

Senate Executive Committee Minutes
January 17, 2013
3:00 – 4:30, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Abstract

Agenda approved. Minutes of 10/18; 11/1; 11/15 and 12/6 approved. Chair Report. President Report. Posthumous BA Degree Request for Laura Ivarami approved for Senate consent calendar. Course Instructional Materials Adoption Policy referred to APC, EPC and SAC. Provost Report. Discussion of Resolutions from the Statewide Senate Chair. Vice Chair Report. FSAC Report. Associated Students Report. Faculty eligible for Emeritus Status approved for Senate consent calendar. Senate agenda approved.

Present: Margaret Purser, Maria Hess, Deborah Roberts, Richard Senghas, Ben Ford, Karen Thompson, Sam Brannen, Terry Lease, Ruben Armiñana, Viki Montera, Andrew Rogerson

Guests: Anthony Gallino, GeriAnn Olson, Christina Baker for Armand Gilinsky (EPC)

Approval of Agenda – item added: Faculty eligible for emeritus status – approved.

Approval of Minutes of 10/18/12; 11/1; 11/15/12; and 12/6/12 – amended and approved.

Chair Report – M. Purser

M. Purser thanked everyone who made it to the Faculty Retreat. She noted that actual data was collected from the Retreat and the data was being circulated. She offered to share it with anyone who was interested. She asked T. Lease to report on the Faculty Trustee selection committee process. T. Lease said they received four nominations, all of which appeared to meet the criteria, and forwarded them to the Statewide Senate.

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana reported that the Governor had proposed a budget that was ok, but that it could be better. It included another \$125 million to the CSU beyond the \$125 million the state said they would pay back. But the extra \$125 million had conditions attached. He said the Governor was now interested in technical education and the proposal that San Jose State put together had gotten more publicity than the Oscars. A member asked about the status of the Sustainability Committee. The President said he had delegated that job to the Provost. A member asked about the appointment of an interim dean for Social Sciences. The President said he had decided to appoint John Wingard. The student rep asked if the Chancellor would visit the campus on the Friday prior to the Yo-Yo Ma concert. The President said, no the new Chancellor could not visit on that Friday, but would do his campus visit at another time. A member asked about the conditions on the \$125 million. The

President said he thought some of the conditions were that students could only take 150 units subsidized by the State. After that they would have to pay full price. The Governor also wanted more involvement with distance learning. The President had also heard a rumor that the Governor wanted less research from the CSU and the UC.

Posthumous BA Degree Request for Laura Ivarami – M. Purser and G. Olson

M. Purser noted the request was a joint request from Theater Arts and Psychology. G. Olson said that Ms. Ivarami had completed her major in Psychology and her minor in Theater Arts. Ms. Ivarami had died before she could complete her final semester. G. Olson said the entire faculty who had this student in their psychology classes all approved the request for the degree. Her grandmother, who was very proud of her, had raised the student and they were requesting the degree on the grandmother's behalf. **Approved for the Senate's consent calendar.**

Course Instructional Materials Adoption Policy – V. Montera

V. Montera introduced the policy. She described the specific points of the policy about course materials being adopted in a timely manner pursuant to laws and CSU policies. She said they were trying to balance pedagogical freedom with the needs of students in the policy. V. Montera asked where the policy should go now. A member recommended that SAC and EPC review the policy. Various members offered specific suggestions for improvement. The Chair of APC asked for the policy to be seen by APC as well. **Motion that the policy be referred to APC, EPC and SAC. Second. Approved.**

Provost Report – A. Rogerson

A. Rogerson announced some administrative changes. He noted with sadness that Barbara Butler was retiring as Dean of the Library effective March 1st. He said Brandon Dudley had been appointed as the acting Director of the Library for the time being. B. Dudley was B. Butler's choice. The Provost said that J. Kornfeld had been appointed to Associate Vice President to provide some consistency with the merger. He listed all of J. Kornfeld's areas of oversight. The Provost said the change was necessary because of pressure from the unions (faculty cannot supervise staff) and because he was doing an excellent job. It was clarified that it was a full time appointment, but interim. A member noted that faculty were concerned that faculty oversee the University courses. The Provost said he thought J. Kornfeld would create a faculty committee to work with. A member asked whether the acting Director of the Library position would shift back to a Dean. He argued that it seemed more appropriate for library faculty to report to a Dean. The Provost said this interim appointment would provide a year to discuss whether the Library should have a Director or a Dean. About half the CSUs had Library Deans, the others, a Director. A member reminded everyone about the administrative search policy and asked the Provost if the Director of Diversity and Inclusive Excellence would undergo a new appointment process since the term for it was over in the Spring. The Provost said he would consider that. A member asked about the outlook for faculty searches. The Provost said he expected a list from the Deans of essential

positions. He noted the Chemistry search failed due to lack of resources for salary offerings. A member asked for a definition of essential and noted how uncomfortable to it was to be in competition with other departments for hires. The Provost said that last year essential was defined as positions where departments could not hire lecturers and the department was in danger of not being able to meet its teaching needs. He said he just wanted to see a first pass at this question from the Deans and the discussions would continue. He noted there was a \$3 million deficit in Academic Affairs and was glad that was out now in PBAC. He said no salary savings existed because all the money had been taken up by promotions and sabbaticals. There were more questions about the number of faculty searches that might be authorized. A member asked about the status of the current Student Union building once the new Student Center opened. The Provost said it was still under discussion and provided some detail about the discussion so far. He said that they were exploring using it as classroom space and perhaps others uses.

Discussion of Resolutions from the Statewide Senate Chair – M. Purser

M. Purser said that she received approximately 20 emails a week asking for faculty feedback on statewide issues. She said her dilemma was that she wanted SSU's voice to be heard statewide, but if they took up every issue and created a resolution, the Senate would do nothing else. She put two resolutions on the agenda to show the Ex Com what comes to her. One of the resolutions, she noted, the SSU Senate had already passed a resolution on that topic, so it was redundant to do any more. The second one she described as such a moving target, that it would be hard to craft a resolution about the issue at all. She asked for some guidance from the Ex Com about how to handle these kinds of issues. For the Resolution in Opposition to Proposed Removal of Guideline Regarding General Education in Revised Draft 2013 of WASC Handbook of Accreditation, she noted that she could write a letter to WASC and run it by the Ex Com and she could report on that at the Senate. There was discussion. The Ex Com was fine with the Chair filtering the information from the statewide chair and had various comments about the specific issue of the WASC handbook. The Chair said she would draft a letter and send it around to the Ex Com early next week.

Vice Chair Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas reported that nominations were open for faculty governance positions and reviewed the positions. He noted the few nominations received so far. He offered suggestions for recruiting and encouraged Standing Committee chairs particularly to look for good candidates.

FSAC Report – V. Montera

V. Montera said FSAC was starting to talk about electronic SETE's and that M. Barnard wanted a couple of departments to do a pilot this Spring. She asked for input. A member suggested changing the name of the SETE's because they weren't really "student evaluations," but more input.

Associated Students Report – A. Gallino

A. Gallino reported that the AS was recruiting for elections as well. He said the faculty could expect requests to make class presentations about the election. He reported on the Associated Students retreat and noted four major areas they were concerned with: advising, class availability, making sure the promises made about the Student Center are kept and animals on campus.

Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status – M. Purser

**Motion to put faculty eligible for emeritus status on the Senate's consent calendar.
Second. No objection.**

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AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Margaret Purser

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes — 11/8; 11/29, 12/13 - emailed

Correspondences

Consent Items: Posthumous degree request for Laura Ivarami –
Attached; Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status – attached

There were suggestions for possible reports or report topics that could be heard as there were no business items on this agenda.

Approved.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström