

Senate Executive Committee
May 20, 2010
3:00 – 5:00, Sue Jameson Room

Abstract

Agenda approved. Correspondence. Statewide Senator Report. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report. Vice President of SAEM Report. Provost Report. Senate questions regarding an online forum resolution amended and approved for Senate agenda. Emeritus Faculty Position on the Senate approved for Senate agenda. BS changes in Geology, Name change of LSEE to LEEE, and Linguistics minor move from Anthropology to English approved for Senate consent calendar. 3-Unit GE Policy approved for Senate agenda. Curriculum Guide changes approved as information item for Senate. Faculty Listserv approved. Senate agenda approved. Faculty Governance Assigned Time proposal amended and approved for forwarding to Provost.

Present: Susan Moulton, John Wingard, Sam Brannen, Richard Senghas, Margaret Purser, Ruben Armiñana, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Scott Miller, Deb Kindy, Jennifer Mahdavi, Eduardo Ochoa, Art Warmoth, Carmen Works, Robert McNamara

Guests: Alex Boyer, Steve Wilson, Victor Garlin, Matt James, Paula Lane

The Chair introduced Alex Boyer, who was replacing Jenny Tice from the Associated Students. She also welcomed Jennifer Mahdavi as the new Chair of SAC.

Approval of Agenda – time certain assigned. Approved.

Correspondence – The Chair reported that she had received a lot of email surrounding the Center for Gender, Culture and Sexuality, but would save that for later in the meeting.

Statewide Senator Report – R. McNamara

R. McNamara reported a couple of items that would be rolling over at the Statewide Senate – department chair issues and electronic evaluations. He did not go into detail at the Executive Committee and noted the issues would return next year.

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

L. Furukawa-Schlereth reported on the latest PBAC meeting where they reviewed the Governor's May revision of the state budget and he noted that campus was still planning on not receiving the \$305 million or the growth money from the State, while they did hope to receive that or a portion of it. He said they also reviewed the campus reserve as they do every May. He noted there was an \$86,000 balance left in the reserve which would be rolled over to the next year. They also reviewed the Foundation Endowment Distribution. He said the endowment had fully recovered from the losses last year. He said there would be about a \$700,000 distribution to the

academic schools. He discussed the good standing of the scholarship program. PBAC reviewed the Extended Education distribution and noted it was a record distribution of \$550,000 to the Schools and the Library. This largely resulted from the return of summer school to Extended Education. The PBAC had a productive discussion about stand-alone financial statements. He said it was a divided house on the issue. He said that he and the President decided to go ahead with stand-alone financial statements that would be fully audited for the '10 - '11 year. The Chair asked about the rate of occupancy of the residence halls. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said the housing contracts were improving, but a strange thing was happening all over the state - the housing contracts were lagging behind the enrollment deposits. The President thought that since the UC was using waiting lists for the first time, students might be waiting because of that.

Vice President of SAEM Report – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips reported on the status of the Center for Gender, Culture and Sexuality. He said he had put together an advisory committee to look at the issues surrounding the Center and would continue working closely with SAC. He hoped to have a plan to keep the Center operating by next year. He wanted to have staff in the Center, but said that it was difficult with no budget. He said previous student interns wanted to return. He also was glad to see the victim's advocacy piece taken out of the women's center as he thought that was a separate issue. M. Lopez-Phillips reminded the members that they were mandatory reporters of sexual misconduct or assault, if reported by students, and that they should send students to J. Suzuki and/or the Counseling Center. He said it was not a perfect process yet, but there was a process and it should be used. A member asked for clear information to be given to faculty and staff. M. Lopez-Phillips stressed that reporting was a legal obligation, not just a practice.

Provost Report – E. Ochoa

E. Ochoa reported on the President's Diversity Council meeting the previous evening where they had a preliminary report from the consultant mapping diversity efforts on the campus. He thought the preliminary results were very interesting and counter intuitive. He said the campus' curriculum had the strongest diversity component the consultant had seen since she started doing the mapping for other universities. She also found strong diversity in the co-curriculum. She did find areas where we could do more work, but he thought the curriculum information stood out. The report would be finalized in the Fall. The Chair said the consultant was open to receiving more information and noted she only had a 10% response from faculty. The Chair asked if the preliminary map could be made available for people to see. The Provost noted the search for a new Institutional Research Director was in the final phase. He said they had received applications for the position of Director of Undergraduate Studies and a small group was reviewing them to bring a recommendation to him. He said an application had been received for the position of University Diversity Director. He said he would convene the group to review that one application and decide whether that constitutes a successful cycle or not. He noted they would be closing the loop on the review of Deans Leeder and Rahimi. A member noted that the consultant doing the diversity mapping exercise would be

giving a presentation in a larger venue in the Fall and encouraged everyone to attend. He thought it showed that the campus is doing a lot on diversity, but perhaps not doing it very well.

Senate questions regarding an online forum resolution

The Chair proposed an amendment to the resolution for an online forum - that participants must have an email address with sonoma.edu or the new student email addresses. She also thought it should be started in the Fall, vetted by the Senate Budget Committee, kept online for a year and archived thereafter. She wanted to decide as much as they could before the next Senate meeting. The Provost argued that the Senate Budget Committee was not balanced enough to do the vetting correctly. They might not have access to the information to make an informed decision. The Chair said the position of the SBC was to make sure none of the submissions were ad hominem and that clarifications could come as other submissions. That was the purpose of the forum. L. Furukawa –Schlereth said he would ask to participate with the SBC on the vetting at the Senate. He would ask to bring CPA accountants. A member noted that the forum has to be open, it has to be a forum and it has to look credible. It matters how people who are vetting behave or how they appear to behave. It was noted that the vetting process should not appear to be a censorship process. Anonymity would have to be requested. A member voiced his support of A&F to participate with SBC in the vetting process.

Motion to include a designee of Administration and Finance to the vetting group. Second. There was substantive discussion regarding the nature of “truth.” **Vote on amendment – approved.**

A member described her process of talking to people in her constituency. She noted that she spoke with 35 faculty, staff and students, most of whom she did not know. She found that, overwhelmingly, people were not interested in “was behavior appropriate,” but rather they were concerned about budget priorities. She asked if there was room in the forum for this discussion.

Motion to amend “financial situation and priorities. . .” Second. There was discussion. **Vote on motion to amend – approved.**

Time certain reached.

Emeritus Faculty Position on the Senate – R. Senghas

R. Senghas provided some background on the item. FSAC approved the resolution and now wanted to forward it to the Senate. FSAC did not provide a position on whether the position should have voting privileges. He said the basic idea was to have a designee from ERFA sitting ex-officio on the Senate. The Chair provided some information about emeritus members on other CSU Senates. Most CSU’s were supportive of having emeriti or already had emeriti on their Senates. V. Garlin noted that 18 of the CSU’s have ERFA chapters and 12 campuses have emeriti on their Senate, only one is non-voting. The Chair noted that Structure and Functions had language prepared for the constitutional change that would be needed. There was

discussion. Concern was expressed about the timing of the item and whether it had been discussed fully in governance committees. The reasoning for having the emeritus member be elected by ERFA was questioned. It was noted that constitutional votes needed to be held at Fall Convocation. V. Garlin provided background on ERFA and how ERFA came to bring the idea to the SSU Senate. He said that ERFA was recognized as the legitimate representation of emeriti faculty by the CSU. **Approved to be put on the Senate agenda.**

BS changes in Geology – C. Works

C. Works introduced the changes and noted there were nine changes. She directed the members to the grid provided by the department. She said EPC was asking for the item to be on the consent calendar. There was some discussion. **Motion to put on consent calendar conditional to receiving letters from affected departments. Second. Approved.**

Name change of LSEE to LEEE – C. Works

C. Works explained that the department of Literacy Studies and Elementary Education want to add “early” to their name. It would then be Literacy, Early and Elementary Education. P. Lane explained that adding the word early would help faculty applying for grants and students looking for that major. **Approved for the consent calendar.**

Linguistics minor move from Anthropology to English – C. Works

C. Works said this was somewhat different from what EPC was used to doing, so they had a lot of discussion about it. They decided that the resource issues were not their purview and approved it. R. Senghas provided the explanation from the Anthropology department. No curricular changes were being proposed. **Approved for consent calendar with letter from English department.**

3-Unit GE Policy – C. Works

C. Works said that EPC referred the 3-Unit GE policy to the GE subcommittee for revision. They did revise it and now it was coming forward to the Senate. C. Works did not think there was a time consideration for the policy. However, she did note that she would ask for a first reading waiver at the Senate. There was discussion. It was suggested that the item include a rationale. **Approved for the Senate agenda.**

Information from EPC: waitlist, education autism, curriculum guide – C. Works

C. Works presented three information items. She discussed a letter from EPC to the Provost that asked the CMS people to prioritize waitlists. There was some discussion on this topic. She then discussed the autism authorization that came forward with the last Education curriculum proposal and EPC decided that it did not need approval since it was just an authorization and not a minor or a major change, so it did not need to come back through the Senate. She noted that there were some substantial changes to the Curriculum Guide, but she could not find any procedure

that said how changes were approved for the Curriculum Guide. She wanted to know what the Executive Committee thought about what the correct procedure should be. **It was suggested to send it to the Senate as an information item. Approved.**

Continued Senate questions regarding online forum resolution

A member brought up the question of anonymity. **A motion was made to include "requests for anonymity may be submitted to the committee chair." Amendment "requests for anonymity will be considered by ~~may be submitted to the committee. Second. chair.~~"** The VP of Administration and Finance noted that once a document reaches an employee's hands it becomes a public document. Discussion continued regarding anonymity. **Amendment to amendment - Approved. Motion to take amended online forum resolution to the Senate. Second. Approved.**

Faculty Listserv – S. Moulton

S. Moulton said the proposal for another faculty listserv was being brought to the committee for the purpose of re-directing the non-Senate related postings off Senate-Talk. There was discussion. There was general support for the listserv and some concern expressed about using state resources for buying and selling personal items. It was suggested to remove that item from the purpose of the list. A Facebook page was also suggested. A reminder of what Senate-Talk was for was also suggested.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Senate - Susan Moulton TC 3:10

Correspondences

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes

BS changes in Geology - emailed

Name change of LSEE to LEEE - emailed

Linguistics move from Anthropology to English - emailed

Information Item: Curriculum Guide Changes - attached

BUSINESS (*in time certain order*)

1. Revisions to WEPT policy – Second Reading – C. Works (*5/13 agenda*) TC 3:30
3. Faculty Representation on Administrative Search Committees – Second Reading – J. Wingard – attached TC 3:45
4. From S&F: Changes to S&F By-laws – Second Reading – J. Wingard (*5/13 agenda*) TC 4:00

5. Constitutional Amendment: Emeritus Faculty on the Senate – First Reading – attached – R. Senghas and J. Wingard TC 4:15
6. Proposal of format of online forum related to tabled resolution on no confidence from Ex Com – attached – S. Moulton TC 4:30
7. Elect Executive Committee members for next year – J. Wingard TC 4:45
8. Changing of the Guard 4:55
9. 3-unit GE policy – First Reading – attached – C. Works

Faculty Governance Reassigned Time – S. Moulton

S. Moulton noted that the budget was unknown. C. Works requested assigned time for the GE Subcommittee Chair. The Chair reviewed her understanding of assigned time for the GE Subcommittee and the Provost said that assigned time had been negotiated with each Chair and was not supposed to be given regular assigned time. There was more discussion about assigned time for governance time. **Motion to submit reassigned time proposal with addition of 1 course/4 units for the GE Chair. Second. Approved.**

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom Vega