

## **Academic Senate Minutes**

March 20, 2008

3:00 – 5:00, Commons

### **Abstract**

Chair Report. Agenda amended and approved. Minutes of 2/21/08 approved. Revision to the German minor approved. Revision to the Psychology Major approved. Update on WASC. Chair-Elect Report and recommendation for faculty for Dean Leeder review. Questions for the Provost. University 150 approved. Course Outline Policy referred back to FSAC. RTP policy revision discussion in Committee of the Whole – no conclusion. Ad-Hoc Committee Business: Diversity. Master Course Catalog Form change approved.

**Present:** Tim Wandling, Scott Miller, Elaine Newman, Robert McNamara, Sam Brannen, Susan Moulton, Noel Byrne, Birch Moonwomon, Michael Pinkston, Steve Wilson, Kristen Daley, Robert Coleman-Senghor, Terry Lease, Raye Lynn Thomas, Tia Watts, Murali Pillai, Rick Luttmann, Wanda Boda, Steve Orlick, William Poe, Margaret Purser, James Dean, John Kornfeld, Sandra Shand, Bruce Peterson, Ruben Armiñana, Eduardo Ochoa, Jonathan White, Lane Olson, Art Warmoth, Thaine Stearns, Maria Hess, Karen Thompson

**Absent:** Catherine Nelson, Ronald Lopez, Janet Hess, Robert Eyler, Charles Elster, , Richard Whitkus, John Wingard, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Whitney McClure, Adele Merritt

**Proxies:** Tania de Miguel for Ada Jaarsma, Deb Kindy for Edith Mendez

**Guests:** William Babula, Nathan Rank, Katie Pierce, Elaine Leeder, Mary Gendernalik-Cooper, Barbara Lesch-McCaffry

### **Chair Report – T. Wandling**

T. Wandling encouraged the body to read the University Strategic Plan online (<http://www.sonoma.edu/uaffairs/strategicplan/>) and send in opinions. He noted that, despite rumors to the contrary, it will not be signed into effect in April. He asked the members to speak up and wait to be recognized before speaking. He introduced Deb Kindy, next year's Senate Secretary, who was proxy for the current Secretary for this meeting.

**Approval of Agenda** – Resolution on CLA from EPC was passed out at the meeting as it was left out of the Senate packet. T. Stearns moved a time certain request for the Master Course Change form revision at 4:29. Second. No objection. S. Miller moved a time certain for his Chair-Elect report at 3:10. Second. No objection. Amended agenda approved.

**Minutes of 2/21/08** – Approved.

### **Consent items:**

Revision to German minor - approved

Revision to Psychology major – approved.

### **Update on WASC – E. Ochoa**

E. Ochoa reported on the recent visit from the WASC team. He discussed the exit interview with the WASC team. He described how the report will be generated and what the university will receive from WASC.

### **Chair-Elect report – S. Miller**

S. Miller reported that Structures and Functions had three faculty names to recommend to the Senate to serve on the Periodic Review Committee for Dean Leeder. **The faculty recommended were Randy Dodgen, Maureen Buckley and John Wingard. No objection.**

### **President and Provost Reports**

The President and Provost passed on their reports.

M. Purser thanked the President and Provost for attending the Graduate Research Showcase.

R. Coleman-Senghor asked the Provost if there was going to be a reduction in academic technology in IT. The Provost responded that Academic Affairs is working on assessing the needs for academic technology. He will present the results to the President. Then he further elaborated on Academic Affairs's plans. R. Coleman-Senghor asked if the faculty committee on IT would be brought back. The Provost responded that he thought that would be part of the package. He noted that the Library Dean is now the lead on the Accessible Technology Initiative and the academic technology needs assessment. The Director of IT wants to reconvene an IT advisory committee. The Provost discussed some details of the issues surrounding academic technology and its use on campus.

### **University 150 (FYE) – Second Reading – T. Stearns.**

The Chair handed the gavel over to Past Chair Newman as he wanted to participate in the discussion. T. Stearns noted that the WASC team described University 150 as a paradigm change for GE. He then noted changes in the EPC recommendation document. One was the resolution passed by APC in favor of University 150 and the second was a memorandum from the Provost that the size of the course would not increase without going through the channels of faculty governance. He asked for the GE subcommittee Chair to speak about how they are thinking about University 150 in terms of GE reform. Permission was granted. N. Rank then spoke about how the GE subcommittee came to approve University 150. J. Kornfeld spoke about how many groups and committees had seen the course and how much it had been

assessed. He presented arguments in favor of approving the course as a catalog course.

J. Kornfeld presented a resolution to approve University 150 and read it to the body. The Chair ruled that the resolution was a substitute for the current business item. Second. No objection.

There was considerable discussion.

S. Moulton moved to amend the first resolved clause of the resolution to say that the Senate would waive the requirement in the Curriculum Guide to grant catalog status to the course, allow the course to go forward as experimental for one more year to have all remaining questions and issues resolved and then bring it back for approval. Second.

T. Stearns moved to amend the amendment to bring the course forward every year on a temporary basis. Second.

Point of information: Is the amendment that the course would need to come back each year and not become a catalog course?

T. Stearns responded yes, and said that if the body approved the amendment, he would resign as EPC Chair.

There was discussion.

M. Purser called the question on the amendment to the amendment. Second. Approved.

Vote on amendment to amendment by T. Stearns. Failed.

S. Wilson moved the agenda due to a time certain. It was ruled that the Chair could move to extend debate.

The Chair moved to extend the debate for 10 minutes. Second. Approved.

Question called on amendment (*could not identify person*) Second. Approved.

Vote on amendment from S. Moulton. Failed.

There was discussion on the main question.

Question called. Second. Approved.

Vote on resolution approving University 150 as a catalog course. Hand count: Yes =22, No = 8.

### **Resolution to Approve UNIV 150 as a Catalog Course**

Resolved: that UNIV 150 (Identity and Global Challenges) be approved as a 9-unit catalog course that satisfies GE areas A1 and A3.

Resolved: that UNIV 150 remain at its current size of 170 students, ten faculty, and one coordinator.

Resolved: that as a catalog course, UNIV 150 be included in the ongoing GE assessment and other program review cycles.

Resolved: that any increases in UNIV 150 student enrollment, number of sections, faculty, or coordination staffing be subject to approval by the Academic Senate and relevant subcommittees.

### **Course Outline Policy revision – M. Hess**

M. Hess introduced Brett Christie as a speaker to the item. She then moved to waive the first reading. Second. No objection. M. Hess pointed out to the body the change to the Course Outline Policy being proposed. In the second sentence of paragraph 1, to delete ~~or~~ and to add *and, as needed, in an accessible* electronic format. . . There was discussion. S. Brannen moved to change the word *and* to *and/or* and delete ~~electronic~~ from the sentence. Second. R. Luttmann moved that the question be divided. Second. No objection. There was discussion. E. Newman moved to refer the item back to FSAC to resolve the issue of what exactly needs to be provided for accessibility. Second. Approved.

### **RTP Policy Revision – M. Hess**

M. Hess moved for the Senate to become a Committee of the Whole. Second. Approved.

The Chair passed the gavel to the Chair-Elect to run the Committee of the Whole.

There was discussion. M. Hess described what the committee had done with the feedback so far and their plans to bring a substitute document to the Senate on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

A. Warmoth moved to limit debate in order to go to the next business item at 4:40.

Point of Order: Does the body need to come out of the Committee of the Whole to consider the motion to limit debate?

The Chair ruled that the motion to limit debate would be advisory and would help him know the will of the body.

Second to the motion to limit debate. Approved.

Discussion continued.

Committee of the Whole dissolved with no conclusion.

Vote on motion to move to next business item. Approved.

### **Ad-Hoc Committee Business: Diversity – S. Moulton**

S. Moulton described the Ad-Hoc committee's work on the issue of Diversity so far. The committee held a campus wide meeting that was attended by faculty, staff and students. She summarized the discussion at the meeting. She said the committee planned to bring a resolution to the Senate. There was considerable discussion of many aspects of diversity at SSU.

### **Master Course Change Form – T. Stearns**

T. Stearns moved to waive first reading. Second. Approved. T. Stearns noted that the change to the form was a signature line for the EPC chair, and for the Academic Affairs office to note that the course conforms with SSU and CSU policy.

S. Brannen called the question. Second. Approved.

Vote on revision to Master Course Change Form. Approved.

### **Adjourned.**

*Signed, Laurel Holmström, Academic Senate Analyst*

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