

Senate Executive Committee Minutes

November 20, 2008

3:00 – 5:00, Sue Jameson Room

Present: Scott Miller, Art Warmoth, Andy Merrifield, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Eduardo Ochoa, Terry Lease, Sunil Tiwari, Sam Brannen, Catherine Nelson, Deb Kindy, Tim Wandling, Carmen Works, Susan Moulton, Karen Thompson

Absent: Ruben Armiñana, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth

Guests: Tristan Kelley, Derek Pierre, Steve Wilson

Approval of Agenda – two items added: Statement of Collegiality and By-Laws Revision: Student Voting on Standing and Subcommittees. *Approved.*

Approval of Minutes of 11/6/08 – *Approved.*

Chair Report – S. Miller

S. Miller talked about the Ad-Hoc Diversity Committee's open forum for students held the previous day. He reported about 100 students attended and thought some things were confirmed for him and others were a puzzle. He noted demographics were definitely an issue for the campus as well as ideological issues such as racism, etc. on campus and off campus. He discussed his puzzlements – conversations about diversity are often painful. Definitions and assumptions about diversity are widely varied.

Provost Report – E. Ochoa

E. Ochoa reported on the President's report at the Extended Cabinet meeting regarding the budget situation. The Department of Finance is very pessimistic about the revenue outlook for California. No results are expected from the Legislative special sessions in November or December. There will be no growth money for '09-'10. No further cuts are expected in '09-'10. He discussed the mid year cuts in the proposed budget. He said they anticipate another \$33 million in costs next year that will be unfunded, primarily health care costs, which will feel like a cut. No one anticipates an economic recovery until '10 –'11. '09-'10 will see higher fees for CSU students, likely more than 10% and probably 20%. No mid year fee increase is expected. The CSU has decided to go ahead and schedule spring as if the mid year cuts have been realized. There are new enrollment rules for next year. The target will be the same as this year. There will be systemwide impactation. Any excess enrollment over 2% of target will not net the campus any excess fees. This removes the incentive for campuses to over enroll. There were questions and discussion.

Statewide Senator Report – C. Nelson

C. Nelson reported that the Statewide Senate passed two resolutions last week. They concerned Constructive Engagement in the CSU/CFA re-opener and Systemwide Impaction. She noted how quickly things are changing as they were told last week that student fees would not be on the table. Concerns were raised about the impact on low-income students due to impaction. The CSU said since the local recruiting requirements do not have the higher standards for admission, this might mitigate some of the impact. She reported that CFA is re-emphasizing the need for high quality faculty in the upcoming negotiations.

EPC report – C. Works

C. Works said that EPC heard a report from Melinda Barnard about University courses and she thought that M. Barnard was asking for EPC's endorsement of canceling University 238 and continuing to offer it for no units. She said EPC was confused about it. M. Barnard also asked EPC to look into the academic merit of the course. C. Works gave a brief history of the course as she understood it. She said EPC did not know of a procedure to deal with the issues surrounding the course. The Provost reported on what he had learned about the course at a meeting last week. He described the reasoning behind offering the course for no units. There was discussion in which more history of the University courses was discussed along with other curricular implications of these courses. It was clarified that it was appropriate for EPC to investigate the academic appropriateness of University courses. There was a suggestion that the issues about the University courses be referred to EPC and APC.

Resolution on the CLA – C. Works

C. Works noted what changes were made to the resolution since it was last at the Executive Committee. There was discussion. *It was approved for the Senate agenda.*

Statement on Collegiality – S. Tiwari

S. Tiwari noted that he took the Executive Committee's questions and comments back to FSAC and they revised the statement on collegiality and provided a history. He also explained the legislative history of the document and noted it had gone through FSAC, but had never come to the Senate. *It was approved for the Senate agenda.*

Chair-Elect Report – S. Moulton

S. Moulton reported that R. Train is willing to serve a second term as ACIP rep and S&F approved him. Also S&F approved Susan McKillop to serve on the Accreditation Review Steering Committee.

By-Laws revision: Student voting on Standing Committees and Subcommittees – S. Moulton

S. Moulton noted that Structure and Functions took under considerations T. Lease's motion regarding the by-laws revision on student voting and presented their revised document. The APC chair asked if the correct language regarding their ability to have liaisons to other committees was in the by-laws as it wasn't showing in the revision document. S. Moulton said S&F will be doing a series of revisions to the by-laws, the student voting issues being the first. She noted that the SAC and its subcommittees endorsed it. There was discussion and suggestions were made for further clarification and improvement. *It was approved for the Senate agenda.*

New Minor in Early Childhood Education – C. Works

C. Works introduced the item. She said the minor in early childhood education would allow students to get a permit from the State, would allow students from the junior college to transfer courses and might provide internships to the SSU Children's School. EPC approved it unanimously. *It was approved for the Senate's consent calendar.*

APC Progress Report on Core Academic Priorities – A. Warmoth

A. Warmoth introduced the item and noted that APC added four new larger recommendations in addition to the recommendations in the report on the progress on the Core Academic Priorities report. He noted in the cover memo he outlined three actions the Senate could take regarding the report. There was discussion. *It was decided that the item would go to the Senate as a report at the next meeting and agendaized for discussion at a subsequent meeting.*

Discussion of committee processes – S. Miller

S. Miller read a letter to the Executive Committee from a member of EPC which criticized the methods of the Executive Committee in determining readiness of items for the Senate. The members discussed their behaviors in terms of Standing Committee business that comes forward for the Senate. The EPC Chair described the frustration of the EPC members with the Executive Committee. Members argued that they attempt to make documents understandable for the Senate.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Senate - Scott Miller

Correspondences

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes
Minor in Early Childhood Education – pdf online

➤ Update on WASC

BUSINESS

1. Emergency Instructional Funding Resolution – Second Reading attachment - B. Moonwomon
2. Resolution on the CLA – First Reading - attachment – C. Works
3. Statement on Collegiality – First Reading – attachment – S. Tiwari
4. By-Laws Revision: Student voting on Standing and Subcommittees – First Reading – attachment – S. Moulton
5. WASC discussion on Diversity – S. Miller

(note – this is the final version of the Senate agenda approved after more discussion below)

WASC discussion for next Senate meeting – S. Miller

S. Miller said he wanted to do GE Reform at the next meeting. There was discussion.

There was a suggestion to continue with follow up on planning or diversity at the Senate instead.

Faculty Retreat and Spring Convocation – S. Miller

S. Miller spoke about his idea for the faculty retreat – 21st Century Students in Liberal Education. He asked the body about holding the retreat on the day before Convocation. There was discussion about the date and topic for the retreat. The Chair asked for suggestions via email and noted he did want to include looking at students. The Executive Committee agreed to hold the retreat the day before Convocation. The body then discussed spring Convocation and its format.

Return to Senate Agenda

The Chair asked if there was any objection to doing GE Reform as the WASC discussion. After discussion, it was decided to postpone GE Reform as the WASC discussion and to discuss Diversity instead.

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström