

ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, April 10, 2007
Collaboratory – BT 1302
Minutes

Attendance: Virgil Adams, Sean Anderson, Julia Balen, Terry Ballman, Frank Barajas, Anna Biesczad, Geoffrey Buhl, Renny Christopher, Bill Cordeiro, Beatrice de Oca, Amy Denton, Jesse Elliott, Therese Eyermann, Scott Frisch, Jorge Garcia, Ivona Grzegorczyk, Phil Hampton, Beth Hartung, Tiina Itkonen, Karen Jensen, Antonio Jimenez-Jimenez, Joan Karp, Jacque Kilpatrick, Liz King, Kristen LaBonte, Steve Lefevre, Kathryn Leonard, Ted Lucas, Luke Matjas, Alex McNeill, Maureen McQuestion, Trudy Milburn, Brad Monsma, Andrew Morris, Nancy Mozingo, Dennis Muraoka, Jack Reilly, Don Rodriguez, Sue Saunders, Tom Schmidhauser, Peter Smith, Steve Stratton, Jane Sweetland, Barbara Thorpe, Ashish Vaidya, Amy Wallace, Ching-Hua Wang, Bill Wolfe, Gregory Wood, Cindy Wyels.

Call or order

-2:34 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

-unanimous approval

Approval of the Minutes from the last (Mar. 27) Senate meeting

-unanimous approval

Intent to raise questions

New questions

-C. Buriss would like to know more about a petition being circulated by the students in support of Java Hut.

-S. Anderson would like to know why there was a hole drilled underneath his office?

Report from the Provost

-Provost Lucas reported on the WASC exit interview, stating that he is confident that we will be accredited in June. The committee had six minor recommendations:

1. We need to gather better data so that we can do a better job assessing our programs
2. We need to bring the fourth mission-based center on ASAP to be put on equal footing with the other centers
3. They are concerned with our sustainability
4. There is concern about the energy levels of faculty and staff
5. There is a need to institutionalize and memorialize those things that we value about this campus, i.e....the belief that faculty should participate in the hiring process across campus
6. We need to do more assessment of student learning

-We hope to be able to resolve some of these recommendations prior to attending the meeting in June.

Report from the Chair

-President's Council has passed the same *Principal Investigator and Intellectual Property* policies that we passed in Senate earlier this semester.
-An additional policy on *Shared Cost Allocation* was also passed. This means the University is closer to securing an indirect cost rate.

Reports from Senate Standing & Advisory Committees and Campus Committees and Boards

Senate Executive

-The committee appreciates the hard work of and has accepted the proposal of the Representative Senate task force which is on today's Agenda.
-The committee has also accepted minor changes to the RTP document, submitted by the Faculty Affairs office.
-The Senate By-laws have had some language clean up, with one erroneous line deleted.

Committee on Centers

-Still working on the centers

Committee on Committees

-V. Adams apologized for the wording used in the email regarding the mini-grant elections.
-There will be a Q & A session held for the Senate officer elections on Monday, 4/16. The elections will run from 4/17 to 4/23. Please direct any questions to Peter Smith.
-There will be several requests being sent out in the coming weeks for faculty to serve on standing committees and representatives to Centers.

Curriculum Committee

-They have forwarded the Chicano Studies BA Long form for the Agenda today. Cordeiro reminded everyone that April 15th is the last day to submit any changes or revisions to any courses currently being reviewed by the committee.

Faculty Affairs

-They have forwarded a policy on Syllabi for the Agenda today

Fiscal Policies

-They are done with their work for the year

General Education

-No report

Student Academic Policies and Procedures

-Have forwarded several policies which are on today's Agenda

Other?

-Ivona reminds everyone to submit their comments regarding the hiring process to her or Bill Cordeiro by Wednesday.

Old Business

SP 06-19 Policy on Second Baccalaureate Degree Program

-A friendly amendment was accepted, the words "double-degree" were added.
Vote taken by clickers:

Yes: 31

No: 1

Abstain: 1

Policy Passes

SP 06-20 Policy on Graduation in Absentia

Vote taken by clickers:

Yes: 30

No: 3

Abstain: 1

Policy Passes

SP 06-21 Academic Calendar 2008-09

-R. Christopher made changes based on comments from the last Senate meeting to the calendar.

Vote taken by clickers:

Yes: 33

No: 3

Abstain: 1

Policy Passes

SR 06-05 Sustainability in the CSU

-D. Rodriguez expressed his strong support for the resolution adding that several other campuses had already passed similar resolutions.

-B. Monsma adds that a policy like this would help to ensure that sustainable values are included in any new construction projects that are built in the future.

Vote taken by clickers:

Yes: 32

No: 2

Abstain: 0

Policy Passes

New Business

SP 06-22 Representative Senate Proposal

-m/s, Itkonen, Wood.

-I. Grzegorczyk motioned to postpone voting on the resolution until the fall semester citing the need for more discussion on this topic and its implementation.

-P. Hampton spoke on behalf of the task force indicating that they would like to be discharged and not have to continue this through next year. Hampton indicated the Senate was able to conduct business this year due to the reduced quorum which he recommends we continue for next year.

-T. Itkonen thanked the committee for their work but added that she did not believe we were at a point yet where we needed to go to a representative senate. She would like us to stay a democracy as long as possible and feels that attending Senate meetings is a great way to learn about the campus.

-S. Frisch pointed out that this is a new discussion item at this time and therefore a motion to postpone is not appropriate at this time.

-A. McNeill called for the question on Grzegorczyk's motion, seconded by D. Muraoka.

Vote to end discussion:

Yes: 38

No: 0

Abstain: 3

Discussion ended

Vote on Grzegorczyk's motion to postpone until Fall:

Yes: 14

No: 22

Abstain: 2

Motion fails

-J. Balen said the committee was amenable to suggestions and changes.

-B. Cordeiro complimented the committee on their work and asked for clarification on the term "affiliated with a center." Balen responded that the Committee on Centers is working on defining that right now. Cordeiro suggests keeping the 40% quorum for another year and keeping it as a Senate as a whole for now.

-I. Grzegorczyk added that the election procedure was very complicated.

-D. Muraoka stated he was strongly opposed to the proposal. He shared that his colleagues at the Statewide Senate are envious of the fact that CSUCI is a Senate of a whole and he would like it to remain this way forever and he recommended that we reduce quorum to 0%. Muraoka added that he was pleased to see that the newer faculty have chosen to participate in governance and they have the ability to do so here whereas at more established campuses they may have to wait up to 10 years before being able to participate as they have here. He pointed out that coming to agreement on how to determine representation will be very thorny and he suggests having people register to vote as we currently do for other elections.

-T. Itkonen reminded everyone that we do not know what the campus structure will be in the coming years and the structure will effect how representation is decided.

-V. Adams added that he does not want his voice cut off and he feels having a Representative Senate would take his voice away.

-J. Balen said the task force was asked to do something that may not be appropriate for us at this time but they did as they were told, the best that they could.

SP 06-23 Syllabi Policy

-m/s-Stratton, Jimenez-Jimenez. A. Wallace gave the background on the syllabus indicating it would be a contract between the student and the University.

-I. Grzegorczyk says if it is a contract then it should be between the faculty member and the student, not the University because each faculty member is responsible for his or her own syllabi, it is not one syllabus for the entire University. She also believes the catalog description does not need to be included.

-There was much discussion about what syllabi should and shouldn't include.

-B. Cordeiro suggested it should be more ambiguous than specific.

-A. Wallace asked that suggestions be submitted to FDAC. They are open to removing items that are deemed not necessary.

SR 06-06 Instructional Materials Accessibility

-m/s, Hampton. P. Hampton showed a PowerPoint presentation which included information on the origin of the resolution and the deadlines for implementation. There will be two brown bags in the upcoming weeks; Sage Hall second floor conference room 263 from 1 -2 pm on Thursday, June 12 and from 12 – 1 pm on Wednesday, April 18.

-D. Muraoka suggested the sentence that includes the term “all abilities” be re-worded.

SR 06-07 Timely Adoption of Text-Based Materials

- I. Grzegorczyk objects to the four week deadline for ordering books. She added that faculty are not trained to make things accessible and therefore should not be held responsible.

SP 06-24 BA Chicano/a Studies

-m/s, Cordeiro, Stratton. B. Cordeiro says the Curriculum Committee enthusiastically endorses this program and they thanked the committee, especially Frank Barajas for all their hard work. Stratton seconds everything Cordeiro said.

Adjournment

-4:37 p.m.