

Senate Executive Committee Minutes
September 22, 2011
3:00 – 5:00, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Abstract

Agenda amended and approved. Minutes of 9/8/11 approved. President Report. Statewide Senator Report. Change of name and timeline for Gender and Sexual Health Stakeholder's Exploratory Workgroup approved for Senate agenda. Question from FSAC re: revising (Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness instrument) SETEs. Associated Students Report. SAC Report. Spring University Retreat. Senate agenda approved. Good of the Order.

Present: Margaret Purser, Richard Senghas, John Wingard, Deborah Roberts, Jennifer Mahdavi, Ben Ford, Andrew Rogerson, Terry Lease, Sam Brannen, Brian Wilson, Ruben Armiñana, Armand Gilinsky, Kelly Estrada

Absent: Mathew Lopez-Phillips, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Andy Merrifield

Guests: Steve Wilson, Paul Ramey

Approval of Agenda – item added from FSAC re: SETE question. Approved.

Minutes of 9/8/11 – Approved.

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana reported that yesterday he had pulled the financing of the new student center from the Board of Trustee agenda and would initiate a process of alternative consultation. He thought that process would take the next 30 – 45 days. He noted that both the referendum and the alternative consultation process were advisory to the President. He also wanted a policy process on referenda that would be clearer. It was noted that the Student Affairs Committee of the Senate was beginning work on such a policy. He then reported on the Board of Trustees amending the Presidential Selection process that allows for the possibility that presidential candidates would not have to visit the campus. He noted that up until the '80's, presidential candidates did not visit campuses. He said the "trigger" of more cuts from the State seemed very likely. He noted that the "trigger" for the CSU was up to \$100 million and for the Prison System, up to \$20 million. A member asked about the restructuring in SAEM and those in that unit that were faculty - to what extend would the restructuring affect them? The President said that was a question for L. Furukawa-Schlereth. The Chair noted that the Board of Trustees presidential selection revision seemed significant to him in that the normal process would be to have campus visits and to not do that would require consultation with the search committee. The President agreed. The Chair asked if it was known if the "trigger" would be permanent. The Presidents said no one knew at this point. He thought it would become clearer in mid-January. A member asked for a description of the alternative consultation process and the President described the policy and process. A member asked about his understanding that A&F would now house Campus Life, On Campus Presents, Residential Life, and the Center for Student Leadership and Service and he wondered how this would save money. The President said that the

money would come out of the auxiliaries instead of the general fund. The Student Rep asked if the Fee Advisory Committee was the place for the referendum policy and process revision. The President said both the Fee Advisory Committee and SAC could work on the revision.

Statewide Senator Report – B. Wilson

B. Wilson reported on the recent Statewide Senate activities. He noted the Presidential Selections policy was a big item at the Statewide Senate. There were four searches going on this year, so it was important. He noted that it was never true that the positions would not be posted, but it was true that it was not clear, so they cleared that up. There was some discussion about why the president selection policy was changed. B. Wilson then said that the new faculty trustee, Bernadette Cheyne from Humboldt State, was introduced. He reported that the Statewide Senate was focused on the beginning, middle and end of the student experience in the CSU. This had to do with SB1440, the transfer degree. He noted there were 16 degrees already approved and many more coming. He noted that his experience in the Music department working with the community colleges was great. He said the American Institutions issue was a campus concern. He didn't think it would come up that much. He said Early Start was a big topic at the Statewide as well as the Graduation Initiative. He said they heard a presentation on the Graduation Initiative which told them that graduation rates are improving, but not for under represented groups. The presentation did tell them that high impact practices were improving graduation rates, such as one on one interactions with faculty and internships. He announced a GE assessment workshop that would take place in Berkeley and he thought there was money to send faculty. The Provost said that E. Sundberg was coordinating who might go. The timeline was very tight. B. Wilson then reported on resolutions passed by the Statewide Senate and noted that they were discussing a committee to oversee other doctorates that were coming through the CSU in Physical Therapy and Nursing. He reviewed other resolutions under consideration and noted that the Chancellor had talked to them primarily about "triggers" and other horses. The Chair discussed the campus and faculty basis of the American Institutions waiver and how it would be used. The President noted that the CSU would dedicate \$5 million dollars for Early Start financial aid.

Change of name and timeline for Gender and Sexual Health Stakeholder's Exploratory Workgroup – D. Romesburg

D. Romesburg was currently the only co-chair of the committee. The Administration had not appointed a new co-chair since C. Rhodes had retired. He said the committee had met once the previous semester and discussed the name of the committee and the timelines in the resolution. He discussed the charge of the committee and his understanding of the Senate's discussions when the resolution was passed. He described why "Sexual Health" did not describe what the committee was focused on and summarized the rationale for changing the term to "Sexuality." He then described the requests for changes to the timeline. It was suggested that the timeline change be a separate item on the Senate agenda. There was discussion. A parliamentary question was raised about whether the resolution that created the committee needed to be revised. The Chair ruled that each item could be a motion at the Senate and they be put on the Senate agenda. Discussion continued. **It was approved to put the two motions on the Senate agenda.**

Question from FSAC re: revising (Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness instrument) SETEs – R. Senghas

R. Senghas said that at the last FSAC meeting, the President's Diversity Council brought a request for two questions related to diversity to be added to the SETE's. He said it raised the issue of either adding the two questions or revisiting all the SETE's. The SETE's had not been revised for sixteen years. He asked the Executive Committee for direction as he didn't want the issues of diversity to be linked to a entire revision of SETE's. He also noted that electronic SETE's were on the horizon. He noted that there needed to be resources for instructors about diversity in the classroom before they were evaluated on it. There was substantial discussion, both pro and con, about revisiting all the SETE's or just adding the diversity questions.

Associated Students Report – P. Ramey

P. Ramey reported that Dean Merickel from Extended Education visited their Senate and talked about the changes to intersession. He noted the changes were definitely "inconvenient." The Dean also asked them how they felt about hybrid and distance learning courses. P. Ramey said he thought a lot of students at SSU had no experience with online courses and he thought the students did not understand the implications of online courses. He said they would appreciate the faculty giving them more information about this and what the pros and cons were. He reported that the University had come to them to ask if they could take part of the AS Executive Director to be the manager of On Campus Presents when it starts up. He noted that conceptually it sounded good, but logically it was problematic. He reported that the AS Board had approved a job description for the elections commissioner. They were very careful about crafting that position. Several faculty offered assistance to the AS about online courses. A member asked about the guy running around in Superman underwear that day. P. Ramey said the Inter-fraternity Council was trying to organize an event called the Undie Run. Many campuses were doing this charitable event. People come to the event and donate the clothes they are wearing and then run around the campus in their underwear. It was for charity and for fun. He said the campus said they could do the event, but they had to wear shorts and the IFC was not happy about it. The guy in the Superman underwear (and cape) was protesting the decision.

SAC Report – J. Mahdavi

J. Mahdavi reported that with so many the student services being moved out of SAEM, SAC would be putting forward by-law changes to include a second ex-officio member for the position that would be overseeing the student services in Administration and Finance. SAC would also be compiling a report about the changes in SAEM over the past 10 years. She asked for help from the Executive Committee about working on the Student Election Code, which SAC was charged with working on by the Senate. SAC discussed it at their last meeting and they discussed who they would be collaborating with so far: Associated Students and the Fee Advisory Committee. She was unclear about the policy approval process since the Senate did not "own" the policy. It was suggested that SAC come back with a list of recommendations to the Senate, not a new policy. The Chair clarified the charge to SAC from the Senate and discussed all the policies that related to referenda or elections. A member voice support for a university policy on referenda due to the fact that the latest student referendum involved the entire campus. P. Ramey noted

that the student elections and the referendum were run at the same time, but the AS had no control over referenda. J. Mahdavi brought up the variety of issues that SAC had uncovered so far. The Chair thought the Senate could work with other groups to help create the policy, but thought it would actually come from the Fee Advisory Committee. A member suggested that SAC work with the Academic Freedom Subcommittee too.

Spring University Retreat – B. Ford

B. Ford said at this point he thought the Retreat would have as a large topic Sustainability. He asked for thoughts about how that might look and how it might work with the academic story conversation. A member asked that the materials used at the retreat be recyclable. The Chair thought he would engage the Sustainability workgroup in the discussion.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Ben Ford

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Correspondences

Consent Items

Information Items: End of Year Reports – AFS - emailed

Special Report: Academic Council on International Programs (ACIP) Annual Report – R. Train and M. Thigpen T. C. 3:30

BUSINESS

1. Motion to change name of Gender and Sexual Health Stakeholders Exploratory Workgroup committee – D. Romesburg – First Reading - attachments T. C. 3:45
2. Motion to change timelines in charge of GSHSEW committee – First Reading - D. Romesburg T. C. 4:00

Approved.

Good of the Order

P. Ramey announced that they had over 600 volunteers for Sonoma Serves this year. He thanked everyone for their support.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström