

ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, September 19, 2006
Training Room-University Hall
Minutes

Attendance: Bill Adams, Virgil Adams, Damon Aiken, Simone Aloisio, Julia Balen, Terry Ballman, Frank Barajas, Gary Berg, A.J. Bieszczad, Anna Bieszczad, Bob Bleicher, Geoffrey Buhl, Renny Christopher, Bill Cordeiro, Manuel Correia, Beatrice de Oca, Maria Denney, Amy Denton, Jesse Elliott, Therese Eyermann, Jorge Garcia, Blake Gillespie, Jeanne Grier, Ivona Grzegorzcyk, Beth Hartung, Peggy Hinz, Tiina Itkonen, Karen Jensen, Antonio Jimenez-Jimenez, Joan Karp, Kimmy Kee-Rose, Jacque Kilpatrick, Liz King, Priscilla Liang, Ted Lucas, Luke Matjas, Alex McNeill, Trudy Milburn, Brad Monsma, Michelle Moon, Andrew Morris, Paul Rivera, Don Rodriguez, Sue Saunders, Tom Schmidhauser, Peter Smith, Barbara Thorpe, Kaia Tollefson, Dan Wakelee, Amy Wallace, Ching-Hua Wang, Gregory Wood, Cindy Wyels.

Call to order

-2:27 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

-unanimous approval

Approval of Minutes from the last Senate Meeting (September 5)

-Several faculty names will be added to the attendance list from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Reponses to Intent to raise questions

-Response to Peter's question about posting flyers in the Bell Tower entrance-
"Communications and Marketing noted the lobby was cluttered with outdated material and the paint was becoming chipped when (and if) posted items were taken down. In addition Peggy had received numerous complaints about the way the area looked. This is the first face of the campus that the community sees. She reported this information to the President who agreed that we needed a way to ensure that entrance represented a clean and positive image. The decision was then made to place flyers etc. in locations other than the BT lobby. Peggy recalls that Dan Wakelee worked with Student Affairs to help develop the policy that allowed routine oversight and maintenance of the area. There are several bulletin boards throughout the Bell Tower where information can be posted after gaining approval from Student Affairs. This approval process is outlined in the policy on Distribution of Written Materials. That policy was approved in April of 2004."
-Peters indicated that if there was interest from other faculty, she would like to pursue the matter and have more discussion about it.

-Response to Aloisio's question about the proposal to move library technology to IT and whether faculty would have an opportunity to participate in the discussion.

-Per Provost Lucas-“Yes, there is a draft proposal to move all IT functions on campus to the IT department. The status of the draft proposal is that it is on hold until the new IT Strategy Council completes its initial work. Faculty will be not only be consulted but will be deeply involved in the discussion following the establishment of IT priorities by the IT Strategy Council.”

-Jimenez-Jimenez commented that he could not have taught his classes without the assistance of the multimedia library staff and he would hate to see the relationship they currently have with the faculty change in the future.

-Response to Bieszczad’s question about the concern of contamination around campus due to runoff of the chemicals being used in the surrounding fields. Have any studies been done on this subject?

-The response submitted by Bill Kupfer, Safety and Risk Management office.

“Yes, a large amount of work has been done on runoff or “non-point” source pollution originating from agricultural practices and some local work has been done regarding Calleguas Creek. I will provide some information that I hope will address your concern.

Agricultural use of pesticides, benefits of pesticide use, human health effects, and the agricultural-urban interface are complex and long standing issues. Like many environmental issues these topics have been the source of debate and research, and subject to powerful political and economic forces. The outcome of this complex process is a set of laws and regulations that dictate what pesticides may be used, the licensing of users, methods of use, worker protection and enforcement. This body of regulation is intended to retain the benefits of pesticide use while protecting human health, and has been generally effective. However the safe use of pesticides has been punctuated by accidents involving unintended exposures of people.

We have no reason to believe that proper use of pesticides on adjacent farmland is a health risk for the University community. Farmers are deeply invested in a long term commitment and have been coexisting with adjacent communities for a long time. They are required to notify us in the relatively rare circumstance when there is the potential for real health risk.

To address your concern more specifically, the campus is not in the drainage pattern of adjacent farms so runoff is a more of an issue for the health of organisms in Calleguas Creek, rather than the campus community where there is little or no runoff exposure. If you were to measure runoff water or soils in farm drainage ditches you would often find residual pesticides. There is, in turn, pesticide contamination in Calleguas Creek which receives these farm runoff waters. Under the authority of the Federal Clean Water Act (and other statutes) Regional Water Boards are developing standards for acceptable levels of pesticides and other pollutants in individual waterways throughout California, including Calleguas Creek.

There must be a human exposure to have a human health risk. With regard to the University, there is a pesticide concern that has exposure potential. The pesticide accidents I alluded to earlier are often “drift” incidents in which aerial spraying or application of a gaseous fumigant gets out of control and drifts in the air over an adjacent community. This is a low probability event but a real risk that should be addressed. The campus has sensitive populations (e.g. preschool on campus) and thus the regulations are very strict with regard to use of aerial spraying and gaseous fumigants on adjacent farmland. The additional regulatory protection afforded by our “sensitive population” status is good but accidents, although rare, still do still happen.

This exposure scenario underscores the importance of an effective University emergency response plan. Such planning is taking place both on and off campus. The Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office has developed a plan for response to drift incidents and the University has been working on emergency preparedness for some time.

More information regarding pesticides is available on the University web site under "Environmental Health and Safety" "Pesticide Information," or from the Environment, Safety and Risk Management office."

-Response to Correia's question about getting and ATM machine located on campus?

-Response submitted by Erik Blaine, University Glen.

"I am in the process of identifying an institution that is willing to place an ATM machine in the University Town Center. Anyone interested in placing a machine in the Town Center will only consider it once the building is completed and nearly occupied; otherwise the machine gets very little use"

New questions

-Cordeiro- Why did some of our new tenure/track faculty colleagues receive desk top printers and some did not?

-Cordeiro- Is the rumor true that – when the printers we currently have in our offices need replacing – IT will try to block our spending, even if we have the budgeted funds?

Grier- Would like to know when the "out of office" notices will be viewable to off-campus community; right now they are only viewable on-campus.

-Grier- Where is the loading and unloading area closest to Bell Tower West? Faculty, without parking permits, frequently need to unload items in that area and there is no location for that purpose.

Report from the Provost

-Provost Lucas introduced Dr. Sue Kapitanoff, Special Consultant for Assessment.

-Lucas commented that the proposal to move the library technical staff to IT was as a result of the WASC report received this past April. The report noted that although the library staff did a fantastic job, they felt that technical services would be more efficient if they were all located in one area. The President had also received a directive from the Chancellor's Office to secure all networks so he directed Ted Lucas and Joanne Coville to draft a recommendation. Maureen McQuestion proposed to the President that an IT Strategy Council be created and that it include representatives from across the campus community. The council will lay out a strategic plan and institutional priorities for IT. Faculty will be able to participate on the council.

- Grzegorzcyk asked if faculty would still be Hai Le's priority. Lucas responded that not only would faculty still be Hai's priority but that there would be a second IT person, Aaron Kay, working with Hai to assist faculty.

-Joanne Coville informed us that a proposal for a Federally Negotiated Overhead Rate was submitted and returned without consideration. It was returned because we have never been awarded a previous federal grant at a full overhead rate. Before we are awarded, we will need to apply to a federal agency and use the rate requested, we will then receive a temporary 10% rate until a full rate is negotiated.

-Lucas encourages everyone who is able to, to apply for federal awards.

Report from the Chair

-There will be a call for nominations for campus-wide committees and boards

-At the last Senate Executive meeting, Ballman said that Senate Exec agreed with her that the recent chair elections for the six academic program areas was not a Senate issue. From that discussion emerged the strong sentiment that global emails should be used with care and sensitivity. In addition, it was hoped that colleagues would take advantage of our open, collegial environment to engage in more one-on-one interaction.

Reports from Senate Standing Committees

Senate Executive

-Regarding campus-wide committees and boards, Senate Exec discussed faculty representation and the importance of the dissemination of information. Faculty members on committees and boards generally represent all their faculty colleagues. It was decided that Senate Exec would request that faculty representatives on campus-wide committees and board send the Senate Executive Committee flash reports when issues arise that are of interest to faculty.

Committee on Centers

-Have met twice and approved several centers which will be forwarded to Senate for approval.

Committee on Committees

-Adams asked all committees to submit their activity reports.

Curriculum Committee

-Meet on a weekly basis and also serve on the Academic planning. The submission deadlines were distributed via email earlier this month and will be strongly adhered to. The first deadline is October 13, 2006.

Faculty Affairs

-Will be working on RTP amendments.

Fiscal Policies

-A.J. Bieszczad and Ching-Hua Wang will be co-chairing the committee.

General Education

-Meetings will be every other Thursday from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's conference room. Please submit your courses on-line at: <http://summit.csuci.edu/geapproval>. Please submit your courses to both the General Education and the Curriculum committee at the same time.

Strategic and Tactical Planning

-Bill Adams will be co-chair. The committee met and decided to disband at the end of the academic year.

Student Academic Policies and Procedures

-Beatrice de Oca and Amy Denton will be co-chairs.

Faculty Development Advisory Committee

-Joan Peters and Mary Adler will be co-chairing and the committee will be meeting this coming Thursday to finalize their mission statement.

University Planning and Coordinating Committee

-Ted Lucas and Bill Cordeiro will be co-chairing. The recent vote on the library conversion was the first time UPAC did not vote unanimously. There will be a special meeting with the President this coming Friday to review the issue.

Old Business

Changes to By-Laws on voting procedures

-There was discussion about adding terms such as “non electronic ballots” and specifics about who would count hand votes. Cordeiro called for the question, seconded by Grzegorzcyk. Vote was taken by show of hands.

Yes: 41

Abstain: 1

No: 0

Vote taken on the By-Laws:

Yes: 41

No: 0

Abstain: 4

By-Law changes passed.

SP 06-01 Update to GVAR (Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement with Learning Outcomes)

-the previous policy sunsetted in 2004

-McNeill is concerned about how this policy will affect Upper Division General Education.

-There was much discussion about the different areas that would be affected by the passing of this policy as is currently written and about the history of the previous policy.

-The question was called and there was unanimous approval to cease discussions.

Grzegorzcyk made a motion to postpone the vote on this policy until early next semester, Milburn seconded. The policy will be returned to the Curriculum Committee for revisions.

Vote on motion:

Yes: 32

No: 8

Abstain: 3

Motion passes.

New Business

Early Childhood Studies (long form)

-m/s-Bob Bleicher, Bill Cordeiro. Cordeiro says the Curriculum Committee enthusiastically supports this long form. Maria Denney reviewed the differences between this program as compared to the neighboring campuses' programs.

Announcements

-Wallace invites everyone to see the drawing in the *Art Walk* in the library courtyard. She also invited everyone to see the movie *Memento* on Thursday, 9/25.

Adjournment

-3:49 p.m.