

Senate Executive Committee Minutes
September 4, 2015
3:00 – 5:00, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Abstract

Agenda – Approved. Minutes of 8/21/14 – Approved. Chair Report – R. Senghas. President Report. Provost Report. Vice Chair Report. Visit from Paul Draper re: Sustainability Executive Committee Vision, Mission and Goals. Next Senate presentation regarding GMC. EPC Report. SAC Report. Technical problems during this meeting, recording lost.

Present: Richard Senghas, Margaret Purser, Richard Whitkus, Julie Shulman, Laura Watt, Melinda Milligan, Elaine Newman, Sam Brannen, Terry Lease, Andrew Rogerson, Ruben Armiñana, Maria Hess

Absent: Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth

Guests: Christian George, Paul Draper

Approval of Agenda – Approved.

Approval of Minutes of 8/21/14 – Approved.

Chair Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas reported that many campuses were reviewing their faculty governance budget committees. He reported on conferences he had been invited to attend. He had visited most committees. He talked about the faculty conversations this year. He said there would be a mixture of sessions actually doing things and then sessions for broader conversations. He spoke about a new event that would honor newly tenured and promoted faculty members on October 8th from 3 – 5. Invitations would go out soon. He thanked the President for hosting this event.

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana reported that at the last minute the Legislature approved \$50 million for both the UC and the CSU for deferred maintenance. That was now sitting on the Governor's desk. A member asked what percentage of that money would SSU receive. The President said probably not very much. Other campuses had very urgent matters.

Provost Report – A. Rogerson

A. Rogerson said the campus was settling down to 9300 students. The average unit load was 13.8 and this was the highest it had ever been. He said applications were up by 20% and that SSU was becoming more popular. He thought students were

happy. A member asked if the data could be separated to just show the average unit load of full time students.

Vice Chair Report – T. Lease

T. Lease reported on service opportunities discussed in Structure and Functions. Kathleen Rocked was appointed to serve as a one semester replacement for lecturer Senator Judith Friscia. For the SDS, they appointed Emily Acosta Lewis for a one semester at-large replacement. For Campus Planning, they would recommend to the Senate Emily Acosta Lewis and Andy Wallace. For the Copeland Creek committee, they recommended Rocky Rohwedder to the Senate. S&F was also looking at the Strategic Plan and the faculty governance reorganization.

Visit from Paul Draper re: Sustainability Executive Committee Vision, Mission and Goals

The Chair noted that the Sustainability Executive Committee was charged by the Senate, the Administration and the Associated Students. He asked P. Draper to let him know if this structure worked.

Paul Draper introduced himself and noted he was the Sustainability Director and Chair of the Sustainability Executive Committee. He asked for a member of the Senate Executive to serve on the Sustainability Executive Committee. He then presented the work of the SEC that was written as they were responding to the University Strategic Plan. The SEC had unanimously approved the document before them. Some of the language could be used in the Strategic Plan and in Development strategies. It was clarified that the Ex Com could review the document in light of their charge. The charge of the SEC was read. A member requested a definition of sustainability. A member asked about the CSU Sustainability policy. P. Draper said the policy exists and the implementation guidelines were in process. A member praised the work of the SEC and the goals set out. The Chair asked if there was some mechanism of receiving suggestions for sustainable practices. P. Draper said he was getting suggestions all the time and had set up a specific email – sustainablebessu@sonoma.edu. There was discussion about what to do with the document. The Chair suggested that it be brought to the Senate for endorsement. P. Draper was in favor of having the document endorsed by the Senate.

The Chair thought that since a member of the Ex Com was not forthcoming for the SEC, they might invite P. Draper to come to the Ex Com occasionally.

Next Senate presentation regarding GMC – R. Senghas

R. Senghas noted that the last presentation was meant as a predecessor to the presentation specifically on the MasterCard series. He asked the Ex Com for questions that might be addressed at that next presentation. He noted that a GMC Board meeting was being called for Thursday to talk about financial things. So when L. Furukawa-Schlereth could come back, what did people want to know? A member asked what the \$25 million in GMC legacy gifts could be used for if an auxiliary is created. The Chair noted that it was more precise to talk about the MasterCard

Performance Series as that part of the GMC that would go into an auxiliary. A member said she was not clear what would happen in either case, if the series ran in the red. A member said that they would want to know what the budget was of the GMC, what was the current employment structure and which of those were related to the MasterCard Performance Series. A member asked how moving the MasterCard Performance Series to an auxiliary might affect the rest of the campus using the GMC space. Another on-going issue was who was holding the keys and opening the space. The Chair argued that they really needed an operating agreement. A member wanted to know what more flexibility would mean to the Board if the Series was made an auxiliary. A member wanted more information about the idea that the campus was working harder on integrating the GMC and the campus seeming counter to that idea by requesting to make a part of it an auxiliary.

EPC Report – M. Milligan

M. Milligan reported that EPC did not have a lot of curricular issues yet. She brought the charge from the Ex Com about the Online and /or Hybrid Course policy to the members. She said EPC wanted more information about what the issues were and then discuss who might deal with the different pieces. Prioritizing working groups. Inquiry about program being inactive, but not wanting to discontinue. There is a minor in the catalog has not been active in many years. The curriculum guide does not deal with this issue. The program was

(Technical issue ensued and the rest of the meeting recording was lost. I asked people to send in written reports if they had them. The rest of the minutes are summaries from memory and Chair input.)

SAC Report – J. Shulman

1. Academic Advising Subcommittee is having difficulty finding times that work for all to meet
2. One of our agenda items for the year is to thoroughly address Title IX
3. Fee Advisory Committee re-examining allocation of IRA funds, based upon:
 - a) Actual accounting (how much of the program budget is IRA funding, what are funds used for on a more granular level)
 - b) Number of students served
 - c) Learning objectives
 - d) Faculty program advisor
 - e) Opportunities for student employment.

They also hope to set spending limits on sports club funding based on a per play standard amount capped at 10-15 players. Their biggest goal is to set logical and equitable criteria for determining future eligibility and allocation of funds.

Sense of the Senate statements – T. Lease

This was a discussion about making motions from the floor of the Senate and that motions could be made to capture the sense of the Senate on issues brought up in the Senate.

Ex Com agenda packets/document on Moodle discussion – R. Senghas

This was a discussion of using electronic means to distribute Ex Com packets or minutes using an interface such as Moodle. The Ex Com member generally were supportive and agreed to try it in the Spring. It would be an opt in activity. The Chairs of FSAC and EPC described how their committees were using Moodle.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Richard J. Senghas
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes -- emailed

Consent Items:

Information Items: SAC and SDS end of year reports - emailed

Report: Classroom renovations – J. Wenrick

Special Report: 2 of 2: the MasterCard Series at the GMC – L. Furukawa-Schlereth

BUSINESS

1. Charge to Senate Budget Subcommittee for AY 14-15 – Second Reading – attached – R. Senghas - attached
2. Request for endorsement for Sustainability Executive Committee Vision, Mission and Goals statement – First Reading – P. Draper – TC. 3:30 - attached

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