

**Senate Executive Committee Minutes**  
April 3, 2008  
3:00 – 5:00, Sue Jameson Room

**Present:** Art Warmoth, Maria Hess, Robert McNamara, Tim Wandling, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Edith Mendez, Susan Moulton, Eduardo Ochoa, Thaine Stearns, John Wingard

**Absent:** Elaine Newman, Ruben Armiñana, Karen Thompson, Scott Miller

**Guests:** Steve Wilson, Rose Bruce

**Chair Report**

Chair Wandling discussed having Senate meetings digitally. Several people offered their experiences with digital meetings.

**Approval of Agenda** – Voluntary System of Accountability added. Time certains requested by various members and approved. *Approved as amended.*

**Chair Report continued**

Chair Wandling discussed his letter to CSU Board of Trustee member Roberta Achtenberg regarding the no confidence vote last spring and his frustration in attempting to gain an outside mediator via the CSU to talk about shared power. Statewide Senator McNamara explained the perspective of the Statewide Senate and his perspective on the Chancellor's office reaction. The Provost explained that the CSU, at most, sends a consultant, if they have low confidence in the President. In this case, the CSU has high confidence in our President, so they are more hands off.

**Voluntary System of Accountability – R. Bruce**

R. Bruce brought an information item to the body about the Voluntary System of Accountability (<http://www.voluntariesystem.org/index.cfm>). She described the effort and asked the body for assistance for the learning outcomes portion of the profile of the university that will be posted on the web. She passed out a handout showing what the profile would look like and described where all the information would come from. The entire CSU is participating. There was discussion among the members.

**J. Wingard moved to refer the learning outcomes portion of the profile to EPC. Second. Approved.**

**University Strategic Plan and Responses from APC members – A. Warmoth**

A. Warmoth reported on a resolution passed by APC recommending a six month extension on the comment period for the University Strategic Plan and that he and the Provost develop a structured plan to engage the campus community in the Plan to generate more buy-in. The resolution will go to the Provost and the University

Strategic Planning Committee. If a process is developed, that will go to the Senate for approval. There was further discussion about the conversation in APC, the process to gain buy-in for the Strategic Plan, the communication about the Plan and what role the faculty should play in the process of strategic planning. The Chair of APC requested that the resolution be an information item for the Senate.

### **Academic Freedom Policy – M. Hess**

M. Hess noted that the legislative history did not include the fact that the Academic Freedom Policy was approved by FSAC. **E. Mendez moved that the Academic Freedom Policy to go forward to the Senate. Second. Approved.**

### **Revision to M.A. in Organizational Development – T. Stearns**

T. Stearns noted that the original signature sheet did now include his signature and noted that the revision was approved unanimously. **Unanimous approval for the Senate agenda's consent items.**

### **Academic Calendar Guidelines – T. Stearns**

T. Stearns noted that the Academic Calendar Guidelines were referred to EPC by the Executive Committee. He reviewed the changes proposed by EPC: to move President's Day to the Winter Holiday break; the addition of a guideline to address year round operations and summer school and the addition of a guideline to address the needs of the School of Education. T. Stearns noted the need to approve the guidelines to be able to create academic calendars for the next five years. There was the suggestion to change in item #7 the "shall" to "should." Another member asked for the different versions to be labeled. **R. McNamara moved the Academic Calendar Guidelines to go on the Senate agenda with the change in #7. Second. Approved.**

### **Course Outline Policy – M. Hess**

M. Hess noted that the change to the course outline policy regarding accessibility was referred back to FSAC. She introduced a new version, and after discussion the amended policy became: Course outlines shall be provided to students in writing or a format that is accessible to each student within the first full week of classes. **M. Hess moved the Course Outline Policy as amended to the Senate agenda. Second. Approved.**

The Chair noted that the Executive Committee may want to discuss the other documents in the packet associated with the University Strategic Plan item at a future meeting.

### **Blood Bank Resolutions – R. McNamara**

R. McNamara introduced the two resolutions. The first resolution was written by Rick Luttmann, and he was asked to consult with the Associated Students and with SAC about the resolution. He has done that. Based on the reaction received during

the consultation process, R. McNamara became concerned about the campus non-discrimination policy and wrote the second resolution that could be considered if the first does not pass. The first resolution calls for denying blood banks access to campus because they discriminate against gay men. The second resolution recognizes that allowing the blood banks to continue to have access to campus constitutes a waiver of the campus non-discrimination policy. R. McNamara asked that the two resolutions go to the Senate as a packet. He also asked to have San Jose State's resolution included in the packet. **T. Stearns moved to have the Blood Bank resolutions with the SJSU resolution and the ASI resolution on the Senate agenda. Second. Approved.**

There was discussion about whether to invite others, and who, to the Senate to speak to the resolutions.

The Chair asked the Ad-Hoc Committee member if the committee would be bringing forward a resolution on Diversity. The member answered that a resolution would be brought forward from the floor.

There was continued discussion about whether to invite others, and who, to the Senate to speak to the Blood Bank resolutions.

## **Senate Agenda**

A member brought up questions of whether the Senate actually approved 30 minutes for Ad-Hoc committee business. There were many requests for time certains.

### **AGENDA**

Report of the Chair of the Senate - Tim Wandling

Correspondences

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Revision to MA in Organizational Development program - attachment

➤ Update on WASC

### **BUSINESS**

1. Resolution re: Staffing Ratios in Student Counseling and Psychological Services - First Reading- attachment - K. Thompson T. C. 3:15
2. Academic Calendar Guidelines – First Reading – T. Stearns – attachment T. C. 3:30
3. Resolutions on Blood Banks and Non-Discrimination – First Reading – R. Luttmann and R. McNamara – attachment T.C. 3:45
4. Course Outline Policy revision – First Reading – attachment -M. Hess T. C. 4:00
5. Revision to RTP policy – Second Reading – M. Hess – new attachment T. C. 4:10

6. Resolution re: Administration of College Learning Assessment - First Reading – T. Stearns (3/20 agenda)
7. Constitutional amendment for faculty referenda –First Reading – S. Miller (3/20 agenda)
8. Resolution Regarding Oath of Allegiance for State Employees – First Reading – T. Lease (3/20 agenda)
9. Academic Freedom Policy – First Reading – M. Hess – attachment
10. APC recommendation: Schools to Colleges – Second Reading (11/8 agenda)

*Ad-Hoc Committee business* -

Diversity – T. C. 4:30

**Adjourned.**

*Signed, Laurel Holmström, Academic Senate Analyst*

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