

Academic Senate Minutes
October 13, 2011
3:00 – 5:00, Commons

Abstract

Chair Report. Agenda Approved. Minutes delayed. Request from S&F to waive by-law rules to hold election approved. President Report. Provost Report. Chair-Elect Report. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report. From SDS: Regarding the Subsidization of the new CAPS Student Fee for Pell Grant Students – First Reading completed. Revision to Grade Appeal, Student Grievance and Cheating and Plagiarism policies – First Reading completed. Associate Students Report. Statewide Senate Report. APC Report. FSAC Report.

Present: Ben Ford, Margaret Purser, John Wingard, Terry Lease, Catherine Nelson, Rick Luttmann, Sam Brannen, Deborah Roberts, Steve Wilson, Helmut Wautischer, Parissa Tadrissi, Janet Hess, Ed Beebout, Chip McAuley, Mutombo M’Panya, John Urbanski, Florence Bouvet, Tom Buckley, Jean Chan, Sharon Cabaniss, Matty Mookerjee, Michael Cohen, Laura Watt, Don Romesburg, Phil Brownell, Sandra Shand, Edie Brown, Ruben Armiñana, Andrew Rogerson, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Paul Ramey, Emily Hurd, Amanda Burke, Kelly Estrada, Richard Senghas

Proxies: Elizabeth Burch for Marco Calavita

Absent: Noel Byrne, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Andy Merrifield, Dolores Bainter, Armand Gilinsky

Guests: Elaine Sundberg

Chair Report – B. Ford

B. Ford reported on the progress of the “academic story” conversation. He noted the dates of lunch meetings people could attend and the breakfasts coming up. He said he was enjoying the conversation and thought others were as well.

Approval of Agenda – Approved.

Minutes delayed.

Request from S&F to waive by-law rules to hold election – First Reading - M. Purser

M. Purser noted that the nomination period for the current election had been extended twice and the ballot now had enough nominees to hold the election if the Senate approved waiving the by-laws rules stating there must be twice the number of people per position on the ballot.

Motion to proceed with current slate of nominees. Second.

Motion to waive the first reading. Second. Approved.

A member noted that there was a systemic problem of not enough faculty to serve on the committees and on principle he argued not to waive the by-laws because it adds to the problem instead of fixing it. A member argued that leaving the positions vacant was a larger problem.

Vote on holding the election with current slate of candidates – Approved.

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana reported on the State's end of the first quarter revenues that showed the State was 739 million dollars under projection. He noted that the "trigger" would be pulled if the revenues for all quarters was under by a billion dollars. He thought with this first quarter number, it was almost a certainty that the "trigger" would be pulled by the end of December. It was still not clear if the cut would be temporary or permanent.

Provost Report – A. Rogerson

A. Rogerson reported on the Provost meeting statewide and noted that 17 Provosts had formed a group to look at research and scholarship across the CSU. They had formed into five action groups. He was in the group to promote and publicize the importance of undergraduate and graduate instructional related research in the CSU. He described the work of the other groups. He said he was very excited about it. He described two new Executive Orders, 1062 and 1064 which were created out of an audit and directs the campuses to do site visits for all internships and field courses. He said it was causing dismay among the Provosts and some would be working on changing it, but for now the Executive Orders had to be followed. He said it was all about risk management and that the campus could use repeated use of sites or an internet presence for a site as verification. He then discussed SB 1440 and said that the Board of Trustees were dismayed that only 16 programs have managed so far to come up with a TMC. It was put back on the campuses to re-look at programs that said no to creating a TMC and find ways for them to say yes. He said there was a lot of pressure coming down to make it happen. There was a sense that the Board of Trustees and the Legislature might force it on the CSU with standardized curriculum, so he said it was a serious issue that the campus had to pay attention to. A member noted that the new Executive Orders promoted creating internships abroad in warm, inviting climates with long, cool local drinks and intoxicating flowers. He also asked if any of the Provost groups would be looking at the impact of research done in the CSU. The Provost said that would be part of his group. It was clarified that the EO orders 1062 and 1064 were effective immediately and the Provost thought what was needed was a look at the existing internship policy with an view toward how much acceptable risk there was to the student. He gave examples of how this might be done. He noted the Provosts were very angry about it because it had not come before any academic committee before implementation. He thought there might be changes in the future, but for now the EO orders had to be followed. The Chair asked how many "no" answers to TMCs occurred on our campus. The Provost thought about 50% said no. He explained his understanding of

the process of SB 1440 and thought the faculty needed to take it seriously. There was more discussion about 1440 and the TMCs. A member asked about the space in the MCC that was being used for storage and why that could not be used by the MCC. The Provost said he would look into that.

Chair-Elect Report – M. Purser

M. Purser reported that S&F had been busy with faculty appointments to administrative committees. She asked for Education to send a rep for the GMC University Affairs Committee. She announced the faculty approved by the Executive Committee to serve on the Search Committee for the new Directory of ORSP – Adrian Praetzellis and Karina Nielsen. She noted there was one more day for nominations for a faculty member for the Search Committee for the Director of the MCC. A member noted concern from some departments with interest in the MCC search about the level of commitment for the Director of the MCC search (19 meetings suggested in the call for nominations). M. Purser responded that the level of work really depended on how many people the search committee decided to interview.

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

L. Furukawa-Schlereth reported that Administration and Finance had just finished their audit cycle. He commended everyone who worked on the audits for their good work. All the audits had a “clean opinion” which meant there were no material weaknesses and was the highest opinion to get. He would take the audits to the PBAC. He reported that he would be bringing to the CSU President’s Executive Council meeting a proposal to have a common human resources product in CMS. He wanted to mention it to the Senate as they want to create functionality for Faculty Affairs and said he may ask the Senate leadership to assist with the design to help make faculty members lives more easy. He talked about a visioning process that will take place with the CMS systemwide Executive Committee about the future of the student experience with CMS. A member asked about whether a new system was being put in place of PeopleSoft for registration. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said it was not a new system, but an upgrade. There was some discussion about the upgrade and registration and orientation timelines. A member asked how a common HR system would deal better with RTP. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said he thought it had to do with faculty building dossiers for the RTP process and that there also might be functionality to help with WASC accreditation efforts. J. Wenrick gave the example of lecturers and eligibility as one aspect of how a common HR system might help. Most campuses were still using Excel spreadsheets to track lecturer eligibility and they were all doing it differently. There was more discussion.

From SDS: Regarding the Subsidization of the new CAPS Student Fee for Pell Grant Students – First Reading – S. Cabaniss

S. Cabaniss introduced the item. She read the resolved clause: *Resolved*, The Academic Senate of Sonoma State University recommends that the President of the University identify a funding source to provide a subsidy to pay the new \$50 per semester student fee for Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) for all

students who receive Pell Grants. She summarized the rationale and described data included with the resolution about how student fees have increased at SSU, a comparison of fees among the CSUs and the number of Pell grants given in 2009 showing that approximately 25% of SSU students received Pell grants. She suggested possible sources for revenues that could be used for the subsidization. Highlights of the discussion: why this particular fee when there are many others; it was clarified that local campus fees were included in the “cost of education” for financial aid; that the resolution would not help graduate students; it was not possible to use the general fund for student scholarships; and the campus should be concerned about all students on financial aid. S. Cabaniss responded to many of the discussion points.

First Reading completed.

Revision to Grade Appeal, Student Grievance and Cheating and Plagiarism policies – First Reading – J. Mahdavi

J. Mahdavi introduced the item. She said the revision was just moving the procedures out of the policies and putting them all in the Formal Dispute Resolution procedures. Additionally, in the Cheating and Plagiarism policy faculty were advised to use the RD grade for cases unresolved, but now were being asked to use RP as that was the option available in PeopleSoft.

Motion to waive the first reading. Second. Failed.

First reading completed.

Associate Students Report – P. Ramey

P. Ramey reported that the student Senate passed a recommendation to revise the smoking policy. They have asked to move the permitted smoking zone to 100ft instead of 20ft in the central campus boundaries. He defined “campus boundaries.” He announced the “Midnight Madness” event the next night as the kick off for the basketball season. A member asked why the student Senate did not recommend the smoking ban in student housing. P. Ramey said that that issue was one of the more contentious issues and they decided it was too restrictive to ask for the ban in student housing.

Statewide Senate Report – C. Nelson

C. Nelson noted an email sent out by B. Wilson with an update on the CSU Online initiative. She said there were very interesting documents about this and one talked about who would be taking the profits and that was one of the more controversial aspects of it. It was clarified that the CSU did not really know what CSU Online would be yet and the money given by the campuses would be used for the CSU Online Director’s position and other startup costs.

APC Report – K. Estrada

K. Estrada reported that APC was working through the document they were putting together for academic planning priorities. During this process, they decided to look at the resource allocation process and how faculty and the administration can collaborate on planning decisions. APC discussed the identity of the university in terms of long range planning, how we would think about our vision for the university and allocate resources for that, and how to collaborate. They were reaching out to EPC to talk about curriculum planning. They also discussed faculty engagement. Eventually, they would bring the priorities to the Senate. A member asked about the three issues of Diversity, Sustainability and Community Engagement and if APC's process was a continuation of that effort of previous semesters. K. Estrada said the process was more organic and from the ground up and not locked into those three topics necessarily. They were using those as a referent.

FSAC Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas reported that FSAC met with the Provost that day and had a good conversation. They were looking ahead to the issue of SETE's as they had been approached by the President's Diversity Council to add diversity questions to the SETE's. That discussion concluded with the decision to look at all the SETE's to add relevant questions to relevant questions. The SETE's had not been looked at in a long time. He asked for Senators to talk to their School reps to FSAC if they had any feedback on this process. They were also looking at a Disruptive Behavior policy. They also asked faculty interested in the Faculty Center to pay attention to emails coming about events in the center as this year they were wanting to figure out what the Center will be. The Chair announced the speaker to kick off the Faculty Center on Oct. 27th from 1:30- 3:00 in Schulz 3001. A member asked about a specific type of disruptive behavior and there was some discussion.

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström