

**ACADEMIC SENATE  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2009  
MINUTES**

**Attendance**

Virgil Adams, Mary Adler, Simone Aloisio, Terry Ballman, Frank Barajas, Michael Berman, Bob Bleicher, Geoffrey Buhl, Renny Christopher, Tracylee Clarke, Bill Cordeiro, Manuel Correia, Beatrice de Oca, Colleen Delaney-Rivera, Amy Denton, Jesse Elliott, Therese Eyermann, Marie Francois, Blake Gillespie, Andrea Grove, Ivona Grzegorzczuk, Beth Hartung, Debi Hoffmann, Tiina Itkonen, Karen Jensen, Antonio Jiménez-Jiménez, Jacquelyn Kilpatrick, Liz King, Jill Leafstedt, Kristen LaBonte, Steve Lefevre, Jim Meriwether, Michelle Moon, Brad Monsma, Andrew Morris, Dennis Muraoka, Dawn Neuman, Laura Newton, Ed Nuhfer, Luda Popenhagen, Carl Reed, Sue Saunders, Kevin Schallert, Tom Schmidhauser, Stephen Stratton, Jane Sweetland, Elnora Tayag, Kaia Tollefson, Eric Toshalis, Ashish Vaidya, Amy Wallace, Dan Wakelee, Ching Hua Wang, Julia Wilson, Bill Wolfe, Cindy Wyels.

**Faculty on Furlough**

-Nitika Parmar, Billy Wagner

**Approval of Agenda**

-approved

**Approval of the Minutes of November 10, 2009**

-m/s- L. King, D. Hoffmann-approved

**Intent to Raise Questions**

-T. Ballman expressed concern about the fact that the committee to review IRA proposals—with many of these proposals being time sensitive—has not met at all this semester. She would appreciate it if the Senate could learn why it was deemed necessary to restructure a very successful committee that had done great work over the past 2-3 years.

**Report from the President**

-The President thanked everyone for their herculean efforts this year, he is proud of the way the campus has reacted in these difficult times. He has no new news on the budget at this time, he is hoping to have more information in January. He thanked the Chancellor for his past support and for not requiring us to reduce our budgets. One of his colleagues, at another campus, has had to reduce their budget by 8% and we are fortunate that we have not had to do that. Enrollment will continue flat for next year.

-There has been an increase in the number of editorials in support of Higher Education up and down the state, this bodes well for us.

-The President encouraged everyone to forge ahead and continue to take risks, do not worry about making mistakes, he does not want us to become mired in the status quo, instead think of innovative ways to deliver education. The state needs this kind of innovation and leadership, it is our hallmark.

- Muhammad Yunus recently invited [Dr Rush](#) to participate on a nine person panel in Berlin as the lead person representing Higher Education. The other participants were CEO's of major companies such as; Adidas, Dannon Yogurt and auto industry representatives. It was an excellent opportunity for us to position ourselves internationally.
- The President assured faculty that he viewed the Retention Tenure and Promotion process as a positive process, not a gate keeping process. He views this as a community of scholars and learners and feels that is what makes us special.
- The President ended by wishing everyone a great holiday season and advising them to get some rest and reinvigorate themselves.

### **Report from the Provost**

- The Provost reported that the campus had received 8750 applications for Fall 2010 which translates into a 13% increase when compared to applications for Fall 2009. She also provided the demographic breakdown of the applicant pool.
- Responding to Terry Ballman's question, the Provost said she has spoken with VP Sawyer about the IRA meeting dates and he explained that the students requested no meetings the week prior to finals. The Provost explained to VP Sawyer that several of these requests were time sensitive
- The Provost is working on an initiative to close the achievement gap. The initiative requires a report to the Chancellor's office on what we are doing to improve our graduation rates. One of the difficulties with this project is that we have not yet established our graduation rates due to our being so new. An informational website is being created and she will be requesting faculty input on this project.
- The Provost plans to abide by whatever decision is made with reference to the University Studies program. She believes there may be more flexibility within the CSU than we are usually led to believe.
- D. Hoffman reported on the Campus Reading Celebration, indicating that we have distributed 3600 copies of the Yunus book. He will be here on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010. There will be two events, one on campus and another in Thousand Oaks, at the Civic Auditorium. Buses will be available to transport up to 500 participants to Thousand Oaks for the event, online registration will be required.

### **Report from the Senate Chair**

- Chair Hartung will be attending a Statewide Chair's meeting on December 3, 2009.
- The Statewide Academic Senate has passed a resolution asking campuses to honor a campus closure day on either March 2 or 4, 2010, as a "Day without the CSU." They are asking that all faculty take a furlough day on either day.

### **New Business/first reading items**

#### **SP 09-04: Grade Forgiveness Policy**

- m/s, K. LaBonte, M. Francois. B. de Oca indicated this policy is in response to a Chancellor Office Executive Order and sets a limit on how many units a student can replace.
- I. Grzegorzcyk motioned to move it to a second reading, seconded by V. Adams.

#### **Vote taken on motion to move to a second reading**

**Motion failed.**

#### SP 09-05: California Institute of Social Business

-m/s, A. Jimenez, D. Hoffmann. The Institute has a number of innovative components and strong support from Muhammad Yunus. This institute connects well with the University mission, however, it needs funding which cannot be solicited until the institute actually exists.

#### SP 09-04: RTP Committee Composition

-m/s, I. Grzegorzcyk, A. Jimenez. B. Bleicher spoke to the policy indicating the committee hoped to have addressed the concerns brought up at the last Senate meeting.

-B. Monsma recommended a change referencing equivalent librarian, by removing “equivalent” and replacing it with “counselor.”

-A. Denton shared that at another campus, they have two committees, one for each group of faculty.

#### **Old Business/second reading items**

##### SP 09-02 Policy on Evaluation of Chairs

-B. Bleicher indicated that revisions were made as a result of the discussion at the last Senate meeting.

##### Vote taken

Yes: 37

No: 0

Abstain: 2

**Policy passed**

##### SP 09-03 Academic Program Master Plan 2010-2017

-S. Lefevre indicated that clarifications were made as a result of the discussion at the last Senate meeting.

-D. Neuman reminded everyone that these plans were contingent upon funding.

##### Vote taken

Yes: 34

No: 0

Abstain: 3

**Policy passed**

##### SR 09-03 New University Studies Program

-M. Francois stated they had lots of great discussions with attendees at the forums that were held. They have received input and feedback via email and the webpage. There was rigorous discussion about the program’s potential and the degree of flexibility this model brings to students and faculty. Concern was expressed about costs and rubrics.

-Chair Hartung clarified that the vote would not endorse any specific model at this time, it would just allow the work begun by the committee to continue.

-J. Elliott had questions about “mission focus” and “outcome based” he is concerned this could create a structure of standardization. He reminded everyone that we needed to keep the CSU mission in mind.

-S. Aloisio appreciates the committee’s work on this, however, he feels the resolution is too vague. He would like specific details on how to transform GE and then vote on the resolution.

-B. Monsma reminded everyone that specifics were included on the on the GE website to which faculty were referred.

-A. Jimenez-Jimenez stated he came here seven years ago because this campus offered opportunities to do innovative things and he feels this is in the spirit of this institution. He also reminded everyone the President had instructed them not to be afraid to take risks. He thanked the committee for all their work.

-There was discussion about an outcome based approach and development of rubrics.

-There was discussion about the current 48 unit requirement. M. Francois stated the committee had verified with the Chancellor's Office that a student would be able to meet the requirements with fewer units and the Chancellor's Office said "yes" it would be possible.

-P. Smith inquired as to the ramifications if this resolution were not passed. Chair Hartung clarified the work of the committee would stop at this point.

-C. Wyels joked she would quit the committee if the resolution did not pass – essentially, the committee members had done a lot of research and this proposal represented their best thinking. If turned down, another group should be formed to begin again.

#### Vote taken on Resolution

Yes: 33

No: 8

Abstain: 1

#### **Resolution passed**

#### **Reports from Standing Committees**

##### Committee on Centers and Institutes

-No Report

##### Committee on Committees

-No Report

##### Curriculum Committee

-They have two more meetings before the end of the semester.

##### Fiscal Policies

-They are meeting regularly to work on fiscal recommendations to forward to the Provost.

##### General Education

-Will be forwarding the last few proposals to Curriculum by the end of the week.

##### Student Academic Policies and Procedures

-No Report

##### Professional Leave Committee

-Have completed their work.

#### **Announcements**

-L. King invited everyone to attend the Art Student Sale at the Ventura Gallery on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

-S. Aloisio announced a poster symposium on climate change will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

#### **Adjourn**

-4:16 p.m.