

Senate Executive Committee
February 12, 2008
3:00 – 5:00, Sue Jameson Room

Present: Deb Kindy, Catherine Nelson, Ruben Armiñana, Sam Brannen, Sunil Tiwari, Tim Wandling, Scott Miller, Thaine Stearns, Karen Thompson, Art Warmoth, Andy Merrifield, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Terry Lease

Guests: Derek Pierre, Steve Wilson, Rick Luttmann, Peter Phillips, Noel Byrne

Approval of Agenda – PPI Appeals Process added to agenda. Item #1 – Statement on Collegiality - removed due to a miscommunication. *Approved.*

Approval of Minutes of 1/29/08 – *Approved.*

Chair Report – S. Miller

S. Miller noted that more business is coming through and the Executive Committee may need to prioritize more in the future. He reported that a new draft of the Academic Affairs strategic plan has emerged from JCAP which is a melding of the current Academic Affairs plan, the Long Range Academic Plan and the Core Academic Priorities document. JCAP unanimously recommended that the plan go to Standing Committees for a timely response and the Chair requested that the Standing Committees take this item up and opened the floor for discussion. It was clarified that after the Standing Committees look at it, it would go to the Senate. It was suggested that the plan go the Associated Students as well. The Chair noted that at the next Senate meeting, the election would be able to be certified and he read out the current list of candidates.

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana noted the Sacramento Bee reported that a budget compromise is in the making. There were some leaks about what was in the budget. There was also a report that higher education is up for a cut of \$890 million between the two systems. He said he talked to the Chancellor and they don't really know. The President discussed the many variables in the leaked budget numbers. He said the Chancellor's feeling is that the cut to the CSU it is going to be more than expected and they are speculating between \$110 and \$120 million. On the Federal side, there was also uncertainty. He noted aspects of the Stimulus Bill as it may impact the CSU. He said that the money would come to the States, not directly to projects. The CFA rep added a few more details that he had heard. He noted that the money coming to California from the Federal government would trigger changes in the California budget.

Vice President of Administration and Finance – L. Furukawa-Schlereth

L. Furukawa-Schlereth noted that CRC is revising the Animals on Campus policy and asked where it could go for discussion in faculty governance. It was suggested the policy revisions be sent as an information item to the Senate and a person be

identified to receive feedback. He noted the changes were primarily about service animals to bring the language in alignment with ADA considerations. L. Furukawa-Schlereth reminded the body of the Town Hall meeting on the budget next week. A member asked about the future of the Management Training Program. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said for '09 - '10 they will not be able to continue it, and noted there was a philosophical issue about the way in which the university wishes to groom its new leaders. The Chair of EPC said the Graduate Studies subcommittee would be interested to hear about the program in the future.

Emergency Resolution from Peter Phillips – R. Luttmann and P. Phillips

R. Luttmann passed around an updated version of the resolution. R. Luttmann introduced the item and expressed concern that when students register they are presented with a list of textbooks and an icon where they can put the textbooks in their Barnes and Noble shopping cart. There is no indication that there are other options. This may be limiting to students, especially freshman. He noted the Associated Students last year passed a resolution requesting the faculty do what they can to keep the cost of textbooks down. He argued the university should stay neutral about where students get their books. P. Phillips noted the new addition to Title V to keep the cost of textbooks down and that the Provost said the campus would take a neutral stance. There was some discussion including background about the link on the web page. It was noted that there was confusion about how faculty now order books. **Motion to add item to the Senate agenda. Second. Approved.**

PPI Appeals Process – S. Miller

S. Miller passed out a handout. He said in the PPI process the Senate is responsible for naming an appeals committee. He noted there was a time consideration on the item. He said most campuses appointed their PPI appeals committee from within their URTP committees. He asked the body to look over the policy language. He had spoken to the Chair of URTP, who had agreed to take on the responsibility. All the members of URTP qualify to serve this year. He said the options are: to ask the Senate Analyst to canvass the faculty to see if they are ok with the URTP committee being the committee or hold an election. The CFA rep provided background on the negotiations for the PPI process. He noted that there were a few issues about delegating the work to the URTP. It was better to communicate in some way with the full professors. The President noted the letters for PPI were signed an hour ago and that triggered a time line. **Motion that tomorrow an email drafted by A. Merrifield and L. Holmström go out to all full professors asking if they are interested in serving on this panel and that they respond by Friday and that FSAC begin working on an election process. If no one wants to serve on the panel, then URTP would be asked to serve. Second.** There was discussion. *Approved.* There was a suggestion that if 10% of the faculty disapprove, the Chair would be notified.

Campus Bookstore issues – D. Kindy

D. Kindy noted issues with ordering with the campus bookstore. She volunteered to gather stories from faculty and analyze what the issues are to help get them cleaned up. She thought it would be primarily procedural matters that need to be fixed. There was discussion. The EPC chair noted that a policy on the Accessible Technology Initiative was being worked on in FSAC and book ordering was part of that. This policy will come forward to the Senate and dealing with ATI may help other things fall in line. L. Furukawa-Schlereth described the current ordering process for books. He said faculty members place their book orders with their departments, those orders go the Provost's office, who posts them online. Barnes and Noble can choose to order them or not. He also noted that A&F would be doing focus groups for services on campus in the near future. It was clarified that faculty send orders to the Schools, not the departments. There was sentiment that there were many issues to sort out concerning the bookstore and ordering books. A member asked if Barnes and Noble decides not to order books, are faculty notified? The Chair of EPC argued that the faculty need to bring a policy forward to resolve many of these issues.

The Chair of FSAC moved the agenda.

A member objected and asked for clarification about how to order books.

It was ruled that moving the agenda had a higher precedence and the body moved on.

Revision to the Excellence in Teaching Award policy – S. Tiwari

S. Tiwari said that the revision of the policy was triggered by comments and suggestions by past selection committee members. There were a few questions about the changes. **It was approved for the Senate agenda.**

Review of Faculty Governance Release Time for '09 -'10

The body reviewed the distribution of the release time for faculty governance. There was discussion about "unused" lecturer units mid-year.

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There was some discussion of the Resolution on Emeriti with N. Byrne.

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Senate - Scott Miller

Correspondences

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes –2/5/09 emailed

➤ Update on WASC

BUSINESS

1. Statement on Collegiality – Second Reading – attachment – S. Tiwari (2/5 agenda) T. C. 3:15
2. Revision to the Biology curriculum – Second Reading – T. Stearns (2/5 agenda) T. C. 3:30
3. Resolution on the CLA – Second Reading - attachment – T. Stearns (2/5 agenda) T. C. 3:45
4. Resolution on Emeriti – First Reading – N. Byrne – attachment
5. Resolution is Support of Low Cost Books for Students – First Reading – R. Luttmann – attachment
6. Revision to the Excellence in Teaching Award policy – First Reading – S. Tiwari – attachment

Approved.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström Vega