

**Senate Executive Committee**  
October 2, 2014  
3:00 – 5:00, Academic Affairs Conference Room

**Abstract**

Agenda approved. Minutes of 9/18 approved. Chair Report. Provost Report. Statewide Senator Report. Vice Chair Report. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report – C. Dinno for L. Furukawa-Schlereth. Vice President of Student Affairs Report. SSU SETE Policy approved for Senate agenda. Information Item: AS resolution on the Textbook Alternative Pilot approved as discussion item at the Senate. EPC Report. FSAC Report. SAC Report. CFA Report. Associated Students Report. Ex Com rep to SEC Report. 2015 Faculty Retreat preliminary discussion. Senate agenda approved.

**Present:** Richard J. Senghas, Terry Lease, Margaret Purser, Maria Hess, Catherine Nelson, Melinda Milligan, Richard Whitkus, Julie Shulman, Laura Watt, Sam Brannen, Andrew Rogerson, Christopher Dinno for Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Elaine Newman

**Absent:** Ruben Armiñana

**Guests:** Christian George

**Approval of Agenda – Approved.**

**Approval of Minutes of 9/18/14 – Approved.**

**Chair Report – R. Senghas**

R. Senghas reported that he would be attending the Council of Senate Chairs the next week and he would be bringing the issue of reorganizing faculty governance to that meeting. He asked the members to remember the Tenure and Promotion Recognition event on October 8<sup>th</sup>. This was a new event. He reported on the attending the Student Success fee forum the past week. He said that the President did say to them that SSU did not do a formal consultation process because in the preliminary discussion, it was clear it would not work. He thought the Chancellor's workgroup heard that and he hoped it had some impact. He reported on the President's Diversity Council and their discussion about the successful deployment of the Bias Response Team and noted some things that could be improved. They had decided to watch the process this semester to see if they had more feedback. He wanted to introduce Casey LaBarbara to the Senate, as she had been hired for the previous position of B. Berkowitz and he thought good communication between her and faculty was essential for the co-curricular programming she would be doing. It was clarified that she worked for the Associated Students. A member asked if during the Student Success fee they had discussed the name of the fee. The Chair said that actually there had been a lot of people from other campuses and it seemed "staged" at times. The irony of the name did come up. The Associated Students represented the students very well. C. Nelson said that the term Student Success fee

was a colloquial term for the fee and not the formal name. E. Newman said that in her meeting with the team, along with the Chair, the question came up about whether these fees were just another name for tuition or was it a fee for something specific.

### **Provost Report – A. Rogerson**

A. Rogerson reported on the Provosts meeting in Long Beach. He said there was a huge campaign for the year of 3 million in the CSU. They wanted to create the largest yearbook of alumni and there was a lot of effort going into it. The Provosts asked how they came up with the 3 million and the CSU said those were living alumni. Then they asked how they knew they were living. So the truth came out that there were actually 3 million in their alumni address book. A. Rogerson said actually the CSU had graduated more than that. There were T-Shirts and scholarships as part of the “celebration.” (<https://classof3million.calstate.edu/?source=homepage-features>) He said they also received information about the Governor asking for an academic sustainability plan. It was due to the Trustees in November. The plan would go to 2017. There must be a budget associated with the plan that balances. They wanted enrollment goals established for that period and had 16 performance measures that had to be met. He said the CSU would put two plans in – one with the existing budget and one with the preferred budget. He said to stay tuned for the performance measures. They were pretty straightforward. One that was a “curve ball” was that they would be taking the total number of graduates divided by the money spent. This would make the CSU look expensive. A member brought up the issue of Community Colleges being able to give BA degrees, and asked were they not degrees offered by the CSU? The Provost said it was easy to rename a degree and that about 50 community colleges had been given the go ahead, so it was still a pilot. If it got any momentum, it would be a less expensive degree and would take away from the CSU. A member asked if there was anything new for the Solano community college venture. The Provost said yes, this was about the 50 million dollars the Governor was giving out. The novel proposal was to partner with Solano community college and create a “1440” campus in Vallejo. This would provide access to a population, that doesn’t even have cars to travel for education, to have access to a targeted number of higher education degrees. So they would do two years at Solano and two years at Sonoma State University. He discussed the ideas about the proposal in more detail.

### **Statewide Senator Report – C. Nelson**

C. Nelson reported that the 2014 Academic Conference would be moving from the Hilton due in some part to SSU’s resolution. She thanked the members for approving the resolution.

### **Vice Chair Report – T. Lease**

T. Lease said the Senate Budget Subcommittee was working on talking with A&F about their data. S&F had a discussion about the survey about faculty voting. There was a small response to the survey and most people who took it had voted. There was some interesting information gathered, but nothing actionable. A member

asked about the conversations about the reorg of the Senate. T. Lease said that there was a task force working on this and thinking about it. There was no proposal at this point. The Chair said the task force was trying to identify all the committees faculty sit on and get a clear snapshot and then talk about where we want to go.

### **Vice President of Administration and Finance Report – C. Dinno for L. Furukawa-Schlereth**

C. Dinno was asked about the lawns looking so nice and questioned about the ethics of that due to the drought. C. Dinno said that they were using reclaimed water and reducing water usage by the standards set by the state for 2020. They continued to look for other ways to reduce water use. He noted that the reclaimed water had natural fertilizers in it and that was improving the lawn appearance too. He thought they were doing a really good job on water conservation. They had replaced all the toilets and showerheads in the Residence Halls with low flow ones. They would next work on the PE buildings. A member noted that no one knew that the campus used reclaimed water and that needed more publicity. A member asked if there would be deal with the Smart Train for SSU employees. C. Dinno said he thought the L. Furukawa-Schlereth was talking about a shuttle from the train to campus. The member asked if he would also look into ticket prices too. She also asked about recharging stations on campus for electric cars. C. Dinno said they were moving into that, but did not have a time frame. They were looking at bringing some to the Residence areas. He said they needed a policy about it that would talk about liability and priorities. A member noted that CSU Bakersfield had solar panels in their parking lots that covered the cars. C. Dinno said they were considering that for parking lot M. He described the various ways they had tried to make this work with the Chancellor's office, but nothing has worked so far. The Chair asked whether the GMC budget included the money for the integration grants. He was about to put out that call. C. Dinno recapped the questions to take back to L. Furukawa-Schlereth.

### **Vice President of Student Affairs Report – M. Lopez-Phillips**

M. Lopez-Phillips said he had gone to the meeting with other VPs of Student Affairs with the Provosts. They had some presentations that were underwhelming. One stressed the importance of positive affirmation, particularly for under represented students. This was interesting, but not earth shaking information or new. The VPs of Student Affairs meeting revolved around Title IX issues. He passed around a handout about students of concern for faculty, so that they know what to do and what resources are available. This, along with the red folder project from the Chancellor's office, would have all the emergency contact information. He said they were starting to create a net so that students would not fall through by having multiple entry points to get students to the right people. He noted that student behavior was out of control right now. He discussed many of the events going on in the Hub. He noted that the Chancellor's office was hiring a "Title IX czar" to oversee all the Title IX implementation in the CSU. He noted that the Fee Advisory Committee now had enough students, so they could start meeting. A member noted she had two lecturers asked about where to send students for academic resources and wondered if something could be put together specifically for lecturers about not

only CAPS, but about the Writing Center and the Tutorial Center. A member noted that in the handout, perhaps the acronyms should be spelled out. A member brought up student pregnancy and Title IX and said that she had explored that and found out that pregnant students were processed through DSS for accommodations. She thought that faculty needed to know about this, because they were making informal agreements that were not appropriate. A member questioned whether calling 911 on a cell phone when to the campus police or off campus. M. Lopez-Phillips said he thought that either way it goes to campus police. He said all these resources will be on the front of the Student Affairs website eventually. The student rep asked whether the new Yes means Yes law would affect any policies in the CSU. M. Lopez-Phillips said that Yes means Yes really reinforced what Federal law already stated and the CSU had issued four EO's this summer to stress affirmative consent of folks. It didn't really change what the CSU was already moving towards doing. He spoke about the discussions to educate students and what was already happening. They also wanted to help students understand appropriate bystander behavior. A member suggested a presentation to Senate about the latest org chart for the university that would show the changes to student services. There was discussion about this suggestion. It was decided that SAC would work on this.

### **SSU SETE Policy – R. Whitkus**

R. Whitkus introduced the policy and talked about why the policy was created. He discussed the three main areas covered in the policy. A member suggested that it be clarifying whether the data from SETEs could be emailed or if all data would be accessed at Faculty Affairs. R. Whitkus said that there would be a server in Faculty Affairs that appropriate people would be given access to. It was suggested that for the response rate, faculty also be given the total number of students in the class. There was more discussion. **It was approved for the Senate agenda.**

### **Information Item: AS resolution on the Textbook Alternative Pilot – C. George**

The Chair asked C. George if he wanted this to be an information item or to have it as a discussion item at the Senate. There was some discussion about the numbers used in the resolution. A member suggested that they describe the Textbook Alternative Pilot to the Senate. **It was approved as a discussion item for the Senate.**

### **EPC Report – M. Milligan**

M. Milligan reported that EPC reviewed the WordPress non-academic credit certificate. She thought there might be another non-academic certificate they may need to review. They also reviewed an academic credit certificate in Advance Practice Education from Nursing. She said they would probably be talking to A. Steckel about her concerns about the Online/Hybrid Course policy. EPC had asked her to bring her concerns in writing, which M. Milligan had received and would send out to EPC to see how they wanted to move forward. They had a significant discussion with Kinesiology about putting part of their program on hiatus, but EPC directed them to the discontinuance policy. After a close reading of that policy, they saw that programs were not supposed to be limiting enrollment. She thought a lot of this would be coming up as programs struggled with limited resources. A member

asked if it was discussed whether to add a status of hiatus to the discontinuance policy. M. Milligan responded that it was mentioned in their discussion. There was a discussion about certificate programs going through EPC or the new SEIE curriculum committee and whether programs should wait for the SEIE curriculum committee to be convened.

### **FSAC Report – R. Whitkus**

R. Whitkus reported that they were getting close to the finalizing the policy revision to lecturers in departmental governance. They decided at their last meeting to start all over again with the RTP policy. They were going to start with larger questions first and then come to the Ex Com with those questions for input. The answers to those will guide their process. For example, one question was does a full review need to be done every year? A member asked if the lecturers in departmental governance would vary by department. R. Whitkus said they would be following the contract.

### **SAC Report – J. Shulman**

J. Shulman reported that the Yes means Yes legislation was on their minds and she noted that new Campus SaVE Act expands the definition of sexual violence and harassment and includes dating violence and stalking as well as same-sex situations. Next week they would work on a report to make explicit student affairs gaps at SSU as compared with other campuses. Leslie Shelton would be visiting them and they would be talking about a presentation to the Senate.

### **CFA Report – E. Newman**

E. Newman said the two sides have agreed to return to bargaining and were in that process. She did not have any information to share at that point. She talked about the CFA “Cookies, not Crumbs” event that they were organizing and now were looking for people to commit to come and participate. She also asked faculty to sign letters to the President asking him to help with the bargaining process. She asked the members to encourage their colleagues to come out on Tuesday and be loud.

### **Associated Students Report – C. George**

C. George reported that there was a lot of activity among the Senators and they would be seeing a lot of business in the future. They endorsed on the Sustainability day.

### **Ex Com rep to SEC Report – M. Purser**

M. Purser said she attended her first meeting of the SEC. They were meeting before the Senate and so still discussing the Vision, Mission and Goals document and approved it. She found out that that document was written in response to the call for suggestions to the University Strategic plan. She would be taking the portion for the Strategic Plan to ACT. They also discussed Sustainability Day on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **2015 Faculty Retreat – R. Senghas**

R. Senghas said he thought the format last year worked very well and thought they probably would repeat that. He had reached out to A. Steckel who had helped very much last year. The same space had been reserved. He was thinking the theme might be the Sustainable classroom. He wanted to leverage the term sustainable instead of seeing it as problematic. He wanted more input from the members for the next meeting on any aspect he had discussed so far.

## **Senate Agenda**

### **AGENDA**

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Vice Chair Terry Lease  
Approval of Agenda  
Approval of Minutes -- emailed

### **Consent items**

### **BUSINESS**

1. SSU SETE Policy –First Reading – R. Whitkus – attached
2. Discussion Item: AS Resolution – Reducing the Cost of Education by Engaging in the Textbook Alternative Pilot – C. George – attached T. C 4:00

**Approved.**

**Adjourned.**

*Minutes prepares by L. Holmstrom-Keyes*