Senate Executive Committee Minutes
February 13, 2014
3:00 – 4:00, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Abstract

Chair Report. Question for the Provost. Statewide Senator Report. Vice Chair Report. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report. EPC Report. FSAC Report. SAC Report. Associated Students Report. Senate agenda approved.

Present: Margaret Purser, Jennifer Mahdavi, Richard Senghas, Melinda Milligan, Terry Lease, Karen Thompson, Richard Whitkus, Ruben Armiñana, Andrew Rogerson, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Maria Hess, Deborah Roberts

Absent: Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Elaine Newman

Guest: Anthony Gallino

Approval of Agenda – Approved.

Minutes delayed.

Chair Report – M. Purser

M. Purser noted that Person Theater had been renovated, and the Fall Convocation would move back to Person. She thought the attendance would improve and the catering cost would be easier for the Senate budget to handle. She said the 50th Anniversary party would probably be April 10th and might be held in the Library. She said the Excellence in Teaching Award reception would be held on April 18th from 2:30 – 4:30 in the Faculty Center honoring Brantley Bryant. She noted that the comment period for this year's award was currently on going. She said that L. Shelton would like to come to the Senate to talk about the Academic Support Programs and some different things they have been doing. She asked for input about other areas on campus that hearing reports from might benefit the Senate.

Question for the Provost

A member asked how the campus had done meeting target. The Provost said the campus was right on target, actually .12 over target. He acknowledged that it was painful to hold the line, but thanked everyone for doing that. He said there might be a $12 fine for going over.

Statewide Senator Report – D. Roberts

D. Roberts said she was soliciting comments about first readings at the Statewide Senate. The Chair reminded the Ex Com that the Statewide Senate was doing a more concerted effort to do outreach to the campuses on their first readings. She thought it would be good if the committees, at least, could look at them, so local faculty governance would give them feedback. A member asked about the faculty trustee position and whether the Statewide Senate would request two faculty trustees. D. Roberts said they had talked about that and were now looking at a six-month holdover for the trustee position when Governors change.

Vice Chair Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas reported that the election would start very soon. The Senate office had received the list of eligible voters. He asked the members to encourage others to vote. Next Tuesday, S&F would meet with L. Furukawa-Schlereth and K. Spitzer about the hiring policies. He noted that the by-laws do say that at the end of each Spring, the Ex Com should decide what is a quorum for the summer when neither the Senate nor Ex Com is in session. That could take care of a lot of the issues that come up over the summer and he said he would put this on the last Ex Com agenda. He said the GMC Board would be meeting on the 28th and they would be talking about how much the Board would participate in the MasterCard pavilion. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said they were also looking to expand the Board membership and what would be the long-term strategy for staffing. The University Affairs committee would take a few minutes to update the Board on academic activities that had happened in the GMC.

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

L. Furukawa-Schlereth reported that a proposal had come forward from collegiate athletics for a women's track team. The cost was modest. Going ahead with this proposal would help them achieve gender equity goals. He asked if anything had to happen with the Senate. The Chair thought not. A member asked if there was enough money. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said he thought he would be approached and it would not be too hard on his budget. He then reported on parking lot D. He provided some background to that parking lot and how he was consulting about what kind of parking lot it would be now. There was a sense that some of the lot remain reserved and some of it to be for event parking. There would also be some short-term parking. He wanted some feedback on this. A member noted that parking at SSU was much better than Humboldt or Chico and that reserved parking was not very crowded. She wondered if, when there was not an event, the extra parking spaces could be for general use. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said the enforcement of that would be problematic. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said also he thought a substantial amount of spaces could be designated as guest parking. A member asked about the lot next to the Library and suggested that be the guest parking area. L. Furukawa-Schlereth appreciated that advice and thought perhaps C and D lots might be combined. A member noted that student residential parking was overflowing into J lot and he had always wondered why residential parking could park in general parking, but a general parking pass could not park in the residential parking. A. Gallino said he liked the idea of the guest parking. He also noted that the students were interested in the parking lot itself being used for events as well. A member asked about using the Student Center for events and she was shocked how much money they were being charged for having a job fair for Education students in the Ballroom. A. Gallino said that they were talking about this issue in the Student Center Board of Directors. He thought perhaps some things were getting confused around pricing. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said he would look into this issue and noted there was grave concern among the Student Center Board that the building would be usurped by non-student events. The member noted there were no more free spaces on campus at all to hold this sort of event. A member asked about the Psychology Club banquet that they wanted to hold in the Student Center and were told they could cater it themselves, but if they have parents, then the campus has to cater it and they were quoted $28 per person. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said that the rules around bringing food for departments or on campus people was that potlucks or holiday parties were fine, but if off campus guests were present, then health codes apply. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said that he wanted to resurrect the task force on the cost of catering on campus for campus events.

EPC Report – M. Milligan

M. Milligan reported on the curricular items that EPC was approving or considering. They were talking about a new Freshman Learning Community in the STEM area. At their next meeting, they might be hearing about a new certificate program in Entrepreneurship, depending on what business came forward from the previous meeting. She then reported on a proposal for an experimental GE course being proposed by a Business faculty member, but that would be in the University courses. It received a negative recommendation from the GE subcommittee and was now being brought to EPC. She noted there were some process issues related to the negative recommendation. She thought there might be some clarification about the standards for experimental and permanent courses and how they are reviewed. Also, EPC and GE were discussing process issues for both permanent and experimental GE course proposals. A member asked about the need for a department designation for University courses. M. Milligan said there was planning for a curriculum type committee in the University courses area. She said GE was thinking about having experimental courses go through curriculum committees and if there were not a curriculum committee, it would go through whatever curriculum committee made sense for the proposal. A member noted that the Curriculum Guide link on the Senate website was still not active. M. Milligan said EPC was aware of that and they were doing things somewhat piecemeal, and knew there needed to be a more global look. She thought that clarity was lacking about GE course proposals and she would be working on that with the GE Chair.

FSAC Report – R. Whitkus

R. Whitkus said they were working on the changes to the Course Outline policy. They were waiting for feedback on SETE implementation. They were working on the first draft of a SETE data access policy. They would be reviewing a department's revision to their RTP criteria.

SAC Report – K. Thompson

K. Thompson said that J. Shulman would chair SAC next year.

Associated Students Report – A. Gallino

A. Gallino said their Student Government coordinator was leaving and they were down three professional staff members. Student elections were happening. He noted four positions were running contested. He said campaigning would start on Feb. 24th. Voting would start March 10th. He reviewed the resolutions in front of the AS Senate. A member asked if composting was going on. A. Gallino said the Student Center was composting, but that was all he knew. A member asked who was running for President and A. Gallino said himself and B. Zamora.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Margaret Purser
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes –- emailed

Special Report: Campus Debt– I. Hannah TC 3:30

BUSINESS

1. Revision to the Course Outline Policy – Second Reading- (*Your 2/6 agenda*) – R. Whitkus and K. Thompson

Approved.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom-Keyes