

FSAC Minutes
April 12, 2012
Sue Jameson Room
1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.

Attending: Richard Senghas (Chair), Melinda Barnard, Chip McAuley, Paula Hammett, Richard Whitkus, Viki Montera (recorder), Sandra Newton, Emily Hurd (AS), Andy Merrifield

Absent:

Convened: 1:02 pm

Agenda: Approved

Minutes: Approved

REPORTS

Chair (Senghas)

- Update on news coming out of Chancellor's Office concerning future admissions and new programs.
- Upcoming Senate agenda discussed.
- ACT met, budget to be issue; no Spring 2013 admissions with few exceptions.

AVP (Barnard)

- Draft of changes in procedures as a result of recent Sabbatical and DIP policy revisions.
- CSU Executive Order Background-Check Update – A background check is needed on Unit 3 employees who work in summer camps.

Discussion regarding this issue. A position on this may need to be considered by Faculty Senate. One note by CFA – Title 5 renewal on CSU ability to issue Executive Orders is currently being considered by the legislature. More information will be forthcoming to FSAC regarding Title 5 and CSU Executive Orders.

- Grievance on Academic Chair pay. Working with CFA and Deans. Will bring back to FSAC for comment.
- Request from RTP candidates in promotion letters for an increase greater than 7.5%. URTP does not have a role in this. However, the President may grant a greater increase to individuals.

AFS (Newton)

AFS provided feedback on the new SSU policy for on-line instruction.

PDS (McCauley)

PDS is finalizing their revised charge and will be submitting a draft to FSAC in the near future. PDS Workshops have been successful and the committee would like to continue to offer these sessions next year.

FSSP (Whitkus)

No meeting.

URTP (Barnard)

Finishing their work. Have completed Tenure reviews and now working on Promotion reviews.

ASI (Hurd)

- Working on their budget and debating a resolution on the Governors Budget.

CFA (Merrifield)

Report on recent information regarding Collective Bargaining. May be implications for FSAC. Stay tuned.

BUSINESS**1. PDS Follow-Up:**

Have not yet received the draft of the revised charge from PDS. In addition, there will be high turnover among PDS representatives. Once the draft of the revised charge comes forth, FSAC members are requested to review and respond promptly in order to forward this interim charge to ExComm.

2. Course Instructional Materials Adoption Policy (document forthcoming)

Currently have an Interim Policy. This new document will replace the interim policy. This was prompted to respond to a range of issues that have arisen (accessibility, affordability) from students. There have been repeated requests from students. In addition, it also responds to new legislation and executive orders. Faculty issues for consideration include the need to set reasonable dates for selection of materials, the accommodation of range of courses, and faculty assignments that are made just prior to the beginning of the course.

3. Lecturer Range Elevation Policy– Departmental Criteria

Information item for FSAC members to begin reviewing the current policy. This policy may need further exploration next year.

Issues to consider:

- Should FSAC encourage departments to develop similar criteria as in the RTP process?
- Current practice does not match the policy. Is the policy too elaborate? Does it need to be streamlined?
- Revising is needed to bring up to date.
- This is connected to Article 12 in CBA, which is under discussion in bargaining. Should this be put on hold until bargaining is completed?
- What are departments currently using as criteria? FSAC Chair will poll departments on this and to seek if they prioritize any items in this process.
- Question raised about Item II. E. on elections.

4. FSAC Chair Succession

Viki Montera was selected as the chair of FSAC for next year, with help from Chip McAuley (and continued support of the FSAC team), pending reelection from her school.

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Adjourned: 2:40 pm