

Senate Executive Committee Minutes
September 8, 2011
3:00 – 5:00, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Abstract

Agenda approved. Minutes of 8/25/11 approved. Chair Report. Statewide Senator Report. Resolution Honoring Art Warmoth approved for Senate agenda. Chair-Elect Report. EPC Report. Vice President of SAEM Report. CFA Report. FSAC Report. SAC Report. Associated Students Report. Senate Agenda. EPC charged with taking lead on writing policy re: hours and units.

Present: Jennifer Mahdavi, Kelly Estrada, Ben Ford, Margaret Purser, Deborah Roberts, Terry Lease, Armand Gilinsky, Andrew Rogerson, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Catherine Nelson for Brain Wilson, John Wingard, Richard Senghas

Absent: Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Ruben Armiñana, Andy Merrifield, Sam Brannen

Guests: Paul Ramey, Steve Wilson

Approval of Agenda – Approved.

Minutes of 8/25/11 – Approved.

Chair Report – B. Ford

B. Ford reminded the committee that the Senate passed a resolution late last Spring for a workgroup to write a letter to an, unknown at this time, entity regarding the student referendum last spring. He noted that the campus had received notice of legal action regarding the referendum and thus the work of the resolution may need to be suspended. He reminded everyone that any correspondence regarding the referendum needed to be saved. He said he decided to appoint the task force, but not convene the task force until he could talk to legal counsel. He then asked the committee to ratify everyone that volunteered with the caveat that if the task went beyond a member's term on the Senate, a new person would be appointed. He then listed the five members he wished to appoint: himself, Terry Lease, Noel Byrne, Rick Luttmann and Sharon Cabaniss. There was some discussion. No objection to the appointments. He then announced the Emeritus Dinner on October 16th at the French Garden Restaurant in Sebastopol. He apprised the Ex Com of the progress of the "Academic Story" conversation. He said that the first lunch devoted to this topic went very well. He, the Provost and other faculty had a good conversation about what they thought about the core academic identity of SSU. He thought this was an opening up phase. He described the various communications means he would be employing to help keep the information flowing. He had set up a blog on the Senate website to write reports and to receive comments. He was talking to people in the Organization Development program and had met with the four Standing Committees. He hoped people would continue to come to the lunches and he was looking for other ways for that discussion to happen. He also wanted to send out an email to all faculty a couple of days before each lunch with updates about

governance actions and he asked the Standing Committee Chairs for any pertinent information or juicy faculty governance gossip.

Statewide Senator Report – C. Nelson

C. Nelson said the Statewide Senate would meet the next week. She said the committee she sits on was working a resolution about the Presidential Selection process changes being proposed by the Board of Trustees. She noted one aspect that had not been in the SSU resolution was that if only internal candidates were applicants, the position would not be posted or advertised. By implication, she argued that a campus could have a candidate for a position that had not been advertised or posted and had not visited the campus and only vetted by the Board of Trustees. She said she thought these changes were a reaction to the Governor's criticism of the executive compensation in the CSU but was not sure how the leap was made from compensation and selection. There was some discussion and dismay was expressed.

Resolution Honoring Art Warmoth – K. Estrada

K. Estrada said the resolution was to honor A. Warmoth while he was still around and to let him and his family know the value of his contribution to the Senate and APC in particular. She asked for input from the committee. Some grammatical changes were noted and there was some questioning of specific community service as appropriate in that particular resolution. A member brought up a concern about other faculty who have contributed greatly to the university, but were not having a resolution written for them, particularly those recently approved for Emeritus status as A. Warmoth was. There was discussion about this concern. It was suggested that APC approve the resolution and then report it to the Senate. There were arguments to put it on the Senate agenda. **Motion to add to agenda. Second. Approved.**

Chair-Elect Report – M. Purser

M. Purser reported on the Structure and Functions discussion about the lecturer vacancy and the one unit of release time. She said S&F discussed the Analyst's FAQ's for the Senate website which she thought were a blatant attempt at recruiting faculty for governance. She talked about S&F's review of changes to the membership to the University Program Review subcommittee.

EPC Report – A. Gilinsky

A. Gilinsky reported that EPC assigned their liaisons, met with the Chair of the Faculty and heard what they thought was this semester's penultimate program review, from Coms. He noted he was doing something different with the agenda of EPC and not only showing what was the business for the current meeting, but also what was coming up. He noted that the Provost would be visiting at their next meeting. They would meet with Dean Merickel in the future to talk about the MOU between EPC and Extended Education and to discuss EPC's role in online course design and evaluation. He noted that a new major in Early Childhood Education was coming forward and Philosophy had curricular changes proposed. He thought they had a very good group of people this year. A member suggested EPC talk with

CFA about the MOU with Extended Education. A member suggested that a representative from the Graduate Studies Subcommittee be present for the Extended Education discussion.

Vice President of SAEM Report – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips clarified that there was no specific time for the MCC open house because it would be happening all day. The Chair of SAC asked M. Lopez-Phillips to talk about the SAEM budget. He said they were originally tasked with coming up with a million dollars in cuts and now were tasked with \$1.1 million and found that very challenging as their budget was only about \$4 million. It was clarified that M. Lopez-Phillips was now the interim Vice President and interim Conduct Officer. The Chair asked that M. Lopez-Phillips report back about the revision to sexual assault policy. The Chair suggested having a presentation about the sexual assault policy and the new student advocate position at the Senate.

CFA Report – J. Wingard

J. Wingard read a report from A. Merrifield concerning CFA issues. He talked about the Governor signing SB8, the bill from Senator Yee, that made auxiliary budgets as transparent as the general fund in the CSU. CFA and the Newspaper Guild were the non-legislative sponsors. The bill had been opposed by the CSU. CFA was delighted because a lot of money flowed through the auxiliaries and some of that money compensated the Chancellor and other campus Presidents. People were not sure if the bill exempted student productions.

FSAC Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas reported that they would be working with SAC on the disruptive student policy. M. Lopez-Phillips reiterated why it was important to create this policy.

SAC Report – J. Mahdavi

J. Mahdavi reported that SAC was working on policies sent to them by the Dispute Resolution Board. They also wanted to work on some visioning for SAC and Student Affairs. They felt inspired by seeing people making noise about the Multicultural Center and money being found for it. There was some discussion about the Cheating and Plagiarism policy and faculty perspectives about what to do about it. It was suggested that perhaps the Associated Students and faculty governance could work together to raise awareness of plagiarism among students. A member noted that facing cheating and plagiarism issues with students was always unpleasant.

Associated Students Report – P. Ramey

P. Ramey reported that the past Tuesday they appointed all the students to committees. He said if after a week, if students were not showing up in the committees to contact himself or Amanda Kosty. He also reported that the last AS meeting went until 10pm and they worked very hard on policy and code for the AS. He announced the Sonoma Serves event that would be held in conjunction with JUMP, on September 24th. They would love to have as many SSU community

members involved as possible. Opportunities were posted on online: <http://www.sonoma.edu/as/jump/service-days.html>. A member noted that as the economy was declining, many of the non-profit sectors doing human services work were seeing their funding dry up and were seeing SSU as an asset. She thought the extent that people could serve would be important.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Ben Ford
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes
Correspondences
Consent Items

Information Items: End of Year Reports – S&F, APC - emailed

BUSINESS

1. Constitutional change: Structure of Chairship – Second Reading – A. Zagelbaum – 9/1 *agenda and attachment*
2. Resolution Honoring Art Warmoth – First Reading – K. Estrada – attached
3. Committee of the whole: Revisiting SSU's academic story- B. Ford

Approved

Question from EPC – A. Gilinsky

A. Gilinsky said that the Accrediting Agency was asking campuses to develop a policy about the expectations for student performance per hour for a unit. He gave examples of two very different approaches. He asked if the Ex Com wanted EPC to be involved with this issue. The Chair thought EPC should take the lead on it and consult with other standing committees that have interest. There was discussion about using the internship guidelines for hours per unit as a baseline. A member brought up the national conversation about de-coupling seat time from units. The Provost said his understanding from WASC was that the two hours outside of class needed to be stipulated in the syllabus. A member suggested that CFA needed to be involved due to workload implications. A member requested that it be a flexible policy and take into account current guidelines. **Motion to charge EPC to take the lead on writing the policy in consultation with other Standing Committees.**
Second. Approved.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström