

## Senate Executive Committee Minutes

January 22, 2015

3:00 – 4:30

### Abstract

Agenda approved. Minutes of 12/4/14 approved. Chair Report. President Report. Vice Chair Report. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report. Vice President of Student Affairs Report. EPC Report. FSAC Report. SAC Report. CFA Report. Associated Students Report. Ex Com rep on SEC Report. Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status approved for Senate consent calendar. Co-Curricular Transcripts discussion. Academic Sustainability Plan for 2015 – 2016 discussion. Appointments/Elections for Search Committees – faculty approved for VP of Development Search. Review of alternative process for Senate meetings discussion. Senate Agenda approved.

**Present:** Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Margaret Purser, Elaine Newman, Richard Whitkus, Melinda Milligan, Richard Senghas, Julie Shulman, Sam Brannen, Laura Watt, Kirsten Ely, Ruben Armiñana

**Guests:** Christian George, Jason Wenrick

The Chair began the meeting by introducing the new interim Vice Chair, Kirsten Ely and asked the members to introduce themselves to Kirsten.

**Approval of Agenda – item added: Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status. Approved.**

**Approval of Minutes of 12/4/14 – Approved.**

**Chair Report – R. Senghas**

The Chair reported that there was a call for a campus response to the proposed BA degrees in the Community Colleges. There was one that seemed to be about wine business, so the Provost asked Dean Silver to respond to that one. He noted some of the potential BAs being proposed such as Dental Hygiene and Mortuary Science. He noted there was push back from the CSU regarding the timing of this request, since it was sent out when all the faculty were not back yet. He reported on the GMC Board activities. He said they were talking about having more community members on the Board and meeting more frequently. They were also discussing branding for the GMC. He was sensing a serious shift going on for more academic integration with the GMC, but he thought the Board really didn't understand what that meant and encouraged direct faculty communication to the Board. He said the academic integration grant awards recipients list had gone out. He noted that the Council of Academic Chairs would be meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> at our campus. He said the Council of Academic Chairs was interested in the new service article in the CBA. He said SSU was one of three campuses that had already put interim procedures in place. He wanted to report on the 16<sup>th</sup> to the other Chairs, how that was going. He encouraged faculty to apply for the service award, even though there was not much release time to give out. He thought the application process would document what work needs

to be done and isn't getting enough support. He noted that Senate elections were on the horizon. The deadline for service applications was January 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **President Report – R. Armiñana**

R. Armiñana reported on the BA proposals from Community Colleges. He said the courses related to wine were not on the list he received and Santa Rosa Junior College and Solano Community College were also not proposing any BA degrees. He reported on the budget. He said that he thought the Governor's budget would not change from the 19.4 million dollars for the CSU and another \$25 million for deferred maintenance. He said the real controversy was with the UC system. In the Governor's proposal, he emphasized that if the UC went ahead with their proposal to increase tuition 5% for four years, they would not get money from the State. The President said the UC was also looking to cap their out of state enrollment, but he wasn't sure that was legal. A member asked whether there was a change coming in the CSU about off campus activities? The President responded there were some issues about how far liability issues go and that the CSU attorneys were looking at. He thought it may be related to activities abroad where the Department of State has put out a travel warning. A member noted that she had heard the Governor had underestimated the state revenues and asked if that would possibly give the CSU more revenues. The President said in his opinion, the Governor would not give any more resources to the CSU, no matter how much money the State received.

### **Vice Chair Report – K. Ely**

K. Ely said she was happy to be at the Ex Com. She reported on the Structure and Functions meeting. They were working on cleaning up the language of the by-laws. She asked the Chair to give an update on the reorganization of the Senate. The Chair reminded the Ex Com of the membership of the workgroup for this: himself, Richard Whitkus, Doug Leibinger and Laurel Holmstrom-Keyes. S&F was looking at a reorganization partially due to the difficulty of filling all governance seats. He noted they would be meeting the next day to start looking at coherent projects. He wanted to meet with EPC to discuss the potential changes to curriculum related committees of the Senate. He said if any other committees wanted to talk to this group earlier than later, to contact any member of the group. They hoped to have a concrete proposal to the Senate, at least for initial feedback, soon.

### **Vice President of Administration and Finance Report – J. Wenrick for L. Furukawa-Schlereth**

J. Wenrick offered to take any questions back to L. Furukawa-Schlereth. A member asked about the faculty computer refresh program and when it would be completed. J. Wenrick said they wanted to complete the refresh by April and they would recycle those computers to lecturers and FERP faculty. He said the good news was that the new computers were lasting 5 to 6 years now. The Chair noted that, on behalf of L. Furukawa-Schlereth, all the interviews were done for the Director of Popular Programming at the GMC and they should be announcing soon. He noted that what came up often in this search was how this Director would work with On-Campus Presents. He saw this as more academic integration with the campus.

## **Vice President of Student Affairs Report – M. Lopez-Phillips**

M. Lopez-Phillips announced the Parents Weekend on March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. He would be contacting faculty to provide examples of excellent lectures and other pedagogical techniques for the parents. He reported that the President had asked him to put together a workgroup to look at the co-curriculum and co-curricular delivery. He said the Fee Advisory Committee had been busy listening to presentations. He noted that two students had passed away already this semester. He said the memorial for Francis Lynch the previous night had been very moving.

## **EPC Report – M. Milligan**

M. Milligan reported that EPC was not able to meet during the finals week of classes due to the weather. She said all the business items rolled forward to this semester, but there were program changes that needed to be approved for the catalog. Those catalog changes were going ahead, pending approval at EPC and any changes would be reflected in the catalog. They would be having the first reading of the Electrical Engineering unit reduction to 120 units proposal. They would have a first reading of changes to the Human Development BA and changes to concentrations in the Business department. Also, a second reading of changes to the Psychology minor. She said they were busy for their next two meetings.

## **FSAC Report – R. Whitkus**

R. Whitkus reported that FSAC also did not meet for their last meeting. At their first meeting next week, they would be finalizing their decision on adding diversity questions to SETEs. They would also be deciding on the major questions for the RTP policy re-write to send out to the campus community to start getting feedback. They would be working on the Article 20.37 awards and planned to have those done by the last week of February.

## **SAC Report – J. Shulman**

J. Shulman reported that Cyndie Morozumi and John Kornfeld would be joining them at their first meeting to talk about co-curricular integration ideas.

## **CFA Report – E. Newman**

E. Newman reported that the union and management met before the break to talk about a campus-based equity program. She hoped to hear more about that soon. She reported that the bargained raises were being delayed. She did not know why this was happening. CFA had sent a letter to Chancellor White noting that this delay was a hardship.

## **Associated Students Report – C. George**

C. George said that he had done some research on the picketing in front of campus that was talked about last semester. He said they were picketing in solidarity with a local in Sacramento, so that may be why they didn't know much about what they

were doing. He also spoke about the memorial for Francis Lynch and thanked all involved for the wonderful and moving event. He noted another student, Dominic Del Rossi, had recently passed away. He hoped requests for posthumous degrees would be coming forward for these gentlemen. He noted that Associated Student elections were upcoming. He said they would have a fee increase on the ballot for the AS to support the Tutorial Center and help the AS to continue to deliver quality service. He asked the faculty to send any students they thought would be good to the AS to run for election. He thought his experience in the AS was the best leadership experience he had ever had. The Chair noted that he was talking to D. Condron's office about developing a protocol for requests for posthumous degrees as well as ceremonies, etc., for students who pass away. The Chair also asked for a member to attend the Associated Students Senate as he could not attend every meeting. The interim Vice Chair said she had attended the student Senate last semester and highly recommended it. C. George also noted there was a draft resolution on their agenda about students participating on faculty hiring committees. The Chair of FSAC would be joining them when they talked about it.

### **Ex Com rep on SEC Report - M. Purser**

M. Purser said they had not cancelled their last meeting. They all went out to lunch together. She reported to them that their proposed language for the Sustainability section of the Strategic Plan was used and they were very happy about that. They will also be doing another Sustainability event this semester.

### **Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status**

The members reviewed the list of faculty eligible for Emeritus Status as of Spring 2015 and approved the list for the Senate consent calendar.

### **Co-Curricular Transcripts – R. Senghas**

R. Senghas reported that the idea of co-curricular transcripts was brought up in ACT and he thought it was time to bring this to faculty governance for feedback. He said a co-curricular transcript would identify activities such as leadership, community service, internships, research and creative activities. He said the response to this had been very positive so far. It helps to highlight what a residential program brings that other models may not. It makes the visibility of these other activities more available to students that may make them seek out more opportunities. He noted that the Provost was eager to get this moving forward. He asked which committees would like to be involved with this. He thought SAC and EPC would be interested. The interim Vice Chair asked M. Lopez-Phillips for his definition of co-curricular and he said he would send it to the Ex Com via email. A member asked how the transcript would be built. R. Senghas said there was a workload issue there and it was just starting to be discussed. There was need for some level of vetting. A member asked who pays attention to these kinds of transcripts, grad schools or employers? Faculty noted that both groups were very interested. A member noted that if the co-curricular activity had no accountability, then it diminished the value of it. C. George noted that other people on campus had done a lot of research on this topic and he brought that to J. Kornfeld's attention. The SAC chair thought that this was

an important conversation for SAC. A member argued that it could be tricky to use the language of co-curricular when some things were actually done for credit. She thought that it was nice to have all these things pulled out of the transcript for grad schools or employers. The EPC Chair said she was on the working group of ACT for this project, so she would be able to bring the issues to EPC. She noted there were lots of templates existing already. She thought it was an exciting idea for students to see what they were getting out of their university experience and could also be helpful for advising. A member noted that some experiences were not recorded completely in the transcripts, such as studying abroad. A member argued that this kind of transcript would reflect the whole experience of a college student. A member cautioned that she thought every movement now had to be documented and she thought they were hampering the student's ability to articulate their experience for themselves. C. George asked for SSP members on the workgroup talking about this.

### **Academic Sustainability Plan for 2015 – 2016 – R. Senghas**

R. Senghas reminded the body that SSU had to send in an Academic Sustainability Plan to the Chancellor's office in the fall. The Governor had not been excited by these documents. The campus needed to do this again for next year. The Provosts were talking about changing the criteria for the plan. He said ACT wanted input about the next iteration of this plan. A member argued that it would be a good idea for the campus to talk about what was a real measure of how we were doing and how did that get articulated to campus and outside of campus. The plan would be sent out from ACT to the Ex Com.

### **Appointments/Elections for Search Committees – K. Ely and R. Senghas**

K. Ely reported that they had received four statements of interest for the search committee for the VP of Development – R. Senghas, J. Lillig, P. Draper and M. Visser. She asked for approval from the Ex Com. **Approved.**

### **Review of alternative process for Senate meetings – R. Senghas**

R. Senghas asked for feedback about how business was handled following the cancellation of the last Senate meeting. A member thought the process went very well and thought it was a rare occurrence anyway. A member thought that the procedure worked and since there were no objections, it could just be seen as successful. R. Senghas asked if this approach might be used if there was no business for the Senate. A member said there was value to seeing people in the same room and did not want a precedent for all Senate business to be electronic. Two members noted that a valuable part of the Senate was the opportunity to ask question of administrators or committee chairs. R. Senghas noted that, in talking with other campus Chairs, he was grateful that communication was so open between our administrators and the Senate. Some Senates did not even have administrators present.

## **Senate Agenda**

### **AGENDA**

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Richard J. Senghas

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

**Consent Items:** Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status –  
attached

### **BUSINESS**

1. Review of alternative process for Senate meetings – R. Senghas

**Approved.**

**Adjourned.**

*Minutes prepared by L. Holmstrom-Keyes*