

Executive Committee Minutes

March 26, 2020

Via Zoom

Abstract

Agenda – Approved. Minutes delayed. Chair Report. President Report. Provost Report. Vice Chair Report. VP for Student Affairs Report. Associated Students Report. Statewide Senator Report. Posthumous recognition for Irene Morgan – approved for Senate agenda. APARC Report. EPC Report. Resolution that Funding Sources Share Sonoma State University’s Inclusive Values – approved for Senate agenda. Faculty Governance Distance Meeting Standing Rules – approved for Senate agenda. Resolution re: SETES and Probationary Year – approved for Senate agenda. SAC Report. CFA Report. Senate Agenda approved.

Present: Laura Watt, Melinda Milligan, Hope Ortiz, Wendy Ostroff, Sean Place, Jenn Lillig, Paula Lane, Hilary Smith, Missy Garvin, Amal Munayer, Judy Sakaki, Lisa Vollendorf, Erma Jean Sims

Guests: Melissa Kadar, Laura Monje-Paulson for Wm. Gregory Sawyer, Damien Hanson, Ellen Carlton, Krista Altaker, Lauren Morimoto

Approval of Agenda – Approved.

Minutes delayed.

Chair Report – L. Watt

L. Watt noted that much has changed since the last meeting and we are trying to keep the wheels of governance moving.

President Report – J. Sakaki

J. Sakaki thanked everyone for their leadership and helping students move towards their degrees. She understood everyone had unique challenges at this time. She said the Chancellor and campus Presidents are having a daily phone call. Things are changing very quickly. She said systemwide guidelines are being sent out. She said congressional members are appreciative of SSU and how we are coping. She reported on the Board of Trustees meeting. She discussed the current hiring slowdown. This was due to the changing financial environment in the state.

Provost Report – L. Vollendorf

L. Vollendorf reported that the EOC has started running at level 2. She thanked the Chair and Vice Chair for their questions and help with FAQs. She said a call center will be set up in Seawolf Services. A member asked how the pandemic will affect high school students ready to come to the CSU. The Provost noted the campus is focused on increasing the yield during recruitments. She thought there would be a

more graceful approach to recruitment this year. She thought Admissions would become more hands on. There was worry about enrollments for next year.

A member asked about the pull back on procards and asked for the reasoning. The Provost noted that people are starting to buy things for personal use. The CSU has been emphatic about not closing campuses. However, the campus needs to be frugal right now and personal use of procards is not appropriate.

Vice Chair Report – M. Milligan

M. Milligan noted that S&F will not meet until April 7th, but they are talking via email.

VP for Student Affairs Report – L. Monje-Paulson for Wm. Gregory Sawyer

L. Monje-Paulson reported that Student Affairs is working hard to help students have a place to stay and food to eat. They are discussing the grief process for students who miss opportunities or lose loved ones and thinking about ways to help students to reducing stress.

Associated Students Report – M. Kadar

M. Kadar reported that the AS is working on how to provide remote services to students.

Statewide Senator Report – W. Ostroff

W. Ostroff reported on the ASCSU plenary. Chancellor White announced he will delay his retirement during the crisis. He stressed the medical consequences as well as the financial consequences of the pandemic. He said some campuses may become testing centers. Campuses will need to plan to not receive the requested budget for this year. SETEs should be made available to faculty, but not affect RTP for faculty. The ASCSU passed two resolutions – Endorsement of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) Statement “*In Defense of Knowledge and Higher Education*” and Accommodations to Faculty Due to the COVID-19 Emergency. (<http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/>)

Posthumous recognition for Irene Morgan – D. Hanson

D. Hanson presented these Power Point slides to talk about Irene and why SEIE thinks she should receive posthumous recognition.



Request for Posthumous Recognition



Irene Paula Morgan

3/25/1949 ~ 4/14/2019



Irene Morgan



Excerpt from Obituary:

“...One of her [proudest moments] was receiving her AA in Liberal Arts and her biggest achievement was being accepted into Sonoma State University.”

- Sonoma Index-Tribune, May 3, 2019





Academic Background

- Accepted to Sonoma State in Fall 2018
- Saturday Hybrid Liberal Studies DCP
- Upper Division Transfer from SRJC with 68 units and 3.4 GPA
- Earned 4.0 GPA in fall 2018; passed away during spring 2019
- Made impactful contributions during two semesters in program
- Cumulative 3.48 GPA



Faculty Reflections

“She worked very diligently on her writing projects, and she had many plans to write her life story and several novels after she completed her studies. In my view, Irene epitomized an engaged, lifelong learner.”

- Nancy Uber-Kellogg, LIBS 380 instructor





Faculty Reflections

“She and her family lived in Sonoma County since before the Depression, and she wrote memoirs that would be a welcome addition to any local library collection of personal histories, [including anecdotes about] the Stornetta family and the ranch where she grew up.”

- Nancy Uber-Kellogg, LIBS 380 instructor



Student Reflections

“If it wasn’t for her passing, she would be graduating with us. Irene took school work very seriously and, being a bit older than the rest of us, it took her a bit more effort to keep up with the technology, but she never let that stop her and was not afraid to ask for help.”

- Guadalupe Parra, 2020 cohort





Student Reflections

"Our cohort suffered a deep loss losing Irene...I most appreciated her confidence, love of life, and ability to express her opinions throughout the seminar. Irene always had a story to tell [and had an incredible knack for tying her stories back to the central themes being explored in the lecture]."

- LeeAnn Baxter, 2020 cohort



The request for posthumous recognition for Irene Morgan **approved for Senate agenda.**

APARC Report – S. Place

S. Place reported that APARC has started drafting the priority recommendations for this year. They elected a new Chair, Elita Virmani. He talked about the pictures taken of classroom layouts that will be part of the next classrooms survey.

EPC Report – J. Lillig

J. Lillig reported that EPC is in contact with SEIE about moving summer courses to online formats. EPC is working with programs about approvals and formats. GE is being tasked with approving GE course based on content criteria. Learning outcomes will be dealt with by the Assessment committee. Open forums on the content criteria for Critical Race Studies will have to go virtual. A member asked for affirmation that all summer classes will be online. J. Lillig believed this to be the case.

Resolution that Funding Sources Share Sonoma State University's Inclusive Values – Krista Altaker, Ellen Carlton, Lauren Morimoto

E. Carlton introduced the resolution and described how it came to be written. She argued that the campus should have a broad response to funding decisions that align with campus values. This resolution is using Chick-Fil-A as an example of using a company with known discriminatory practices against LGBT+ people. K. Altaker noted that APARC has also reviewed the resolution as well as SDS. The APARC Chair said APARC had a lengthy discussion about the resolution and ultimately approved it. They also discussed the difference between soliciting funding for SSU and state contracts. **It was approved for the Senate agenda.**

Faculty Governance Distance Meeting Standing Rules – M. Milligan

M. Milligan introduced the item. Standing rules operate within the by-laws and constitution. Other campuses have also put these together. S&F reviewed this via email. She noted that standing rules can have procedures and processes that support the by-laws. She noted that the standing rules address quorum, voting and the public nature of our meetings. There was discussion about committee chairs being able to call other meetings. M. Milligan noted that the Ex Com and Senate can call extra meetings by various means and she wanted to extend that to the committee level. There was discussion about recording meetings as described in the standing rules. Recordings are not necessary, but could prove to be helpful. Discussion continued about chairs calling other meetings. M. Milligan offered to re-work the language about calling extra meetings. Due to the extension discussion, the Chair suggested removing the section on calling other meetings. There was discussion about using email for voting. **It was approved for the Senate agenda.**

Resolution re: SETES and Probationary Year – L. Watt

L. Watt introduced the resolution. The resolution calls for faculty to be able to choose if they want to use SETEs this spring, no one shall be penalized for excluding them and faculty should be able to ask for a 7th probationary year. A member asked who would develop the process for these things and who will develop the guidelines for RTP committees and asked if that should be in resolution. The Chair of APRAC noted that Faculty Affairs would likely be the area that oversees this and alerts the faculty. The Chair of FSAC asked if the resolution could deal with Peer Evaluations as they seem as important as SETEs. A member was surprised that some campuses are talking about not doing SETEs, when that is in the contract. The Chair of FSAC noted that some faculty have a forte in online teaching and they should have an opportunity to shine. There was support to move the resolution forward as there is a lot of anxiety about these topics. The CFA rep said that CFA statewide is in favor of faculty having the option to include or not include SETEs in Spring 2020. CFA is also in favor of a one-year extension of the RTP process. Peer observation language proposed: No faculty shall be penalized for failure to include the appropriate number of peer evaluations for the 2019-2020 cycle. The Provost noted that it would better to confine this language for the spring semester only. It was noted Peer Observations were more complicated than SETEs. **It was approved for the Senate agenda.**

FSAC Report – P. Lane

No report.

SAC Report – H. Smith

H. Smith reported that SAC talked with Student Affairs about supporting students during this time of the pandemic and classes moving online. The Cheating and Plagiarism statement has been revised according to the Senate's suggestions.

CFA Report – E. J. Sims

E. J. Sims reported that CFA has a statewide website on Covid-19 resources. (<https://www.calfac.org/pod/covid-19-and-cfa>) On March 16th, an email went out from CFA to members to ask for any concerns from faculty due to Covid-19 or technology. They have received 32 responses so far. On the statewide website, faculty can also share concerns. CFA will hold their next meeting via Zoom. CSU Ponomo's Senate has passed a resolution condemning hate crimes due to Covid-19 and condemning relating Covid-19 to China or Asia. CFA is investigating accounts of bullying of faculty of Asian descent in the CSU.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – L. A. Watt
Request for device
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes

Consent Items:

Business

1. From SAC: Statement on Cheating and Plagiarism – Second Reading – H. Smith
2. From APARC: Recommendation to remove Appendix B from Program Review Policy – Second Reading – S. Place
3. Posthumous recognition request for Irene Morgan – First Reading – D. Hansen TC 3:30
4. Resolution that Funding Sources Share Sonoma State University's Inclusive Values – First Reading – E. Carlton, K. Altaker, L. Morimoto TC
5. Faculty Governance Distance Meeting Standing Rules – First Reading – M. Milligan
6. Resolution re: SETES and Probationary Year – First Reading – L. Watt

Approved.

Adjourned.

Minutes prepared by L. Holmstrom-Keyes