

FSAC – NOVEMBER 20, 2014

1-3pm, Sue Jameson Room

Present: Richard Whitkus (chair), Ed Beebout (recorder), Melinda Barnard (AVP), Birch Moonwomon (CFA), Christian George (AS)

Absent: Kyuho Lee, Karen Brodsky, Eric Williams

Convened: 1:05pm

Agenda: Approved

Minutes: Approved with minor wording changes, corrections

Informational items:

- 1) Assessing diversity in SETE – Matthew Callahan asked to postpone his visit due to a quorum of voting members not being present.

Standing Reports:

Chair (Whitkus)- 1) Academic Freedom Subcommittee is running a conversation on December 10 from noon to 1pm in Sue Jameson Room. The topic is academic freedom and social media. 2) The Academic Coordinating Team discussed graduation rates and best practices employed at other universities. 3) Senate task force working on consideration of Senate committee restructuring.

AVP (Barnard)- 1) Most campuses haven't produced guidelines yet for the new contract's "exceptional service for student programs" release time awards yet. 2) Heating is off in Carson. Working conditions are a potential issue for staff and faculty there. Should let Melinda know if it is a problem. 3) Internet in buildings – Upgrades will be happening over Thanksgiving break. 4) SETE policy requires us to e-mail notification to students. Will send out Friday. Will also send out separate e-mail to new faculty. 5) New faculty searches are going well. By next week, 14 of 18 searches will have closed the application phase.

AFS- *discussed in chair report*

FSSP- *no report*

PDS (Beebout)- 1) PDS held a meeting November 17. Spring meeting dates were approved. Discussed the possibility of holding annual TT faculty reception with the provost on February 4, pending availability of the provost. Began discussion on PDS annual report draft. 2) Final new-faculty meeting was held November 10. Faculty shared experiences and observations about their first semester at SSU.

URTP (Barnard)- RTP files are being passed around. A few snafus in the process, but things progressing.

ASI (George)- 1) A draft resolution presented to floor regarding equal representation on faculty search committees. Has not been voted on, is not on this week's agenda. 2) There is an article in LA Times about the UC raising tuition.

CFA (Moonwomon)- 1) Contract vote ratified – 91 percent yes vote. Higher turnout than the last contract vote. 2) President Arminana on equity: says he wants to fix

inversion. 3) Workload: How Article 20:37 is implemented is very important as a start in addressing workload issues.

Discussion item:

- 1) Article 20:37 of tentative CBA – Chair Whitkus provided a rough draft of interim criteria and application form. Questions include whether faculty chosen for spring '15 have to bank their release time. Discussion of ranking applicants vs. approving or denying. Other issues: The need to specifically state that release time money goes directly to the department impacted. Chair will bring draft to Ex-Com along with outstanding questions regarding contract clarifications.

Good of the Order: Christian can't attend FSAC meetings in the spring. Working on replacement.

Adjourned: 2:46pm