

Academic Senate Minutes

September 4, 2008

3:00 – 5:00, Commons

Abstract

Chair Report. Approval of Agenda. President report. Provost report. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report, Executive Vice President of Associate Students report. Chair-Elect report. Statewide Senators report. APC report. EPC report. Approval of minutes of 5/22/08. Faculty eligible for emeritus status approved. Update on WASC. Role of Ad-Hoc Committee. Art Therapy Discontinuance First Reading. Role of Ad-Hoc Diversity Committee. Group photo.

Present: Scott Miller, Susan Moulton, Tim Wandling, Deb Kindy, Robert McNamara, Catherine Nelson, Sam Brannen, Edith Mendez, Noel Byrne, Birch Moonwomon, Michael Pinkston, Steve Wilson, Kristen Daley, Ronald Lopez, Robert Coleman-Senghor, Brian Wilson, Terry Lease, Steve Cuellar, Rick Robison, Tia Watts, Cora Neal, Steve Orlick, Richard Senghas, John Wingard, James Dean, Lillian Lee, Sandra Shand, Bruce Peterson, Ruben Armiñana, Eduardo Ochoa, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Tristan Kelley, Casey Jones, Lane Olson, Art Warmoth, Carmen Works, Sunil Tiwari, Karen Thompson

Absent: John Sullins, Jim Christmann, Rick Luttmann, Wanda Boda

Guests: Elaine Leeder, Rose Bruce, Whitney McClure, Barbara Butler, Elaine Sundberg, Melinda Barnard, Lori Heffernon, Mary Gendernalik-Cooper

Chair Report

The Chair began by welcoming the new and returning members to the Senate.

The Senate was then shown a PowerPoint presentation on Robert's Rules.

The Chair encouraged everyone to vote in the Constitutional vote. The Chair spoke about two documents currently on his mind, the WASC report and the President's response to the Senate's resolution of 3/6/08, the "remedies" resolution. He hoped everyone had seen the WASC document. He thought the six major items in the report were very worthwhile for the campus to consider. He said he thought attention to these items would move the campus forward. He encouraged the Standing Committees to look at the WASC document with curiosity. He expressed interest in figuring out how the campus could be both a comprehensive university and a strong Liberal Arts and Sciences university. He reported that the Executive Committee charged the Standing Committees to look at the President's response to the "remedies" resolution to see what sections they may want to discuss and comment on. He asked the body for their concurrence to some procedural changes he wanted to make. He said he would be a stickler for getting the language correct for any motions from the floor. He also said he would vigorously adhere to the role of the Chair to make clear what is being voted on. He also asked that on second

readings, the Senate hear a pro statement and then a con statement to start the discussion. There were no objections.

Approval of Agenda – item added “Role of the Ad-Hoc Diversity Committee.”
Approved.

Reports

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana reported that the state still did not have a budget. He noted last year the over enrollment for the CSU system was slightly over 11,000 FTES and this year it might be near 9000 FTES. He noted that every campus is over by approximately 3%, except San Diego State, and all the over enrollment is unfunded. Thus enrollment is healthy and resources are not. A member asked whether the budget was affecting CalGrants. The President said the CSU and the UC have internal funds for the CalGrants. This is not true for the Community Colleges.

Provost Report – E. Ochoa

E. Ochoa reported on the six areas identified in the WASC report and that Academic Affairs is making progress on those. A member asked the Provost if he was on the task force for Performative Review for Faculty Scholarship and the Provost affirmed. The member asked for more information about what the task force does. The Provost responded that the CSU has a Center for Community Engagement at the Chancellor’s office. One of the areas they identified for resources is to have a group of experts available to review, primarily probationary faculty’s, work in engaged scholarship and provide formative feedback, so they can be more effective in communicating what they are doing to their colleagues. The member voiced concern that the task force was primarily administrators and since there were RTP considerations, he thought more faculty should be on the task force.

Vice President of Administration and Finance Report – L. Furukawa-Schlereth

L. Furukawa-Schlereth reported on the first President’s Budget Advisory Committee. He noted what was left in the university wide category was just shy of one million dollars. They will be waiting to see what the Governor’s final budget is before making a recommendation about how to use the million dollars. He noted that instruction was a priority. He reported on the Board of Trustee discussion of the 09-10 budget and how that would impact SSU. He noted that the President’s priorities in the next four years are in the academic area. He then reported on audits in progress and construction projects, including the Green Music Center. He discussed the move of Athletics to Administration and Finance and his meetings with the Coaches and student athletes. He noted the increase in bike usage and associated issues with the increased need for bike parking facilities that were discussed on Senate-Talk.

Executive Vice President of Associated Students – T. Kelley

T. Kelley reported that Associated Students is in the process of restructuring their organization. He noted that a textbook resolution is in a first draft before the student Senate. The Past Chair asked for a copy of the resolution to be sent to FSAC. A member asked about the issues in the resolution. T. Kelley responded that there were two major points 1) the cost and often uselessness of all elements in textbook bundles and 2) professors requiring new editions of textbooks when there is little change from the old edition. The President noted an audit from the State auditor that includes textbooks and offered that the student government might want to read that as well.

Chair-Elect Report – S. Moulton

S. Moulton encouraged everyone to vote on the Constitutional vote. The vote was extended to the following Tuesday. She also reported on Structure and Functions work appointing faculty to university committees. They are also considering the role of JCAP and the issue of the definition of faculty. She also commended the students for sending very articulate people to faculty governance committees this year.

Statewide Senators Report – R. McNamara and C. Nelson

R. McNamara reported on the work of the Faculty Affairs committee of the Statewide Senate. They are looking at the Accessible Technologies Initiative and the faculty implications of more online courses. He also noted the program for Transforming Course Design. They are also talking about hiring practices in the CSU, specifically hiring faculty with tenure. Ongoing they are working on a statewide faculty satisfaction survey with HR. C. Nelson reported on the passage of SB 1322 that allows state employees to decline to sign the Loyalty Oath on religious grounds, offers an alternative and deleted outdated language about Communist Party membership. She did not know if the Governor had signed it. A member asked about the Transforming Course Design initiative and there was some discussion of this initiative from the Provost.

APC report – A. Warmoth

A. Warmoth reported on Joint Committee on Academic Planning (JCAP) and described its genesis and their subsequent meetings which will probably focus on issues from WASC. The constitutional questions surrounding this collaboration between APC and the Academic Council were referred to Structure and Functions. They are looking at the mission of the university and planning processes. APC is also looking at the response from the President to the “remedies” resolution. They are finalizing their report on the progress of the Core Academic Priorities report. Close faculty-student relationships as described in the mission and repairing the base are also on APC’s agenda.

EPC report – C. Works

C. Works reported on EPC's first meeting. They will work closely with the GE subcommittee this year. GE is finalizing their area objectives and will begin their GE program review this year. EPC expects 17 program reviews this year. They are looking at the Collegiate Learning Assessment and the Curriculum Guide.

Return to Consent Items:

Approval of Minutes of 5/22/08 – *Approved.*

Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status – *Approved.*

The Chair noted the end of year report for the Senate and it was accepted.

Update on WASC – E. Sundberg

E. Sundberg noted that the Steering Committee is meeting approximately once a month and echoed the Chair-Elect's call for faculty to serve on the Steering Committee.

Role of Ad-Hoc Committee – S. Miller

S. Miller noted that all the Chairs were in agreement that they are in a "mulling" mode on this topic. He reviewed the original document that created the ad-hoc committee and noted that it stated that the Senate would review the committee's charge at the beginning of this year. He reviewed the previous charge of the Ad-Hoc committee. The Chair suggested that the Senate hear from the Standing Committee reports before deciding on the role of the Ad-Hoc committee and opened the floor to discussion.

Motion for the Ad-Hoc Committee to remain through the Fall semester. Second. Discussion.

Motion to Postpone the discussion about the Ad-Hoc Committee until Standing Committee reports are heard. Second.

Question called on motion to postpone. Second. No objection.

Vote on motion to postpone – *Approved.*

Time certain reached.

Art Therapy Discontinuance – First Reading - C. Works

C. Works introduced the item. She clarified that it is a proposal to discontinue the Art Therapy concentration in the Psychology Masters program. She described the main reasons for discontinuance – most of the course work was taught off campus, it was initiated by an adjunct and the Psychology department does not see a tenure-

track faculty member taking it over. They have stopped admitting students. EPC had two readings and the proposal was approved unanimously. There were questions. The Chair of the Psychology Department, Laurel McCabe then joined the Senate to answer questions. First reading completed.

Role of the Ad-Hoc Diversity Committee – T. Wandling

T. Wandling provided background the Ad-Hoc Diversity Committee approved at the last Senate meeting. He described his work appointing people to the committee. Because there was a proposal from the President for a Diversity Council, he and the Chair thought that there might be some overlap in faculty on both committees. The Chair said that he is in conversation with the President on how these two committees might work together. There was discussion.

Group Photo

The Senate Analyst took the annual picture of the Senate members for the website.



Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström