

Senate Executive Committee Minutes
April 1, 2010
3:00 – 5:00, Sue Jameson Room

Abstract

Agenda approved. Minutes delayed. Vice President of SAEM Report. APC Report. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report. EPC Report. SAC Report. Revision to the Global Studies major and concentrations. Associate Student Report. Faculty Governance Reassignment Time. Fall 2010 Meeting Schedules. Periodic Review of Temporary Faculty. Time/Place/Manner Policy. Senate Agenda approved.

Present: Susan Moulton, John Wingard, Deb Kindy, Sam Brannen, Derek Girman, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Eduardo Ochoa, Art Warmoth, Carmen Works, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Ruben Armiñana

Absent: Scott Miller, Robert McNamara, Andy Merrifield, Richard Senghas, Margie Purser

Guests: Jenny Tice, Richard Whitkus, Rheyna Laney

Correspondence: S. Moulton noted a couple of things that have come through her email. One was a resolution from Northridge concerning flexible enrollment policy. The other was about an article by Zemsky/Finney - Higher Education and the Economic Downturn: Crisis or Opportunity? (<http://www.gse.upenn.edu/node/825>).

Approval of Agenda – Approved.

Minutes delayed.

Vice President of SAEM Report – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips reported on a phone campaign for under-represented students. He said Seawolf Day was coming up and encouraged faculty to attend.

APC Report – A. Warmoth

A. Warmoth said they were still discussing how the Curriculum Innovation group would articulate with the Implementation Team for the Graduation Initiative. The Chair asked if APC was discussing the possible growth in retirements looming. More people were attending retirement workshops than previously. A. Warmoth said he thought it was a good issue to look at although there is a referendum afoot eliminating retirement benefits for CSU employees due to budget constraints.

Vice President of Administration and Finance Report – L. Furukawa-Schlereth

L. Furukawa-Schlereth reported that about twelve campuses have announced their intention to proceed to lay-off with represented employees. He said he was meeting

with the bargaining units on campus to assure them SSU was not going to do that. He noted stress on campus from people hearing such news. He reported on the Conflict of Interest study group progress. He said they had decided to post all contracts on the web for transparency. He noted there were quite a lot of contracts through ASP, so they were working through those issues. He referred to the recent contract issues at Stanislaus, where they had contracted with Sarah Palin to speak and would not discuss the contract agreement. He said SSU did not want any issues with contracts. He noted that the 2009/2010 budget book was being put online. (*not posted at the time of preparing these minutes, however, it will show up here: <http://www.sonoma.edu/afd/home/transreport.html>*). He said that he was looking forward to the CRC meeting the next day as they had many interesting items on the agenda, including the possible re-naming of the Customer Services Center. He noted he was ready to present to the Senate a report on the fiscal status of Athletics. A member asked him how much it would cost the university to change the name of Customer Service. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said he didn't exactly know the total cost off hand. He said he had heard that the Students for Quality Education were raising money to help defray the costs. The Chair asked if the online expenditure plan would include the operating expenses for Administration and Finance since that had not been included in past expenditure plans. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said he did plan to include that and wanted to provide a very fine level of detail as well. She also asked if the non-replacement of retiring and sabbatical faculty was a Dean's decision and if any planning was taking place for hiring lecturers to replace them. The Provost said there was a target enrollment reduction next year. He said they were working on comparing lecturer SFR with statewide numbers and that made the allocations to the Schools uneven. He said all allocations had not been finalized. The student rep asked the Provost about the status of the Diversity Coordinator. He said people were working on a job description and it was his intention to hire for that position. A member asked if the Provost's office would pool salary savings from retirements and allocate that money to the neediest Schools and/or fund sabbaticals. The Provost said that was correct and noted that the salary savings were not 100% of the salary savings, but the net after lecturer costs.

Vice President of SAEM Report continued – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips noted that first registration was during a furlough week, so they were going to push all the registration into four days. He noted he had gone to the Ad-Hoc Diversity Committee to ask for recommendations of faculty for the CCGS Advisory Committee. The Ad-Hoc Diversity Committee recommended specifically faculty from Women's and Gender Studies and American Multicultural Studies. He asked if that was appropriate rather than a call to all faculty. The Chair referred the issue to Structure and Functions. A member asked if students could register at a time when they are not in class. M. Lopez-Phillips said no and recognized that "it was a pain."

