

Executive Committee Minutes
October 20, 2005
3:00-5:00 Sue Jameson Room

Present: Elizabeth Stanny, Art Warmoth, Melanie Dreisbach, Edith Mendez, Elizabeth Martinez, Perry Marker, Eduardo Ochoa, Doug Jordan, Carlos Ayala, Elaine McDonald, Robert McNamara, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Ruben Armíñana

Absent: John Wingard

Guests: Steve Wilson, Birch Moonwomon, Brigitte Lahme

Approval of Agenda – Approved.

Minutes of 10/6/05 – Approved.

Correspondence: Received from the President that the department of Criminal Justice is now the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. All faculty eligible received emeritus status.

Chair's Report

The Chair reminded the body about the Emeritus Dinner on November 3 and encouraged everyone to attend.

President's Report

The President reported that the Board of Trustees meets next Thursday to adopt the budget that was given to the Governor. It includes the compact, and a 3.5% general increase and 2% growth for the system. The Board will also consider a plan to close all the salary gaps for all employees within 5 years. In some cases we are compared to CPEC and for other classifications there are other benchmarks. Not everyone is at the same gap and some classifications, very few, are at market level. The budget also includes an 8% fee increase and teacher ed and 10% for graduate programs. This is part of the compact. We will expect for the next number of years fee increases will average 10% until we arrive at 1/3 paid by the students and 2/3 paid by the state. At the end of 5 years, we will still be the lowest system or next to the lowest fee system in the country.

B. S. in Bio-Chemistry – P. Marker

P. Marker reported that the proposal was passed unanimously through all the department and school committees and in EPC. He stated they were realigning the program to reflect changes in the field.

Motion for this item to be on the consent calendar – Approved.

Senate Self-Study – E. McDonald

E. McDonald proposed sending the Self-Study to the Senate as an information item with a cover memo explaining that the Study has been sent to the various Standing committees for discussion and response. She noted the changes made from the last conversation at the Executive Committee.

Motion to send the Self-Study to the Senate as an information item and to the Standing Committees – Approved.

Spring Convocation – E. Stanny

E. Stanny noted that last time the body discussed the survey results. She proposed that for Spring Convocation we have a discussion about the signature of the Sonoma State student. She offered various models for facilitating the discussion.

There was discussion both pro and con for this idea. The definition of a "signature" for SSU students was discussed as well as the broader idea of the nature of the baccalaureate.

It was suggested that some context be presented to begin the conversation.

Faculty Retreat Topic – E. Stanny

E. Stanny said that two ideas for the retreat are shared governance and the idea of a signature SSU student.

There was continued discussion about the convocation topic that merged with the faculty retreat topic discussion.

A need was voiced to understand what the outcome of the discussion would be – what kind of students we have now or what kind of students we want our students to become.

Support was voiced for a context presentation at convocation.

Emeritus Dinner – E. Stanny

There was a request for ideas for the emeritus dinner program. It was suggested that we continue what the Provost began last year and give each emeriti a minute or so to speak. Other ideas for the evening were discussed. It was suggested that we ask the emeriti about their signature experience of SSU.

Advising Survey – D. Jordan and Brigitte Lahme

B. Lahme gave a report on how the Advising Survey was created, implemented and that now a report on the survey was ready for distribution. She said that the reason for the study came from the Associated Students who asked the Senate to look into advising on campus and perhaps revise the Advising policy. SAC did not find anything wrong with the policy in terms of what students were asking for. The Academic Advising subcommittee did a survey of advising practices in the departments a couple of years ago and we had anecdotal evidence from students about poor advising practices, but no strong numerical data to point to anything. Now we have this survey with 1100 student responses which is a good sample size. She described the survey and methodology. She summarized the findings. 2/3 of students are satisfied with their advising and students who see their advisor are more satisfied with their advising. They also plan to come up with a list of best practices.

It was suggested that the overall totals be included in the executive summary.

D. Jordan asked to have the executive summary of the survey and their resolution about promulgation to the campus sent to the Senate as a business item. Approved.

The full survey will be posted on the Senate website.

Senate Unit Allocation – 3 & 4 unit courses – E. Stanny

E. Stanny noted that the Senate release time is allocated as 3 units and some courses are 4 units, as is the case in Business and Economics. Historically, B&E was able to subsidize the discrepancy, but now they cannot.

The Provost reported that the solution for Business was taken care of and these cases will be dealt with on a School by School basis as they arise.

It was noted that the release time for the Chair was extremely important.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Senate - Elizabeth Stanny

Correspondences

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes - 10/13/05 emailed

B.S. in Chemistry - attachment – P. Marker

- Ongoing report: Update on WASC

**SPECIAL REPORT: Annual Report from the Academic Council on
International Programs rep – C. Renaudin T. C. 3:15**

Information Item: Senate Self Study from Structure and Functions

BUSINESS

1. Periodic Review of Administrators - Second Reading - E. McDonald - (**please bring agenda from 9/15 for attachments**)
2. Program Review Policy – Second Reading – P. Marker – attachment
3. Resolution endorsing Statewide Senate Resolution: Re-Affirming Opposition to Merit Pay – Second Reading – R. McNamara
(**please bring agenda from 10/13/05 for attachments**)
4. Course Outline Policy – First Reading – attachment – C. Ayala
5. Resolution endorsing SAC's Advising Survey – First Reading – attachment - D. Jordan (*entire survey on main page of Senate website*)

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom