

FSAC MINUTES 8-29-13

1-3pm, Sue Jameson Room

Convened: 1:07

Present: Richard Whitkus (chair), Ed Beebout (recorder), Paula Hammett, Kyuho Lee, Gina Bishop (AS representative), Melinda Barnard (faculty affairs), Andy Merrifield (CFA)

Absent: Viki Montera, Eric Williams

Member introductions
Ed Beebout appointed recorder

Agenda approved
Minutes approved

Informational Items

Members given Faculty Emeritus Eligible List

Question was raised (Barnard) regarding whether student services professionals without educational ties should be included on future emeritus-eligible lists. Issue will be revisited at a future meeting.

Standing Reports

Chair (Whitkus):

- Announced Chancellor White will visit SSU October 9th. Visit to include open sessions.
- Academic coordinating team: Provost and chair will take part in ongoing discussions about “re-imagining” curriculum. Discussions are in response to projected \$2.8 million shortfall in AF next year.
- Question has been raised about the possibility of a curriculum committee for Extended & International Education. Purpose would be to present “cleaner” information/documents to EPC. Key problem: How to form a committee for a school without faculty.
- No significant business items on agenda for first Senate meeting.

VP Faculty affairs (Barnard):

- Equity II program completed this summer.
- Finishing search for Director of Academic Technology.
- Preparing to move Faculty Center to a new location in Schulz. The new location on the first floor has significantly more space, including five offices. The new Director of Academic Tech will be housed there.

- Recap of new faculty orientation run jointly between Academic Affairs and PDS. Orientation included a Q&A session, lunch with PDS members, a tour of campus and a reception with the president.
- Rolling out university website on social media with Merith Weisman.
- Ten new faculty searches scheduled for coming year.

PDS (Beebout):

- More discussion of new faculty orientation and early feedback indicating participants viewed event positively.
- PDS held first meeting of the year August 26. There will be an increased number of meetings this academic year with the goal of generating more faculty engagement in workshops & events.

URTP (Gilinsky):

- URTP Chair Gilinsky not present. URTP has three meetings in Sept.

ASI (Bishop):

- First meeting held last week. Most of that meeting involved training for this year's representatives.

CFA (Merrifield):

- More discussion of Equity II. General consensus is the implementation went smoothly.
- Reopened current contract on salary and benefits. \$38 million was set aside by chancellor for faculty/staff pay increases. Each unit was offered 1.34%. Faculty increases will be paid out in a flat dollar amount (\$80 a month gross). Intention is to help lowest paid faculty the most. No changes to health insurance contribution.
- Already have begun process for successor contract bargaining. Contract expires next summer. Will be sending out a survey to CFA members for feedback on important issues. Survey discussion meeting will be held on Sept. 11.
- Urging faculty to review health benefits during open enrollment. Kaiser rates will increase substantially. Increase is coming from Kaiser and has nothing to do with the CSU.

Business Items

1) Subcommittee Liaisons:

- Committee member Beebout volunteered to be PDS liaison since he is currently a member and chair of that subcommittee. However, a previous discussion between Chair Whitkus and Academic Senate Analyst Laurel Holstrom revealed that approach would cause voting eligibility issues according to Senate rules. It was determined that changing the PDS report designation from "liaison" to "ad hoc" this year was the most viable solution.
- Liaisons are still needed for AFS and FSSP. There were no volunteers. The issue will be revisited at the next meeting.

2) FSAC Moodle page trial:

-Chair Whitkus proposed using Moodle to distribute FSAC agendas and related materials instead of distributing hard copies at the meeting. All those present supported trying the new system.

3) Electronic SETE policy planning:

-VP Faculty Affairs Barnard updated the committee on the summer online SETE mini pilot. A handout summarizing the data was distributed to committee members. Sixteen courses participated. Overall, student response was positive. Barnard raised several issues for future discussion, including:

- a) whether SETE questions be split into sub groups for better visual;
- b) whether instructors should be present in-class if students are completing SETE's online;
- c) what policy should be about access to data by individual, department, school and others.

Chair Whitkus suggested setting up an electronic forum to get faculty input before working on electronic SETE policies.

4) Dispute Resolution Board – request for guidance

There was no time left to discuss this item involving timely feedback on course work for students and the possibility of more specific guidelines. Item will be brought back at next meeting. In the meantime, information regarding the case in question will be forwarded to AFS for their input.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:54

Respectfully submitted by Ed Beebout