

Senate Executive Committee
October 4, 2007
3:00 – 4:00, Sue Jameson Room

Present: Scott Miller, Robert McNamara, Susan Moulton, Art Warmoth, John Wingard, Karen Thompson, Thaine Stearns, Edith Mendez, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Elaine McDonald, Ruben Armiñana

Guests: Steve Wilson, Whitney McClure, Steve Winter, Birch Moonwomon, Jeff Davis

Scott Miller chaired the meeting in the absence of T. Wandling.

Approval of Agenda – 30 minute discussions at Senate – B. Moonwomon added with a time certain. *Approved*.

Minutes delayed.

Chair Report – S. Miller

S. Miller announced the Faculty Emeritus Dinner upcoming and urged the committee members to attend.

President's Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana reported that the long awaited special state auditor's report arrived ten minutes ago. He had one copy to give to the Senate. He said it will be on the CSU website very soon. S. Miller said it would be stored in the Senate office. Then the President spoke about the U.S. Army sign on the gym. He said that they are looking into it. His understanding is that the Athletics department has secured a sponsorship for a basketball tournament for \$15,000. Sponsors of tournaments get to have their name on the gym wall. He is working with university and CSU counsel to determine whether this is permissible under our non-discrimination policy. He also questioned whether the military policy of "don't ask, don't tell" has been deemed discriminatory in the courts. He noted the issue has no relationship to the Solomon Amendment. He asked the body not assume what his own personal opinion is on the issue.

A Senator thanked the President for his efforts and argued why he would not withdraw the resolution asking the campus to take down the Army sign from the gym. The President said an attorney looking at our non-discrimination policy does not think that the advertising violates our non-discrimination policy because of the way the policy is written. The Senator said it would be an interesting court case and he thought the body would reaffirm their stance on non-discrimination.

Kinesiology Proposal – T. Stearns

T. Stearns introduced the item and noted that it was not approved unanimously. He thought the one dissenting vote had more to do with procedure than substance. There was some discussion. **Approved for Senate agenda as business item.**

Chair-Elect report – S. Miller

S. Miller reported on recommendations from Structure and Functions for faculty to various committees. He passed out a handout with all the recommendations. Armand Gilinsky was approved for an At-Large replacement needed on APC. He asked for the Executive Committee's approval for their recommendations for the Campus Planning Committee and the Copeland Creek committee. **No objection to placing the recommendations for the Senate on the Senate's consent calendar.**

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

L. Furukawa-Schlereth updated the body on the variety of audits that have been completed and what audits were in process. He was pleased to report that all the audits, except for the CIHS special audit, report no material weaknesses or findings. He then spoke about his work chairing the systemwide CMS Executive Committee that provides leadership for the system on CMS. He noted that now all the campuses have implemented some pieces of CMS and so it is an on-going program. The committee worked on the future of CMS from a strategic perspective and came up with four areas of improvement that he shared with the committee – 1) to increase the functionality of the product; 2) to improve the system performance; 3) to reassess the third party support provider; and 4) to improve business practices and processes. He said he found it helpful to be on the committee to influence the development of this product. He said he would like to consult with SAC and any other committee that might be useful. He reported on a meeting he would be attending next week. The CSU and the UC systems are working with the association of cities that have universities in or near them to improve the relationships between the universities and the cities. The meeting will be held at UCLA. A Senator asked how to get suggestions to him for CMS functionality. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said to email him directly. A member asked whom to contact for problems with CMS and student advising. L. Furukawa-Schlereth directed the member to the campus Registrar, Leo Avillar, or Sophie Summers. A member asked about a position created for a faculty trainer for CMS. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said Mike Ogg had been hired for that function. A member asked about the Staff/Faculty Housing project. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said the project has been delayed for two primary reasons. There is litigation against the Rohnert Park Master Plan concerning water issues. He said the project would participate in the sewer system expansion and that can't be dealt with until the litigation is finished. Also, the cost of construction is so high, they may not be able to offer houses that faculty could afford. He said they were in a holding pattern.

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30 Minute Conversations in the Senate – B. Moonwoman

B. Moonwoman described her motion to set aside thirty minutes at each Senate meeting to discuss the overarching issues concerning the no confidence vote, such as aligning resources with mission, mitigating bloated management, diversity and diversity awareness, etc. Each discussion would open with a faculty discussant and perhaps help to structure the discussion. Administrators would be welcome to remain and participate. These discussions would lead toward reformist actions. She read her motion. There was lengthy discussion about how to implement such an idea and alternative ideas were proposed.

APC report – A. Warmoth

A. Warmoth circulated a report from APC for the Senate about what the committee is doing. They are proposing language changes to the WASC materials. They will have a resolution about Schools to Colleges coming soon. He articulated the specifics of their academic planning activities to date. They are working on a sustainability resolution based on San Diego State's resolution.

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EPC report – T. Stearns

T. Stearns reported that EPC is looking at an MA in Spanish, two proposals from Math and they will be considering changes to the Master Catalog Course form as part of the on-going Curriculum Guide revision. He argued that this form has allowed free-floating courses to proliferate in the university. He asked for guidance for what kinds of things need to go forward from EPC to the Senate from the Curriculum Guide revisions. A member asked about General Education review and asked if the GE subcommittee was working on this. T. Stearns said that the GE subcommittee did report on that and they are doing a review, but not using the formal Program Review protocol. There was a request to have the GE subcommittee report to the Senate.

Jeff Davis requesting report to the Senate

Jeff Davis introduced himself as the Director of the Learning Skills Services on campus, which is part of the Federal Trio programs. It serves first generation and low-income students completing the B.A. degree. He said there is another Trio project they recently received funding for, called the Ronald McNair post-baccalaureate program, and it is that program he would like to present to the larger faculty. Twenty-five students will be chosen for assistance to attend a graduate school, preferably a university with a doctoral program. He gave a general overview of the McNair project. He said they were very excited about the project. He also asked to present some research Learning Skills Services had done on first generation students across the nation. He thought this information was valuable to everyone at SSU as 40% of our students are first generation. He summarized the research and noted narratives from SSU students in the document as well as recommendations derived from the research. He emphasized the need to promote the McNair project and to find faculty willing to participate. There were some questions about the McNair project details. He spoke further about the benefits for McNair scholars and how the grant money will be spent. It was suggested to have a meeting with the School of Science and Technology and invite all faculty, since the project has a focus on Science and Technology. He was invited to return to address the Senate once he has materials together.

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SAC report – K. Thompson

K. Thompson reported that the committee has finished revisions to the Grade Appeals and Student Grievance procedures. They have started gathering information about the changes to Incompletes, Withdrawals, Drops and Repeats. She thought perhaps there was duplication of effort here and was looking into that. SAC is also investigating SSU preparedness for students with psychological problems. She noted that according to accreditation standards for counselors, SSU is understaffed.

Resolution: Reaffirmation of University Policy on Non-Discrimination – R. McNamara

R. McNamara passed out a slight amendment to the resolution in the packet. He noted the change was in the rationale. He argued for the resolution to go forward to the Senate. He said that whether the courts have ruled on discrimination is not the issue, it is the spirit of our non-discrimination policy, that what we believe here is important. He said he didn't think an attorney could say that our non-discrimination policy *requires* us to accept Army advertising. It was suggested to have the first page of the non-discrimination policy in the packet. The President noted that items in the rationale might need to be reconsidered. He said that the removal of items from the website was due to the policy of not linking any advertising from the campus websites. He also said the attorney says that the sign in the gym is not paid advertising, but being displayed for sponsorship. R. McNamara said the rationale is directed toward discrimination issues and not legal issues. **No objections to go forward to the Senate.**

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Senate - Tim Wandling

Correspondences

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes – delayed

Structure and Functions recommendations – attachment

Special Report: Sponsored Programs Subcommittee end of year recommendations to the CFO & Provost regarding minimum IDC, distribution of IDC & criteria for SSU approval of external grant proposals – K. Nielsen T. C. 3:15

BUSINESS

1. Revision to Cheating and Plagiarism policy – Second Reading – attachment - K. Thompson T. C. 3:45
2. Motion from the floor: 30 minute discussions at the Senate – attachment - B. Moonwomon T. C. 4:10
3. Revision to Kinesiology Program – First Reading – attachment – T. Stearns T. C. 4:20
4. Resolution: Reaffirmation of University Policy on Non-Discrimination – First Reading – attachment – R. McNamara and R. Luttmann T. C. 4:35

Approved.

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström