

ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, May 8, 2007
Collaboratory—BT 1302

Attendance: Virgil Adams, Mary Adler, Simone Aloisio, Sean Anderson, Harley Baker, Julia Balen, Terry Ballman, Frank Barajas, A.J. Bieszcza, Merilyn Buchanan, Geoffrey Buhl, Catherine Burriss, Lillian Castaneda, Renny Christopher, Bill Cordeiro, Manuel Correia, Irina Costache, Beatrice de Oca, Jesse Elliott, Scott Frisch, Jeanne Grier, Ivona Grzegorzczak, Phil Hampton, Beth Hartung, Tiina Itkonen, Karen Jensen, Antonio Jimenez-Jimenez, Joan Karp, Jacque Kilpatrick, Liz King, Kristen LaBonte, Steve Lefevre, Kathryn Leonard, Priscilla Liang, Ted Lucas, Luke Matjas, Alex McNeill, Trudy Milburn, Brad Monsma, Michelle Moon, Andrew Morris, Dennis Muraoka, Joan Peters, Don Rodriguez, Sue Saunders, Tom Schmidhauser, Peter Smith, Steve Stratton, Jane Sweetland, Barbara Thorpe, Kaia Tollefson, Ashish Vaidya, Dan Wakelee, Amy Wallace, Ching-Hua Wang, Gregory Wood, Cindy Wyels.

Call to order

-2:34 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

-m/s-V. Adams, B. deOca.

Approval of the Minutes from the last (April 24) Senate meeting

-approved unanimously

Intent to raise questions

Responses to questions from the last meeting:

-A.J. Bieszcza's question about 0% quorum for Senate.

-A. J. Bieszcza was advised to wait to see what the outcome of the Representative Senate Proposal was.

-A.J. Bieszcza's question about what faculty should do in case something like what happened at Virginia Tech happened here.

-Student Services has distributed a brochure about the counseling services available on campus. If you wish, we can also invite Officer Reed to speak on the issue for a future meeting.

-In response to the question about junior faculty participating on the hiring committees.

-"President Rush has made no decisions regarding pre-tenured faculty membership on next year's faculty search committees, nor has he received any such recommendations from any administrator."

-In response to Antonio Jimenez's question about the California Institute on Human Services.

-Barbara Thorpe, AVP, responded that CIHS is a lessee on our campus and their lease expires March, 2008. We have informed them that we will not be renewing

their lease because the space is needed for our quickly growing campus but they will be able to lease space in the Town Center if they wish to stay on campus

-In response to the question about grant applications not submitted by OSRP.

-Barbara Thorpe, AVP, indicated that CSUCI had discovered, through media coverage, that the CIHS was the subject of internal and federal audits on selected grants and two top CIHS administrators have been put on leave by Sonoma State. Given these unexpected circumstances and OSRP's unsuccessful attempts to communicate with CIHS employees, CSUCI decided not to move forward with the grant writing/consultation services of CIHS for these proposed grant projects. The CIHS unit was subsequently disbanded by SSU and findings from the audit are available on the CSU website.

New Questions

-L. Castaneda would like to know the process by which sabbaticals are scored? How are the awards decided?

Report from President Rush

-The President congratulated everyone on another successful year. Thank you for all your help with the WASC accreditation, we hope to be approved in June. This was also a successful award winning year for both faculty and students. He encouraged everyone to take time off and to refresh themselves over the summer break.

-The President urged everyone to consider the global population and global issues when thinking about future programming. How can we offer truly meaningful education and prepare students to have an immediate impact upon graduation?

Report from the Provost

-Provost Lucas agrees that we have had a successful year with the WASC visit, our work with Access to Excellence and getting the four centers up and running.

-He also informed the faculty of the CSUCI Labor Council and its membership.

Report from the Committee on Committees

-T. Ballman read a statement regarding the recent elections.

-J. Balen indicated that based on comments received about the report they distributed, they added amendments to create a task force to review the By-laws and make any and all changes based on amendments that have been made throughout the years.

-J. Balen moved to accept the results of the elections, seconded by Cordeiro.

-I. Grzegorzcyk asked for a point of order, she would like clarification on what constitutes the results? Will this be a simple majority or will it need 2/3 vote? Balen responded that after consulting with several resident experts on Robert's Rules of Order, they agreed that a simple majority vote will be all that is required.

Vote on motion taken by clickers:

Yes: 39

No: 4

Abstain: 1

Motion passes

The Committee on Committees announced the results of the election:
Chair, Terry Ballman
Vice-Chair, Virgil Adams
Secretary, Liz King

Report from the Chair

- The Senate Executive Committee has endorsed the request of William Cordeiro on behalf of the Martin V. Smith School of Business and Economics that the building be named the Martin V. Smith Center for Integrative Decision-Making.

Old Business

SP 06-22 Representative Senate Proposal

-G. Wood clarified a few questions what were brought up at the last meeting:

1. Yes, larger programs do get more representatives than smaller programs.
2. Certain issues such as; changes to By-laws or Academic structure changes will require a vote by the entire Senate as a whole.
3. Lecturer representation depends whether they are full-time or part-time lecturers.

-B. Cordeiro thanked the task force for all their work but at this time he thinks we should stay as a Senate of a whole.

-I. Grzegorzcyk believes we should stay as a Senate of a whole because quorum has not been an issue this year. She encouraged faculty to vote the proposal down.

-J. Peters says that right now people who teach during Senate time are excluded where if there was a Representative Senate they would still be represented by someone else. She added that faculty are already overworked and the amount of service is immense.

-J. Karp spoke against the proposal because there are too many questions left unanswered in regards to who would be considered a representative.

-I. Itkonen reiterated that as a junior faculty she feels that she has been able to contribute to the Senate this year and worries that she would be excluded if it were changed to a Representative Senate.

Vote taken by clicker:

Yes: 11

No: 32

Abstain: 1

Proposal fails

-A.J. Bieszczad made a motion to lower the quorum to 0%, seconded by S. Stratton.

-T. Ballman reminded everyone that the policy passed last year on reduction of quorum to 40% will sunset at the end of this year.

-I. Grzegorzcyk offered a friendly amendment to the motion asking the quorum be set at 10% so that at least a few faculty members are required to show up. A.J. Bieszczad did not accept the friendly amendment.

-T. Milburn spoke against the motion pointing out that as few as three or four people would be required to attend and be able to make decisions for everyone else. She feels that the quorum should be at least 40%.

-R. Christopher said the 0% quorum was out of order saying it had to be at least 1%. A.J. Bieszczad accepted the amendment to change it to a 10% quorum.

-P. Hampton said 10% quorum was too low and he would prefer instead to extend the current policy of 40% quorum for another year because 10% would not be an adequate representation of the entire faculty.

-J. Grier concerned about faculty who are unable to attend Senate due to their teaching schedule and whether their numbers will count against the quorum requirement. Is there a way to not count faculty who are legitimately teaching?

-J. Balen would prefer a 50 to 51% quorum, she feels there is more loss of representation with a smaller quorum.

Vote taken by clicker on reducing the quorum to 10%:

Yes: 9

No: 34

Abstain: 1

Motion fails

-B. Cordeiro made a motion to set quorum at 40% for another year, seconded by V. Adams.

Vote taken by clicker on reducing the quorum to 40%:

Yes: 32

No: 8

Abstain: 2

Motion passes

SP 06-23 Syllabi Policy

-J. Karp offered a friendly amendment to the wording in the policy changing the word "contract" to "agreement." A. Wallace accepted the amendment on behalf of Faculty Affairs.

-I. Grzegorzczuk recommended the information be posted as reference material instead of making it a policy because the various programs have different needs when it comes to syllabi. She added that the longer the syllabus was, the less likely the students were to read it.

-S. Anderson gave a recent example of a problem he had when he changed a date on his syllabi and a student did not hear the announcement. The student was upset and stating he would be abiding by the original contract.

-J. Peters asked if it would be required to duplicate information already printed in the Catalog or if they would be allowed to simply reference it.

-P. Hampton feels strongly that the disability statement should be included in each syllabi.

-B. Cordeiro called for the question.

Vote on ending the discussion taken by show of hands:

Yes: 33

No: 2

Abstain: 1

Motion passes

Vote on Syllabi Policy taken by clicker:

Yes: 9

No: 30

Abstain: 0

Policy fails

SR 06-06 Instructional Materials Accessibility

-P. Hampton distributed copies of the document with amendments made as a result of the last discussion of the Resolution.

- I. Grzegorzcyk called for the question.

-Unanimous approval to end discussion of Resolution.

Vote on Resolution taken by show of hands:

Yes: 27

No: 0

Abstain: 4

Resolution passes

SR 06-07 Timely Adoption of

-P. Hampton distributed copies of the document with amendments made as a result of the last discussion of the Resolution.

- I. Grzegorzcyk applauded Hampton for incorporating the group's suggestions but would like to make a friendly amendment to change the word "shall" to "recommend" in reference to ordering books.

-P. Hampton agreed to change the "shall" to "will be."

-There was discussion about setting a firm "due by date."

-J. Grier suggested changing the term textbook "request" to "order."

-L. Castaneda said this was a system-wide mandate, not something P. Hampton was creating on his own.

-S. Stratton called for the question, seconded.

Vote on Resolution:

Yes: 29

No: 1

Abstain: 2

Resolution passes

SP 06-24 BA Chicano/a Studies

-B. Cordeiro stated the Curriculum Committee strongly supports the program.

Vote on program by show of hands:

Unanimous approval

New Business

SP 06-25 M.A. in English

-m/s-J. Balen, G. Wood.

-B. Cordeiro made a motion to waive the first reading, seconded by V. Adams.

Vote on waiving the first reading:

-unanimous approval

Vote on program by show of hands:

Unanimous approval

Announcements

-A. Wallace reminded everyone that the Library would be starting their extended hours beginning Sunday.

-L. King invited everyone to the Faculty Art show on Thursday, May 10, reception to begin at 6:00 p.m.

-S. Lefevre informed everyone the 2007-08 University Catalog has been printed and will be distributed soon.

Adjournment

-4:14 p.m.