EPC Report – C. Works

C. Works reported that the GE Subcommittee reviewed the 3-unit GE policy and proposed some good changes. She didn't think it would come before the Senate until

the Fall. She hoped to bring a revision to the WEPT policy to the next Ex Com meeting. She reported that the GE Subcommittee would be writing a letter to the Provost asking for the wait list functionality to be implemented in PeopleSoft for GE courses as they thought that would help students get the GE courses they needed and help improve time to graduation. She said GE was also working on the forms they have for new GE courses.

SAC Report – D. Girman

D. Girman reported that SAC had reviewed the Campus Expression policy and made their views known to the Academic Freedom Subcommittee. He reported back on the legal review of the Grade Appeal and that they would be discussing that at their next meeting. They were also looking at the Class Attendance policy that was another request from the Fairness Board. They would be meeting with Lisa Wyatt, the Director of Psychological and Counseling services to talk about how they might assist. He noted that the Academic Advising Subcommittee and ACE have been working together to get the word out encouraging students to get advising before registration. They would be sending to FSAC what they decide about advising holds.

Revision to the Global Studies major and concentrations – C. Works

C. Works introduced the item. She noted Global Studies did an overhaul of their curriculum every year, as it was very interdisciplinary program. All items were approved unanimously at all levels. There was some discussion. **No objection to putting both items on the Senate's consent calendar.**

Associate Students Report – J. Tice

J. Tice reported that the AS Senate passed a resolution for more variety in general education.

Faculty Governance Reassignment Time – S. Moulton

S. Moulton introduced the item noting that every year the Executive Committee recommends reassigned time for governance work to the Provost. The previous year's request was used for discussion. The Chair noted the increase of committee obligations for the Chair, Chair-Elect and Past Chair. There was discussion. There was a request to bring up the issues of reassigned time earlier in the Spring. The Provost argued that faculty governance reassigned time at SSU was the highest in the CSU. There was discussion about comparing the workload of governance among the CSU campuses. There was more discussion about effective communication in faculty governance. **Motion to change the recommendation from courses to units, using 4 units. Second. Approved.**

Fall 2010 Meeting Schedules

It was noted that Veteran's Day would fall on a Thursday in Fall 2010 and that threw off the governance committee scheduling somewhat. After a short discussion, it was

decided to have each committee work out what it wanted to do. The Senate Analyst noted that she had sent out the meeting dates for to all the committees for next year for review. The APC chair asked for the JCAP meetings to be scheduled soon.

Periodic Review of Temporary Faculty – R. Whitkus for R. Senghas

S. Moulton noted that there was some confusion at the last Senate meeting about the policy. R. Whitkus said that he and R. Senghas had worked on the document to make sure it reflected what FSAC had passed. He reviewed the clarifications. There was some discussion. **Approved for the Senate agenda.**

Time/Place/Manner Policy – S. Moulton

S. Moulton reported on the recent meeting involving the creation of a campus expression policy. She said it was decided to send the draft policy to the Academic Freedom subcommittee for review. She hoped by the end of the semester the policy would be fully reviewed. The Provost hoped AFS had the policies from other CSU campuses. J. Tice noted a student felt discouraged to comment on the policy because there was a cumbersome log-in functionality to the blog. S. Moulton noted everyone could send comments to members of the committee.

A member asked J. Tice about the ASI opinion on the academic calendar. She noted there was interest in shortening the winter break and that a memorandum from ASI was being developed. The President noted SSU was now one of few campuses with long winter breaks. He suggested looking at what Chico had recently done.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Senate - Susan Moulton

Correspondences

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Global Studies: changes to major and concentrations – emailed

Special Report: Interim Mayor of Cotati – R. Coleman-Senghor T.C. 3:15

BUSINESS (*in time certain order*)

1. From S&F: New Section of By-Laws recommendation – Second Reading - attached – J. Wingard T. C. 3:30
2. From S&F: Senate Diversity Committee – Second Reading – attached – J. Wingard T.C. 3:40

3. Resolution applauding the Recognition of Norooz by the U.S. House of Representatives – First Reading – S. Brannen – attached T.C. 3:50
4. Resolution to Hold a Referendum of No Confidence in the Financial Management of Sonoma State University and a Call for the Resignations of President Ruben Armiñana and CFO/VP for Administration and Finance, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth – First Reading – attached – N. Byrne T. C. 4:00
5. Periodic Review of Temporary Faculty Policy – Second Reading – R. Senghas – re-attached T. C. 4:10
6. Arts and Humanities GE Reform proposal – Second Reading – C. Works – **(3/11 agenda!)** T. C. 4:30

Approved.

Adjourned at 4:10

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström Vega