

Senate Executive Committee Minutes  
March 27, 2013

Present: Jerry Jakubowski, Cynthia Trevisan, Mike Strange, Mike Holden, Steve Browne, Marco Almendras, Andrew Hazel, Bill Schmidt, Julie Chisholm, Michele Van Hoeck, Molly McQuiston.

1. Call to order at 4:30
2. Minutes from Feb. 20 approved
3. Chair's Announcements

Maxient "button" for academic incidents is gone.

Steve Browne has been elected Senate Chair for 2013-2014.

New Senate Executive Committee members: Scott Powell, Nipoli Kamdar, Jon Fischer, and Molly McQuiston (Corps representative) will be invited to join last few meetings of academic year.

Julie will be meeting with President Cropper re: Corp policies, along with Scott Saarheim, Chaz West, and Jerry Jakubowski.

4. Statewide issues

Statewide Senate, Academic Freedom amendment was approved by 22 of 23 campuses.

Next statewide plenary occurs May 16-17, and our statewide representatives are unable to attend due to cruise and international experience travel. They can designate up to two alternates, so let them know if you are interested.

At the last statewide plenary, SB 520 and SB 440 were discussed. Also discussed was the possibility that faculty will be asked to pay for 20% of healthcare costs. SB 440 is companion to passed SB 1440, which is related to common curriculum for transfer model curriculum (Community College to CSU, 60/60 units). SB 440 gives community colleges authority to impose requirements on CSUs. So far, this program does not affect Cal Maritime.

Question: How are CC courses vetted? For every popular major, CCs and CSUs agree on courses that qualify, based on course title and description. GE is a separate issue from this program.

Provost commented that he does not see this program affecting Cal Maritime in as significant a way as other CSUs.

Resolution on CSU action on environmental sustainability commends campuses that have committed to ACUPCC and recommends all CSU campuses commit. Senate Exec should review copy of this commitment and discuss question of signing at future meeting.

Resolution to make all CSUs smoke-free: Board of Trustees declined to discuss.

5. Vice-chair announcements

Hiring committee for psychologist position now has a faculty member; so far no one has volunteered to serve on the hiring committee for Career Development.

Mechanical Engineering department has one nominee for Chair. Election will be held within a week.

6. Old business: Scantron

Machine is here. We can print our own forms. Julie will work on getting a form to show at General Senate meeting next week.

Chair: How does Senate Exec feel about postponing department-specific questions, due to shortness of time and ambiguity about admin support? All are agreeable. Faculty can still hand out their own form with supplemental questions.

Committee edited evaluation questions (see attached), which will be presented at next Academic Senate meeting.