

**Academic Senate Meeting  
Broome Library 1360  
September 29, 2009  
Minutes**

**Attendance**

Virgil Adams, Mary Adler, José Alamillo, Simone Aloisio, Terry Ballman, Frank Barajas, Michael Berman, Bob Bleicher, Geoffrey Buhl, Renny Christopher, Tracylee Clarke, Manuel Correia, Beatrice de Oca, Colleen Delaney-Rivera, Amy Denton, Dennis Downey, Therese Eyermann, J. Goosby Smith, Debi Hoffmann, Karen Jensen, Antonio Jiménez-Jiménez, Jacquelyn Kilpatrick, Liz King, Kristen LaBonte, Steve Lefevre, Jim Meriwether, Brad Monsma, Dennis Muraoka, Dawn Neuman, Laura Newton, Luda Popenhagen, Carl Reed, Ron Rieger, Paul Rivera, Kevin Schallert, Tom Schmidhauser, Peter Smith, Elnora Tayag, Kaia Tollefson, Eric Toshalis, Ashish Vaidya, Amy Wallace, Dan Wakelee, Julia Wilson, Greg Wood.

**Furloughed**

-Sean Anderson, Jesse Elliott, Sean Kelly.

**Approval of the Agenda**

-2:39 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes of September 8, 2009**

-Names of additional faculty who were on furlough were added to the attendance list.  
-Approved

**Intent to Raise Questions**

-A. Jimenez-Jimenez asked: *Would it be possible to adopt a campus-wide practice of using 100% recycled paper? Currently, paper used in our copy rooms is 30% recycled content and costs \$25 for 2500 sheets. 100% recycled paper is \$52.99 for 2500 sheets, only \$3 more, and it's the same brightness, and acid free.*

-J. Elliott asked: *This semester the Campus Bookstore charged my students \$49 for a printout of a 280 page book that I wrote as a textbook for the course. This amounts to 35 cents per sheet (doublesided), which is almost twice as much as would have been charged at a typical copy center like Kinko's, which charges 20 cents per sheet (doublesided). Can the Campus Bookstore find more cost effective means for creating printed readers for classes?*

**Report from the Provost**

-The General Education task force will be coming forward with a new proposal soon.  
-Dennis Muraoka will be working with the Center Directors for ways to incorporate the pillars and missions into the Centers  
-The President's Cabinet has reduced the number of campus committees in an effort to reduce workload. A large reduction in committee work was accomplished, with 140 faculty and staff committee positions eliminated.  
-New stationary and business cards will be distributed shortly with the new campus logo. An electronic letterhead version will be distributed first.

### **Report from the Senate Chair**

- Chair Hartung thanked the Provost for providing the caffeine and goodies for the meeting.
- Chair Hartung will be traveling on October 15<sup>th</sup> to attend the Statewide Senate Chairs meeting at the Chancellor's Office where a Board of Trustees member will be in attendance.
- Chair Hartung welcomed this year's lecturer Senators, Tom Schmidhauser and Ronald Rieger. Thank you for joining us.

### **Report from CSU Academic Senate (Wagner/Meriwether)**

- J. Meriwether reported that the Board of Trustees will be requesting full restoration of the money owed by the State to the CSU but they are not confident they will receive it.
  - The Chancellor's Office is not happy with the furloughs.
  - The Governor has refused to appoint a faculty representative to the Board of Trustees for this year.
- Next meeting of the CSU Academic Senate is in early November.

### **First reading item: SR 09-02. Report Format Resolution. Presentation of summary data for the Student rating of teaching on-line**

- m/s- G. Wood, T. Clarke.
- B. Bleicher presented the options available for the summary data of the Student rating of teaching. He presented the "data table," "data table columns," and "performance comparisons."
- He indicated that the data should be used first for instructional improvement and second, for evaluation purposes.
- He said Faculty Affairs did not feel the comparisons table would be helpful, however, the Senate Executive Committee disagreed and requested they be included.
- V. Adams asked how the comparison information could be used if there wasn't any previous comparison information. R. Christopher offered that the new evaluation system allows the possibility for an additional column to be added for program comparisons. With the SETEs, only individual scores and whole university scores could be reported. Now we can choose to have individual, program, and university scores included.
- G. Wood asked how data would be reported for courses that are cross-listed. B. Bleicher replied that we would have to make that decision.
- B. Bleicher asked if faculty wanted graphs included in the reports. Please email him with thoughts, ideas and suggestions.
- T. Ballman said comparative data provide context, and more information is better.
- B. Monsma said less information might be better. He feels the RTP process ought to encourage an atmosphere in which a faculty member's explanation in narrative form about their growth as a teacher is seen as more important than numbers that supposedly indicate the quality of teaching. He said the argument could be made that scores that went from 3.5 to 3.1 could be a better indication of growth than scores that went from 3.1 to 3.5 – if that change in scores was a result of new strategies or risks that a faculty member was taking. Stories about growth are complex, and numbers don't always represent that complexity. Monsma also said that candidates in some disciplines typically get higher ratings than those in other disciplines.
- V. Adams noted that his fear is that the human tendency is to compare numbers, regardless, so by having a systematic way of providing comparative data we have a chance to control the information that's provided. It's better for us to have data systematically controlled than something that is done informally, behind the scenes.

- A. Jimenez-Jimenez said that student evaluations of teaching could be negatively affected by the furloughs this year.
- R. Christopher reminded everyone not to compare SRT scores against SETE scores. The SRT uses a different rating scale.
- T. Ballman said it is true that some disciplines have lower evaluations, which supports why comparison data is necessary, so we can see that reality in context.
- B. Monsma said he was mostly convinced by the responses of others to go along with having comparative data. He asked if someone from FAC could speak to their recommendation for not including it.
- D. Hoffman indicated that FAC was concerned about not comparing apples and oranges (e.g., upper division courses vs. lower division courses, students in major vs. students out of major).

**Second reading item: SR 09-01. Resolution to suspend self-study for Academic Program Reviews due in 2009-2010**

- J. Meriwether stated there was a system-wide resolution going through that addressed suspending program reviews system-wide. SR 09-01 is in line with what is being recommended at the CSU system level.
- J. Kilpatrick inquired about programs that have already gone through the five year review, when would their next review date be? S. Lefevre responded that they would all be pushed back one year. B. Hartung added that while the time table is pushed back a year for everyone, a program could choose to opt out of the year's delay provided by this resolution.
- This resolution would not apply to Masters programs due to their pilot status; they are scheduled to be reviewed in 2010. D. Neuman noted that the impetus for the resolution had to do with reducing workload in the current climate. The five Masters programs do not involve a huge amount of time, since the reviews are done by an external evaluator.
- C. Wyels asked for clarification that there is no self study requirement in MA program reviews. S. LeFevre said that was correct. We do need to provide information about MA program success over years of operation to an external reviewer. There is data that needs to be collected, but not a full self study.

Voice vote taken:

**-passed unanimously**

**Report from Standing Committee Chairs**

**Committee on Committees: Elections for 09-10**

- P. Smith congratulated those recently elected. Recent election results were displayed on the screens and will be sent out via email.

**Committee on Centers and Institutes**

- D. Downey reported they had met and have begun revising criteria and reviewing annual reviews.

**Curriculum Committee/Academic Planning Committee**

- M. Adler reported they had been discussing SP 01-02, *Minimum Characteristics of Majors and Minors*, and working on clarifying its interpretation.

**Faculty Affairs Committee**

- J. Kilpatrick reported they were working on the Chair Evaluation policy and SRTs.

**Fiscal Policies Committee**

- K. LaBonte and L. King are the co-chairs this year.

### General Education Committee

-C. Delaney-Rivera and Geoff Buhl will be the co-chairs this year.

### Student Academic Policies and Procedures Committee

-B. de Oca reported they had completed Grade Submission and Candidacy policies.

-They will also be discussing a possible policy limiting the number of units a student can take once they complete their degrees.

### Professional Leave Committee

-R. Christopher reported they would be having their first meeting on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Other Committees

-A. Jimenez-Jimenez invited anyone who was interested in becoming an *International Resident Director*, for one year, in countries such as; China, France, Italy, Japan or Spain, to please contact him for information on how to apply prior to the deadline of **December 1, 2009**.

-There is also The Wang Family Scholarship which will provide four ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) stipends to be awarded annually. The stipends are to be used for research or teaching at one of the four designated host universities in China or the Republic of China (Taiwan).

### Announcements

-K. Schallert, Student Body President, invited everyone to participate in the *Hands Across CI* event which will kick off on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

-C. Delaney-Rivera and K. LaBonte are both working on the entry road project which will be going out for bid in January with construction scheduled to begin in March 2010 and hopefully be completed by December 2012. Construction has been delayed due to an endangered bird species.

-Chair Hartung invited everyone to eat at Tortillas restaurant the following day, 10% of their profits that day would be donated to the Cancer Walk. If you would like more information regarding donations, please see Therese Eyermann.

-K. Tollefson invited everyone to attend the book signing for Prof. Kathy Contreras's newly published bilingual book, *Braids/Trencitas*, on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. in the Broome Library.

### Adjournment

-3:32 p.m.