

FSAC Minutes
December 15, 2011
Sue Jameson Room
1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.

Attending: Richard Senghas (Chair), Sandra Newton, Chip McAuley, Paula Hammett, Richard Whitkus (recorder), Viki Montera, Melinda Barnard, Emily Hurd (AS)

Absent: Andy Merrifield (CFA)

Convened: 1:02 pm

Agenda: Added Business Item - Resolution on University Response to Campus Protest, rennumbers business items, moved SETE's up before Excellence in Teaching Award.
Approved

Minutes: Approved

REPORTS

AVP (Barnard)

- List sent to Deans on outstanding book orders. Good compliance to date.
- Letters for DIP and Sabbaticals sent out.
 - Sabbaticals: 12 full-time, 1 semester; 2 ½ time salary, full year.
 - DIPS: 2, both represent denied sabbaticals; 1 DIP denied.
- RSCAP minigrant and Goldstein Award letters ready to be sent out in following week.
- Feedback being received on dissatisfaction on behavior of faculty and students, may need to come back to FSAC in spring.
- Registration process going well. Students appear to be conscientious in scheduling within the unit cap. AS Rep indicates some complaints received on obtaining GE courses.

BUSINESS

1. Affordable Learning Initiative (ALI) guest, Dean Barbara Butler (Library)

- Passed out and reviewed draft outline for affordable learning solutions, and associated webpage.
 - Q&A with FSAC
 - What roll will faculty governance play and how should we facilitate?
 - Advocacy
 - FSAC and AS can help frame conversation to make effort successful. Also seen as a faculty development opportunity.
 - Timeline?
 - January 12, 2012 is kick-off at faculty retreat. Followed by ~6 weeks of conversation and then launch of Affordable Learning Projects to develop new approaches.
 - Will Dean Butler be attending Faculty Retreat?
 - Yes.
- Issues raised: use of electronic resources in class may impact instruction.

3. Faculty Emeritus Case

- Retired from a separate CSU.
- Taught at SSU for 10 years.
- Resigned from position at SSU (cannot retire twice).
- Discussion on whether to interpret policy broadly to provide emeritus status in this case.
- Decision to grant emeritus status at SSU in light of 10 years of meritorious service.
Barnard will check with lawyer to see if there is any problem.

4. SETEs

Montera report

- 3 areas to explore
- What was done in the past, what are contract issues, look into on-line approaches.
- Conduct literature review of student evaluations.
- Develop survey for staff and students on SETE's use.
- Need to begin working on each area with three individuals on each.
- Send out alert on a service opportunity.
- FSAC can help get out the word on initiative.
- Ask students (AS) if they would like to be involved in the subgroups.

5. Excellence in Teaching

- Need to change timeline because of change in academic calendar.
- Next year time line will be earlier.
- This year will need to expedite process. Call to go out in January.

REPORTS (cont.)

AFS (Newton)

- Asking for Education and Library reps. for spring semester.
- Discussion of disruptive student behavior policy.

FSSP (Whitkus)

- ORSP Director search running well to date.

PDS (McAuley/Montera)

- Discussion on staffing of Faculty Center – finding a Director and funding for position.
- E-portfolios being discussed as way of accessing undergraduate learning experience.

BUSINESS (cont.)

2. University Response to Protests

Discussion ensued, but FSAC does not see any issue re academic freedom.

Adjourned: 2:56 pm