

## **Senate Executive Committee Minutes**

October 21, 2010

3:00 – 5:00, Sue Jameson Room

### **Abstract**

Agenda approved. Minutes delayed. Chair Report. CFA Report. Statewide Senator Report. Chair-Elect Report. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report. Early Start Report. Revision to Finance and Financial Management Concentrations in Business approved for Senate consent calendar. Information Item: Nursing Report approved for Senate agenda. SAC Report. EPC Report. Associated Students Report. Faculty Retreat Discussion. Senate agenda approved.

**Present:** John Wingard, Susan Moulton, Catherine Nelson, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Sam Brannen, Ben Ford, Maria Hess, Art Warmoth, Richard Senghas, Margaret Purser, Andy Merrifield, Jennifer Mahdavi, Ruben Armiñana, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Elaine Newman

**Absent:** Saeid Rahimi

**Guests:** Steve Wilson, Alex Boyar, Thaine Stearns

**Approval of Agenda** – times certain given to reports – **Approved.**

**Minutes delayed.**

### **Chair Report – J. Wingard**

J. Wingard reported on his meeting with the Senate Chairs statewide. He said most campuses were dealing with the same issues – Early Start, the Graduation Initiative, budget issues, and a set of matrices were passed out at the meeting. He handed out a copy of the Early Start matrix as the body would be getting a report on that later in the meeting. The matrix showed how the different campuses were responding to the Early Start Program. He noted there were similar matrices on the Graduation Initiative, SB 1440 and Restructuring Plans in the CSU system. He asked if he should send them out to Senate-talk. It was suggest to put them on the Senate website and then send out the link. The ASI sent a chart of the ASI leadership with pictures to go with names, which were handed out. The Chair noted the Mayor of Rohnert Park would be at the next Senate meeting.

### **CFA Report – A. Merrifield**

A. Merrifield reported on the CFA's General Assembly meeting. At the meeting a series of resolutions were passed. He noted the LGBT caucus passed a resolution that CFA would like more information about things that rise to the level of hate crimes and hate incidents. He noted that it applied to any faculty member that felt threatened. He wanted to set up a meeting with the President and others to talk about this issue. He noted some incidents at other campuses that caused great

concern. The other main issue was bargaining and attempts to revamp the curriculum via initiatives such as Early Start. He reported that Meg Whitman, candidate for Governor, recently said that the state deficit was due to the high pensions of faculty and noted that this kind of remark was evidence that she would not be a friend to the CSU. S. Wilson announced that CFA was sending people down to the Central Labor Council to staff phone banks and encouraged people to join the fun.

### **Statewide Senator Report – C. Nelson**

C. Nelson reported on the Chancellor's General Education Advisory Committee meeting. She noted the Statway proposal whose goal was to increase the percentage of students moving on to GE math courses and graduating once they come to the CSU. She understood it was a proposal to decouple the single pathway to both statistics and pre-calculus due to the algebra prerequisite. She said she would pass the information along to the Math & Statistics faculty via members Brannen and Ford. She said the Statewide Senate would be appointing faculty to the Discipline Review Groups that will be working on the course identification numbering between the CSU and the community colleges. The CAN project was about articulation issues and she thought these groups might become involved in the transfer degree implementation. She was asking for information to confirm that. She thought she would send out a notice to Senate-Talk to find faculty to bring forward. She noted the Statewide Chair would be talking to the Chairs of the disciplines as well.

### **Chair-Elect Report – B. Ford**

B. Ford reported that Structure and Functions would be bringing forward by-law language for the emeritus member of the Senate. They were also discussing proxies for the Senate members who represent specific constituencies. A member asked if S&F was discussing JCAP. B. Ford said there was no formal proposal or agenda item about that currently. A. Warmoth noted that there was a productive discussion last semester and he thought S & F would be asked soon to discuss permanent arrangements of membership for JCAP. A member said there were rumors that there were conversations going on in JCAP that should be happening at the Senate and wondered if that was true. A. Warmoth was curious about the nature of the rumors and noted that JCAP was a consultative body and that any policy decisions would go wherever they needed to go. He described current organizational activities in JCAP that related to the Provost's priorities and some of APC's priorities.

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

L. Furukawa-Schlereth reported that the PBAC meeting was upcoming and he hoped to get the allocations from the Chancellor's office before the end of the week. He thought enrollment decisions were being made in the Provost's office. He asked if the Senate wanted a budget report. The Chair brought up a concern about raising enrollments on one-time funding. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said that was big concern around the system and his understanding of the strategy was that there would be less likelihood of a mid-year cut of the students were already here being taught. If

students were not admitted, then the new Governor might ask for a mid-year cut. The CSU and the campus were working very hard to meet the new target. If they did not, then money would have to be given back. It was clarified that the \$199 million was added to the base. There were questions about how the campus would attempt to get more students in the Spring without compromising quality and further discussion about growing mid-year. L. Furukawa-Schlereth noted that the Board of Trustees was considering a student fee increase and he discussed what that meant to SSU.

### **Early Start Report – T. Stearns**

The Chair noted that the report on Early Start was handed out at the meeting. T. Stearns said the report was a draft proposal about Early Start that the campus needed to submit to the Chancellor's office by November 19<sup>th</sup>. He wanted to bring the item to the Executive Committee due to the timeline. He noted that Early Start was a particularly contentious mandate from the Chancellor's office. He noted that a resolution had been drafted and had been endorsed by the Math department and will be endorsed by the English department. A member noted that the report noted progress in lowering the number of students that needed remediation and asked if the cause of that was due to not admitting low-income students. Another member noted that the University raised the eligibility index for Math, which resulted in less students needing remediation. They had since lowered the requirements again and had many more students needing remediation. A member questioned whether the English portion was in alignment with state guidelines. T. Stearns said he did not think there was language in the Executive Order that was in conflict with the English portion. Another member disagreed and said that the English portion was contributing to remediation, even if it wasn't a course designated as remediation. A member asked if the English portion was creating more work for students at SSU. T. Stearns noted that this particular issue was one of the contentious ones. He noted that maintaining the integrity of the stretch program in English was of paramount importance and was not labeled as remediation, but rather as developmental. T. Stearns said that the Chancellor's mandate was particularly problematic for English and did not take into account what experts were saying about teaching composition in the first year or what was happening on campuses. SSU's English department response was to minimally meet the Chancellor's requirement and not impinge upon their program. A member asked about students who enroll in course work, are admitted to the university, and fail their remediation course. Specifics of the Chancellor's Executive Order were presented and discussed. Concern was raised about the numbers not specified in the report regarding the number of students from the service area; the interaction of Early Start and the new Transfer Degree; and the language change from remediation to developmental. It was clarified that students under remediation do not get credit, but if they take developmental courses they do. There was a question about whether students would be dis-enrolled or could be dis-enrolled in the Early Start program or whether there would be exceptions. The President said the actual number of students actually dis-enrolled was very small. Each case that was appealed would be looked at individually. T. Stearns noted that there were major issues with the implementation of the initiative that were not being addressed yet. The President said that the Early Start program was designed around the LA basin and not for residential campuses. There was

further discussion about how the initiative impacted freshmen enrollment. The APC Chair discussed other major issues underlying the complications of the Early Start initiative, including that the CSU is paid by number of units to students and not a quality education. A member asked how this would go through faculty governance. T. Stearns wanted to bring the item to the Senate before November 19<sup>th</sup>. The EPC Chair argued that the Early Start program was a piece of curriculum and that the faculty should assert that, so that the program would be reviewed. There was discussion about whether the report that would be sent in on November 19<sup>th</sup> could be changed. **The Chair suggested that the item come to the Senate as a report** and that it continue through the governance process.

#### **Revision to Finance and Financial Management Concentrations in Business – E. Newman**

E. Newman said a computer applications course was put in the core requirements for both concentrations and one course from each concentration was moved out to groups that can be selected by the students. There was unanimous agreement in EPC. **It was approved for the consent calendar of the Senate.**

#### **Information Item: Nursing Report – E. Newman**

E. Newman described a report that had come from the Nursing Department that they would not be admitting a cohort of students for two of their programs. Their next entering cohort would be 2014. They needed to make changes to their program for accreditation, but lacked the faculty to do it and were working on that. Delaying admitting the cohorts would give them time to make the necessary changes. They would be admitting 8 more students to the pre-licensure B.A. program for nursing. It was noted they were not quitting the programs, just suspending them temporarily. E. Newman asked that the item go forward to the Senate. **It was approved as a report to the Senate.**

#### **SAC Report – J. Mahdavi**

J. Mahdavi reported that Gustavo Flores and Gina Geck came to SAC and gave a report on their recruitment efforts. She said the report was very compelling and they wanted to bring it to the Senate at some point.

#### **EPC Report – E. Newman**

E. Newman reported that EPC would be seriously involved with the Early Start initiative. They also had John Kornfeld, Melinda Barnard and Wanda Boda visit EPC to talk about University courses. She noted J. Kornfeld had convened a working group to work on common learning objectives, etc. for freshmen year transition courses. She thought there would be a more coherent freshman year selection of transition courses. She spoke about the implementation of the Areas A&C GE reform and that it was moving along. E. Newman said that she thought that top down initiatives for GE reform didn't work and she encouraged any faculty that wanted to work on upper division GE to do so.

## **Associated Students Report – A. Boyar**

A. Boyar reported that the CSSA was on campus this past weekend. He noted that SSU beat Chico for the number of students registered to vote. He said that he had received numerous complaints about instructors who did not give out their syllabus by the first week of class and who added activities after the add/drop period that were required for the course. He said he had a piece of legislation coming before the ASI Senate asking academic affairs to enforce the course outline policy. He also reported hearing a faculty member say that the ASI was not really run by students and was a puppet of the administration and that this was being told by CFA. He hoped the rumor was untrue. Several members thought it was untrue. A member noted that many syllabi were online now and even when pointed out students still asked him for his syllabi. A. Boyar noted that the students coming to him were very responsible students and that he, himself had not gotten a syllabus in a course until the third week and it was not online. It was suggested that the complaints be documented. The Student Grievance process was offered as a form of redress.

## **Faculty Retreat Discussion – J. Wingard**

J. Wingard reviewed the ideas so far: Academic Technology; Social and Economic Issues; University's relationship to the Community and Wine country; taking one of the University Strategic Plan's areas as the topic and perhaps blend it with the Social and Economic Issues; and Community Engagement to encompass all the above issues. It was suggested to bring in a scholar as a speaker for the retreat and to merge the Spring Convocation and Faculty Retreat. The Chair said another issue was about whether to have Spring Convocation at all. The Chair asked for shape to these ideas. There was discussion about doing something different. There was a suggestion to have the event be about implementation and more than vague statements. It was noted that January 27<sup>th</sup> was the working date. It was suggested that the GMC might be a venue for the Retreat.

## **Senate Agenda**

### **AGENDA**

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – John Wingard

Correspondences

Consent Items:

- Approval of the Agenda

- Approval of Minutes

- Revision to Financial Management Concentration – emailed

- Revision to Finance Concentration - emailed

**Information Item:** Nursing Department Report - attached

**Special Visit:** Pam Stafford, Mayor of Rohnert Park TC 3:10

**Special Report:** Early Start Program – T. Stearns – attached TC 3:45

**Special Report:** Elisa Velasquez-Andrade, Director of Diversity and Inclusive Excellence TC 4:15

**BUSINESS**

1. JCAP Report and discussion – S. Rahimi and A. Warmoth TC 3:30
2. Revision to Learning Objectives for areas A & C – Second Reading – E. Newman – (10/14 agenda) TC 4:35

**Approved.**

*Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström*