

Executive Committee Minutes
February 21, 2019
3:00 - 5:00, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Abstract

Agenda – Approved. Minutes of 2/7/19 – Approved. Chair Report. President Report. Provost Report. Vice Chair Report. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report. Associated Students Report. From EPC: New Concentration in Education Specialist Credential Early Childhood Studies – Approved for Senate consent calendar. From EPC: Policy on Off-Site Programs – Approved as a business item for the Senate. APARC Report. EPC Report. FSAC Report. SAC Report. CFA Report. Rep to SEC Report. Senate agenda approved.

Present: Laura Watt, Melinda Milligan, Damien Wilson, Jeffrey Reeder, Mark Perri, Jenn Lillig, Rita Premo, Carlos Torres, Judy Sakaki, Lisa Vollendorf, Joyce Lopes, Erma Jean Sims

Guests: John Dunstan, Hilary Smith, Jerlena Griffin-Desta

Approval of Agenda – Approved.

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Chair Report – L. Watt

L. Watt reported on the Statewide Senate Chairs meeting and admonished her navigation system. The Chairs spent quite a bit of time talking about the ASCSU GE Task Force report. Concerns raised during the meeting included the fact that a number of disciplinary councils were not invited to the task force; in addition to the concern for more changes occurring as a result of EO 1100, including the potential elimination of American history and government courses from GE. The Chairs also discussed the Presidential searches and reviews that are underway. Those doing Presidential reviews expressed concern that they received a form letter from the Chancellor's office after submitting the review. L. Watt reminded the members of the upcoming Emeritus dinner. She discussed her further thinking about having an up or down vote on the GE revision. Since most curriculum revisions are not brought to the floor of the Senate and since amendments to curricular programs would seem very out of place at the Senate, she argued that this line of thinking bolstered her request that the GE revision come as a packet. She updated the members on the Campus Planning committee reboot.

J. Reeder spoke to the GE task force report. He encouraged everyone to read it carefully. He said the first four pages provide the background and then it discusses learning goals, etc. He reviewed the make-up of the task force. One of the frustrations of the ASCSU was that the EO orders were badly timed. The Chair noted that the task force report actually did reflect many things of which the GERS committee was already proposing for the new GE program. J. Reeder noted that SSU was way ahead of many other campuses in terms of GE revision.

President Report – J. Sakaki

President Sakaki just returned from the President’s Council meetings. She will serve on President Ochoa’s six-year review process at CSU Monterey Bay later this semester.

Provost Report – L. Vollendorf

Provost Vollendorf spoke to the communication about the recent incident in a SYRCE class that she and Dr. Sawyer put out to the campus on February 20, 2019. She solicited feedback about how we as a campus can and should continue to respond and create ways for SSU to build a more inclusive and equitable community. Some ideas that have come forward include looking again at how to strengthen and potentially reposition the President’s Diversity Council; asking faculty with particular expertise or interest to participate in conversations about what considerations people should have in mind when teaching challenging texts; and determining a clearer pathway for how we can communicate about issues when they arise as appropriate and possible. The Black Student Summit is next Friday at SSU. This will provide an important space for dialogue, listening, and learning. [Melinda Milligan pointed out that we have expertise through the Faculty Center that could be helpful going forward. Also, she raised the question of how the Hub was the body to invite students to the event at the Hub and helped us think about how we might organize events in the future. Erma Jean Sims said this is a good time for difficult dialogue conversations for faculty. CFA is looking into bringing an anti-bias program to campus this semester. Dr. Sims also mentioned we need a rapid response team.]

The AVP for Institutional Effectiveness and the Dean of Social Science searches are now officially launched. Provost Vollendorf is grateful for everyone’s service on these important search committees.

Vice Chair Report – M. Milligan

M. Milligan reported on the call for nominations for faculty governance positions. She noted that the revised SAC charge is at S&F for review.

Vice President of Administration and Finance Report – J. Lopes

1. VP Lopes spoke about the space planning committee co-chaired by Dr. Elias Lopez and AVP Dana Twedell. Their role is to create policies and provide advice about overall space management and planning on campus.
2. VP Lopes said that next week we will announce which company had been chosen for the Stevenson Design-Build project. She thanked all who participated in the project. The next steps after the announcement will be to validate the feasibility study and to finalize the design plans so we can stay on track for the Stevenson remodel.
3. VP Lopes has her strategic plan now on the website.
4. A Cost Allocation analysis has been underway. This is the process by which we charge our self-support entities.

5. Fire Marshall is going to look at Petaluma property next week. Hooray! We are hopeful construction should be completed by March 1. We are hopeful we can move people into the units soon!

Associated Students Report – J. Dunstan

J. Dunstan reported that the Vagina Monologues and Lip Jam were successful fundraisers. Student elections are on-going and he thanked everyone for nominating students to run. He reported that R. Premo will address the Student Senate regarding open access for textbooks. L. Lupei will talk about the budgeting process and IT will talk about the potential email change. The AS has a resolution in process about CALFRESH.

From EPC: New Concentration in Education Specialist Credential Early Childhood Studies – J. Lillig

J. Lillig introduced the item and reviewed the proposal. She noted that it was a combination degree between the early childhood studies BA and a teaching credential. It will allow students to complete the combination degree in four years. **It was approved for the Senate consent calendar.**

From EPC: Policy on Off-Site Programs – J. Lillig

J. Lillig discussed the creation of an off-site programs policy. This policy will help provide clear guidelines for off-site program development. Many of the questions regarding off-site programs are included in the policy, so those will be addressed before a proposal comes to EPC. There was some discussion. **It was approved as a business item for the Senate agenda.**

APARC Report – M. Perri

M. Perri reported that ATISS is looking into software that would check accessibility for documents. URPS is working on revising the self-study guide for program review. APARC will discuss the strategic budgeting survey results and will work on their strategic priorities.

EPC Report – J. Lillig

J. Lillig reported that she visited the GE subcommittee, and found that Area E, Upper Division B, A2 and stretch Math are progressing through GE revisions. She noted that some departments are getting ahead of themselves. Only those four areas are being accepted right now. At the next EPC meeting, they will discuss the “overlays” in the new GE program. EPC added a modalities spreadsheet to the Curriculum Guide. J. Lillig just returned from an AAC&U conference on GE. The take-ways were: we are way behind others in the GE reform, the program we are coming up with is very good. It’s a very big deal that we are doing GE reform and particularly assessment of GE. EPC may propose slowing down the timeline for an assessment of GE.

FSAC Report – R. Premo

R. Premo reported that PDS brought their resolution about creating an Ombuds office to FSAC. FSAC approved it with minor changes. FSAC approved changes to the Emeritus policy. They have just started looking at instructor drops/waitlists as an on-going issue. Some members within FSAC think the instructor drops/waitlists issue should be referred to EPC. FSSP's charge change is still in progress. She noted that she will attend AFS next week where they will be talking about teaching sensitive materials. AFS wants PDS to rescind their email about trigger warnings. There was some discussion about the history of PDS and AFS talking about teaching sensitive materials. R. Premo said she would report back on the meeting with AFS.

SAC Report - H. Smith for R. Lopez

H. Smith reported that SAC's revised charge will be heard at S&F next week. AAS will report to SAC soon and a report will come out of that.

CFA Report – E. J. Sims

E. J. Sims said CFA had an interesting report about CALPERS and fossil fuel investment. CFA and a couple of campuses have asked CALPERS to divest from fossil fuels. The next solidarity social is March 14th 4-7 in Lobos.

Rep to SEC Report – M. Perri

M. Perri reported that C. Dawson is working on the carbon footprint portion of the climate commitment. The SEC heard a report from Jennifer Barnett of procurement about only buying recycled paper and they also discussed e-waste issues. L. Watt announced that on May 5th, there will be a women and sustainability panel on which she has been asked to participate.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Laura A. Watt
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes – emailed

Consent Items: From EPC: New Concentration in Education Specialist Credential/Early Childhood Studies – emailed

Business

1. Resolution regarding President's Climate Leadership Commitment – Second Reading – M. Perri – Bring your 2/14 agenda
2. From EPC: New Policy - Off-Site Programs – First Reading – J. Lillig – attached

Approved.

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