budget Advisory Committee meeting the day before. She outlined the proposals being discussed if Prop. 30 did not pass. Among them were - \$150 tuition increase to students and a significant decrease in assigned time for faculty. She said she would send out more information via email. A member asked if faculty were on the search committee for a new Chancellor. C. Nelson responded that the Faculty Trustee was the only faculty member on the search committee.

APC Report – D. Roberts

D. Roberts reported that they had met with the Chair and would continue working on the MOU with Extended Education and the Online Education Policy.

EPC Report – A. Gilinsky

A. Gilinsky reported EPC met with the Provost and had a “refreshing and transparent” conversation about curricular priorities. They would be looking a policy about the proctoring of off campus exams from the Athletics Council. He reviewed curricular items coming up. He said they would be looking at program reviews and may take up a campus wide conversation about critical thinking assessments in preparation for WASC review many years in the future.

FASC Report – V. Montera

She noted that if the collective bargaining agreement was ratified, that might have implications for policies that FSAC oversees. She noted that a subcommittee worked over the summer to create a suggestion sheet for RTP candidates, a checklist for the WPAF to help with consistency and two flow charts for the DIP and Sabbatical process. These were posted online at: <http://www.sonoma.edu/aa/fa/rtp.shtml> and

Applications would be sent to Faculty Affairs this year and departments will pick them up from there. The role of Department Chairs in this process was also clarified.

CFA Report – A. Merrifield

A. Merrifield noted that CFA and the CSU had come to a tentative agreement and the ratification vote was currently in process. He thought that both sides would probably agree to the contract. If not, there would be a state of strike. He said CFA thought if they could get an equitable contract, then the CFA and the CSU could work together to gain more resources for the CSU. They had already begun doing outreach for Prop. 30 and he discussed various efforts. He spoke about monitoring that the contract was implemented correctly and asked members to read the contract and let them know if there were any problems. He discussed Governor Brown’s pension reform proposal and what CFA agreed with and disagreed with and how it might affect new and current public employees. He urged those that might want to buy more time towards retirement to do so very soon as that ability might be gone by the new year.

Good of the Order

K. Brodsky announced the “It Matters” series in the Library which helps students understand the current election cycle.

<http://library.sonoma.edu/about/calendar.php>.

M. Lopez-Phillips noted that the BSU was taking donations for hurricane Isaac victims.

Group Photo



Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom