

Academic Senate Minutes

March 10, 2005
3:00-5:00 Commons

Abstract

Chair's Report. Agenda and Minutes of 2/10 and 2/24 approved. Minutes Preparation if Senate uses digital recording approved. Senate Newsletter approved. President report. Provost report. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report. Chair-Elect report. APC, EPC, FSAC and SAC reports.

Present: Melanie Dreisbach, Elizabeth Stanny, Catherine Nelson, Rick Luttmann, Robert Karlsrud, Noel Byrne, Birch Moonwomon, Michael Pinkston, Steve Wilson, Elizabeth Burch, Eric McGuckin, Heidi LaMoreaux, Tim Wandling, Steve Cuellar, Bob Vieth, John Kornfeld, Tia Watts, Dan Karner, Richard Whitkus, Sam Brannen, Wanda Boda, Myrna Goodman, Glenn Brasington, Melinda Milligan, Sandra Shand, Marguerite St. Germain, Ruben Arminaña, Eduardo Ochoa, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Caitlin Hicks, Greg Tichava, Robert Coleman-Senghor, Elaine McDonald, John Wingard, Brigitte Lahme

Absent: Jan Beauly, Robert McNamara, Susan McKillop, Elizabeth Martínez, Robert Train, Raye Lynn Thomas, Charlene Tung, Bruce Peterson, Brad Mumaw, Jonathon Peacock

Guests: Lori Heffernon, Rose Bruce, Elaine Sundberg, Bill Houghton

Report of the Chair - M. Dreisbach announced the national and state accreditation of the School of Education. She reminded the body to vote. She reported on the panel of the recipients of the Excellence in Teaching award event.

Approval of the Agenda - Approved

Approval of the Minutes 2/10 & 2/24 – Approved

Ongoing Report: Update on WASC

E. Ochoa reported that all faculty have been selected for the faculty membership to the Accreditation Steering Committee.

Minutes Preparation if Senate uses digital recording – E. Stanny

E. McDonald - Motion to use digital recording and accept new format for minutes. Second.

S. Brannen moved to try it on a trial basis for one year. Second.

Question called. Second. Approved.

Vote on amendment for a one year trial – *Failed*.

Question called. Second. Approved.

Vote on moving to digital recording and new format for minutes – *Approved*.

Senate Newsletter – M. Dreisbach

S. Brannen moved that there be a link on Newsbytes for Senate news.
Second.

Motion ruled out of order.

T. Wandling offered to research this question of linking to Newsbytes.

Motion to have our own Senate newsletter. Second.

Question called.

Vote on newsletter for Senate – *Approved*.

President Report

R. Arminaña congratulated the School of Education. He offered his impression after debriefing from both the national and state accreditation teams. Areas of improvement, while minor, had to do with increased external demand for codification as opposed to the culture of SSU which has been more informal.

Provost Report

The Provost added his congratulations to the School of Education on their outstanding job. The Provost reported that Strategic Planning is ready to move on to next phase. He discussed the issue of IDC as discussed in the President's Budget Advisory Committee. He announced the re-creation of a workstations refresh program.

Questions for the Provost

R. Karlsrud – Are instructional dollars going to be coming to the Schools in the next year?

The Provost answered that \$800,000 of growth money will come to Academic Affairs next year. There are choices to be made in terms of what programs would grow, which would grow more slowly, etc. He discussed potential criteria for such a decision and other related issues.

R. Karlsrud – Will any money go to programs where the SFR is very high?

The Provost answered discussing how an analysis of Schools and other issues would be used to make determinations regarding programs.

R. Coleman-Senghor – Requested more discussion about IDC and asked is there discussion about having a more articulated way of having support dollars for IT development?

The Provost answered that the workstation refresh program is not a technology plan only an elementary, tactical planning and resource allocation. He did not think it appropriate for our campus to put any emphasis on distance learning.

S. Brannen – When will workstation refresh program begin and will start up money for new faculty return?

The Provost answered that this year Academic Affairs was not helping with search funds, but was helping with costs once a new faculty member was hired, primarily with set up costs. He wants to start the workstation refresh in the coming fiscal year.

R. Whitkus – Noted that there was a perception that SSU has the lowest rate of return of IDC money back to departments. Hearing that IDC was going to drop, he wondered why this was not a problem at other campuses?

The Provost answered that the biggest factor was the relative scale of operation. Secondly, not using the Foundation as the fiscal agent for contracts and grants has had this unintended consequence. He elaborated on other issues as well.

Vice President of Administration and Finance Report

L. Furukawa-Schlereth updated the body on the new money coming to SSU next year, the projection of revenue for this year (\$200,000 shortfall so far), faculty/staff housing, and Fridays at Four.

Chair- Elect Report

E. Stanny reported on the Senate's self-study and the policies they are working on.

APC report

R. Coleman-Senghor asked the Chair of Structure and Functions about the status of the request to create an Assessment committee.

It was determined that Structures and Functions has been charged with looking the creation of an assessment committee or subcommittee.

APC had a meeting with Provost. They have invited CFO to meet with them. They are looking into questions about alignment, residential and general education. They are developing a posture and stance in co-curricular planning and the GE reform.

EPC report

E. McDonald noted that the Program Review Protocol will be coming to Senate possibly in two weeks. Greta Vollmer was commended for her work on this. Pilot proposal for GE FYE had a two hour first reading in EPC. They generated a list of questions (attached to agenda). If any Senators have particular issues concerning the GE FYE pilot, please send them to EPC.

FSAC report

J. Wingard reported that FSAC is "looking at" the following policies: URTP, Course Outline Policy, Faculty Recruitment Policy, Sabbatical and Difference-in-Pay policy, Excellence in Teaching, Academic Freedom, and Access for Students with Disabilities.

M. Dreisbach noted that the Statewide Academic requested each campus to send in a report about policies and procedures that protect student academic freedom in light of the Morrow bill (SB5) in the Legislature. The Chair of the Academic Freedom subcommittee, Craig Winston, prepared the report that was sent to the Statewide office. He had some recommendations to help us protect student academic freedom rights on our campus.

SAC report

B. Lahme reported that SAC is done with the Grade Appeal Procedures and that will be coming shortly. They are writing a Priority Registration Policy. They have started working on the Access for Student with Disabilities policy and the Graduation with Honors Policy.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom

