

**Senate Executive Committee**  
May 12, 2011  
3:00 – 5:00, Sue Jameson Room

**Abstract**

Chair Report. Minutes of 4/28/11 – Approved. Agenda – Approved. President Report. CCJS revision, Psychology MA revision and Counseling MA revisions all approved for Senate consent calendar. Update from Standing Committees on President's Diversity Council letter – FSAC and SAC reporting. Statewide Senator Report. Vice President of SAEM Report. APC Report. EPC Report. FSAC Report. SAC Report. CFA Report. Associated Students Report. Senate Agenda approved. Good of the Order.

**Present:** Margaret Purser, John Wingard, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Jennifer Mahdavi, Susan Moulton, Richard Senghas, Sam Brannen, Elaine Newman, Andy Merrifield, Maria Hess, Ruben Armiñana, Catherine Nelson, Kelly Estrada

**Absent:** Ben Ford, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Saeid Rahimi

**Guests:** Steve Wilson, Alex Boyar, Armand Gilinsky

**Chair Report – J. Wingard**

The Chair noted that the candidates for Associate Vice President of Faculty Affairs were on campus this week and that next week the candidates for Provost would be on campus.

**Approval of Minutes of 4/28/11 – Approved.**

**Approval of Agenda – Approved.**

**President Report – R. Armiñana**

R. Armiñana reported that the Chancellor had made it very clear what would happen if more cuts came to the CSU and he was asking the Trustees for authority to increase tuition and fees up to 32% and reduce enrollment to 30,000 students. All that would happen in the Spring, if the budget reductions were worse. He noted that the Chancellor's message had been covered widely in the media. A member asked for clarification on the fee increases. The President said if the cuts were beyond the \$500 million, then the fee increase would be sought up to 32%. A member clarified that this was in addition to the 10% that was already approved. The President noted that the Chancellor's message did not talk about a salary reduction due to the collective bargaining agreements. The student representative asked if the CSU reduction could go over one billion. The President said that was completely unknown. The CFA President reported on the Republican plan for the budget, which was already dead, however, it did not include more cuts to the CSU.

## **CCJS revision – E. Newman**

E. Newman described the changes, which were primarily moving courses around. **Approved for Senate consent calendar.**

## **Psychology MA – E. Newman**

E. Newman described the changes, which changed their culminating experience to be an internship and a culminating paper that students would submit for publication. **Approved for Senate consent calendar.**

## **Counseling MA – E. Newman**

E. Newman described the changes which were driven by accreditation requirements and licensing requirements for the State of California. The CFA President asked if the content of the courses was changing and how that would affect long term lecturers with entitlements. There was substantial discussion about the issues of curriculum development/revision and employment. **Approved for the Senate's consent calendar.**

## **Update from Standing Committees on President's Diversity Council letter**

FSAC – R. Senghas reported that FSAC was not clear about their role in what was being requested by the letter.

SAC – J. Mahdavi reported that SAC was interested in doing co-curricular things to support the PDC's efforts.

## **Statewide Senator Report – C. Nelson**

C. Nelson said the two issues that dominated the Statewide Senate were the American Institutions proposed changes to Title V and the Statewide Senate's relationship with CFA in terms of jurisdiction. She noted the Board of Trustees had the American Institutions proposal as an information item, that was equivalent to a first reading, and they would be voting on it in July. She discussed some of the reports about the meeting and noted that some faculty would be meeting to draft another resolution in complete opposition to the proposal and again asking for a delay by the Board. She then discussed the visit by Lillian Taiz, the President of CFA, who spoke about bargaining. Statewide Senators brought up concerns about new tactics advanced by CFA or Students for Quality Education, or someone, during bargaining. Primarily, the concern centered on posters of Chancellor Reed and Ben Quillian. Taiz had said the Union had been nice for very long time and it had gotten them nowhere. She did not take credit for the posters. After her speech about power and protecting the faculty, she received applause at the Statewide Senate. C. Nelson continued noting that Richard Katz, a consultant for marketing for online education also visited the Statewide Senate. She discussed the various resolutions passed by the Statewide Senate. The CFA President noted for the record that CFA did not create the racist/sexist poster of Ben Quillian. A member asked what the definition of "special sessions" was across the CSU. The CFA President responded that special

sessions included summer, intersession and open university. A member, who was the Chair of the Graduate Studies Subcommittee, noted that there were programs in Extended Education that had the same name as graduate programs, but only gave CEU units, not academic units and that the website did not clearly indicate that.

### **Vice President of SAEM Report – M. Lopez-Phillips**

M. Lopez-Phillips noted that students were very stressed out now that the end of the semester was close. They were offering free tutoring in the Multi-Cultural Center for students who needed that. He noted the tragic news of the suicide death of one of the students. A special musical convocation was held in his honor. Administrators in SAEM were working closely with the family and other students. The Chair asked how enrollment was going. M. Lopez-Phillips said they had 1942 first time freshman that had put in enrollment deposits. He expected some attrition from that and hoped to bring it down to 1800. There were 654 transfer students and could probably bring in more if there was the money to teach them. He said the EOP class looked like it would be around 140 this year. He then discussed how the registration process was going and noted that the waitlists were really helping. He thanked the Math Department for piloting the waitlist function. There was a question about waitlists and cross-listed courses. M. Lopez-Phillips said he would look into that question.

### **APC Report – K. Estrada**

K. Estrada reported that APC reviewed A. Warmoth's formidable document on strategies during budget reductions. She thought the document was helpful to APC for the Fall. They would create a workgroup to undertake some of the initiatives identified in the document. They were also planning to bring a statement to the Senate about what a quality education means at SSU for undergraduate and graduate programs. She then discussed an initiative of possible portfolio assessment and/or e-portfolios for undergraduate education and discussed how this modality was used in the School of Education. She noted issues of buy-in among the faculty and thought that the School of Education could provide leadership to the campus on this idea. She noted that the statistical dashboard was online and available ([http://www.sonoma.edu/aa/ir/Statistical\\_dashboard/Statistical\\_dashboard.shtml](http://www.sonoma.edu/aa/ir/Statistical_dashboard/Statistical_dashboard.shtml)) and that it included a lot of data.

### **EPC Report – E. Newman**

E. Newman introduced Armand Gilinsky who would be chairing EPC the next year. She announced the approval of the Wine Business program in Extended Education. It would not go to the Senate as it was a certificate program.

### **FSAC Report – R. Senghas**

R. Senghas said FSAC would be watching closely the change over to a new Provost and new AVP of Faculty Affairs. They were setting up their agenda for next year.

## **SAC Report – J. Mahdavi**

J. Mahdavi reported SAC had its last meeting and had an interesting conversation with L. Holmstrom, representing the DRB. They talked about how to help students navigate the grade appeal and grievance processes.

## **CFA Report – A. Merrifield**

A. Merrifield gave an update on bargaining and the recent discussion on workload. He noted CFA's interests in the May budget revision. He discussed lobbying efforts that they would use again as the budget gets closer to approval. He discussed the new legislation that would withhold pay from legislators for every day the budget is late. He said it remained to be seen if the legislators would work when not getting paid. He hoped the budget situation would not be adversarial between the Union and the CSU, because first there needed to be money before fighting over it.

## **Associated Students Report – A. Boyar**

A. Boyar noted that this week the AS would install their new officers. He said the new liaison to faculty governance from the AS would be Paul Ramey. He said they had been having a lot of training for the new student leadership and he was very impressed with them. He noted there was informal agreement with the faculty Senate in the ASI about the American Institutions proposed change. He discussed the ASI opposition to SB 8, due to the nature of performer contracts in ASP that often could not be made public. They wanted to seek an exemption for student organizations in the Senate Bill before they could support it. He asked that the leadership of the Senate keep the dialog about the student center referendum at the Senate civil and appropriate. He was concerned about allegations being presented to the Senate against student leadership that he thought was denying people their due process. A member asked if the improvement in student government stemmed from the restructuring. A. Boyar thought that was absolutely true. There was a discussion about the training for new ASI representatives. There was further discussion about the arguments for and against SB 8 and how it was being amended.

## **Senate Agenda**

### **AGENDA**

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – John Wingard  
Correspondences

Consent Items:

- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- CCJS revisions – emailed
- Psych MA revisions – emailed
- Counseling MA revisions – emailed

## **BUSINESS**

1. Elect Ex Com member for F '11 – B. Ford T. C. 3:10
2. Discontinuance policy in Curriculum Guide – Second Reading – E. Newman – (5/5 packet) 3:15
3. Policy on Representation on Administrative Search Committees – Second Reading – B. Ford – (5/5 packet) T.C. 3:35
4. Resolution requesting letter sent to CSU Office of the University Auditor or Other Impartial Third Party regarding allegations of violations of CSU election guidelines in recent student referendum – Second Reading – S. Cabaniss – (resolution attached and bring 5/5 packet) T. C. 3:55
5. Changing of the Guard T. C. 4:45

**Approved.**

### **Good of the Order**

M. Hess reminded the members that the retirement party for A. Warmoth would be held the next day from 4 – 7 in the Commons. S. Moulton commended the Chair for his service on the Executive Committee this year. Applause. The Chair expressed his appreciation for working with everyone on the Executive Committee.

**Adjourned.**

*Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström*