

Academic Senate Minutes

November 29, 2012

3:00 – 5:00, Commons

Abstract

Chair Report. Agenda amended and approved. Minutes of 9/27/12 approved. Consent items: Revision to the Film Studies minor, Revision to the CALS Interdisciplinary BA – Approved. Resolution in Appreciation and Welcome Back for Laurel Holmstrom approved by acclamation. Sonoma State University Policy for Online and/or Hybrid Instruction amended and approved. President Report. Provost Report. Vice Chair Report. Chief Student Affairs Officer Report. Associated Students Report. Statewide Senators Report. APC Report. EPC Report. FSAC Report. CFA Report. Staff Report. Good of the Order

Present: Margaret Purser, Richard Senghas, Ben Ford, Maria Hess, Catherine Nelson, Brian Wilson, Michaela Grobbel, Sam Brannen, Mary Ellen Wilkosz, Birch Moonwomon, Helmut Wautischer, Judith Friscia, Marco Calavita, Parissa Tadrissi, John Palmer, Ed Beebout, Jennifer Roberson, Terry Lease, Merlin Hanauer, Karen Brodsky, Tom Buckley, Sharon Cabaniss, Jean Chan, Matty Mookerjee, Laura Watt, Lena McQuade, Michael Pinkston, Sandra Shand, Marisa Thigpen, Ruben Armiñana, Andrew Rogerson, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Andy Merrifield, Anthony Gallino, Mary Beth Hull, Deborah Roberts, Armand Gilinsky

Absent: Noel Byrne, Edie Brown, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Viki Montera, Karen Thompson

Proxies: Elaine Newman for Sam Brannen

Guests: Ajay Gehlawat, Christina Baker, Elaine Sundberg

Chair Report – M. Purser

M. Purser encouraged everyone to attend the “extended play” version of the on-going “conversations” on November 30th that would be about the budget and held in the Library room 3001 from 11 – 2. A member asked if the name change for the School of Extended Education had come to the Executive Committee. The Chair responded it had and asked the Chair of EPC to report on that item.

Approval of Agenda – Resolution from the floor added. Approved.

Minutes of 9/27/12 – Approved.

Consent items: Revision to the Film Studies minor, Revision to the CALS Interdisciplinary BA – Approved.

Resolution in Appreciation and Welcome Back for Laurel Holmstrom – R. Senghas

R. Senghas moved to waive the first reading. The Chair ruled that the resolution was approved by acclamation. She noted they would also be sending thank you notes to the Provost office staff that stepped in during the Senate Analyst's absence and kept faculty governance working at all.

Resolution of Appreciation and “Welcome Back!” for Laurel Holmstrom

Whereas: Laurel Holmstrom serves as Analyst for the Sonoma State University Academic Senate, and has been in that position for 11 years; and

Whereas: She juggles the affairs of the Academic Senate, four Standing Committees, numerous subcommittees, ad hoc committees and task forces with incredible efficiency, grace, humor and stamina; and

Whereas: She continues to display her phenomenal ability to work with Senate chairs with various personalities, priorities and capacities for remembering when and where the next meeting is; and

Whereas: Even during the most difficult political and budgetary times, she remains professional and focused on the task at hand; and

Whereas: Her incredible knowledge of the arcane aspects of Robert's Rules of Order has on far, far more than one occasion brought the Academic Senate back from the brink of chaos; and

Whereas: She has worked tirelessly to make the university a welcoming place for students, faculty and staff of all backgrounds and to improve the working conditions of her colleagues in the CSUEU; and

Whereas: Her work ethic and dedication to Sonoma State faculty, staff and students are unsurpassed; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Sonoma State University Academic Senate express its deep gratitude and thanks to Laurel Holmstrom for her continuing contribution to the Academic Senate and the Sonoma State University community; and be it further

Resolved: That the Sonoma State University Academic Senate welcome Laurel Holmstrom back with joy in her recovery and unmitigated relief in her return.

Sonoma State University Policy for Online and/or Hybrid Instruction – Second Reading – D. Roberts

D. Roberts donned her Xena Warrior Princess shield for the second reading of the policy. She noted that some changes on wording from the first reading. She answered a question about who could sign contracts on campus. She noted that this

policy had nothing to do with CalState Online, but was about current practice at Sonoma State. **Motion to amend various portions of the policy for grammar:** 1) change all references to web-facilitated to agree with spelling of the definition in the policy – web-facilitated; 2) III.A. 4, third line "student" should be made plural to agree with "their" and recasting that line to say "requires students log in with their unique usernames and passwords."; 3) III.B.9 (p.3) inserting either "with a" before "hybrid format" in the first line. **Second. Vote on motion to amend – Approved.** A member raised concern about using the term "netiquette" in the policy. There was some discussion. **Motion to amend B. 12. g: to "standards for online etiquette" instead of "netiquette."** **Second. Vote on amendment – Approved.** **Vote on Sonoma State University Policy for Online and/or Hybrid Instruction – Approved.**

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana reported on the fundraising efforts of the campus during the last 10 years. The campus had raised \$78,580,000. Of that \$78 million, \$38,544,00 had been raised for the Green Music Center and \$39,513,000 for Academics, such as scholarship, etc. He thought the balance was very good. A member asked if the Academic portion include athletic scholarships. The President said athletic scholarship were not a separate category and were included in scholarships.

Provost Report – A. Rogerson

A. Rogerson reported on the state of applications to the campus. As of two days ago, 12,116 applications had come to Sonoma State; the first time freshman count was 9416, which was 3% higher than last year. He noted the whole CSU system was up from last year on enrollment. He said the registration process was going well. His office was very happy that there had been no complaints at this point, when last year at this time, everyone was taking valium. He provided some detail about registration and appreciated the enrollment management group for coming up with a better system. He mused that the ceremonial peyote used before the planning process may have helped that group. He noted the Teacher Technology Showcase was in the Student Union that evening. There were specific questions about getting students enrolled in courses. A member asked if the Dean for Arts and Humanities search was cancelled for budgetary reasons. The Provost said both the Dean of Arts and Humanities and the Dean of Social Sciences searches were cancelled for budgetary reasons. He said Thaine Stearns would stay on as interim Dean and the President would appoint a new Dean to Social Sciences by January.

Vice Chair Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas noted that a call had come out for nominations to faculty governance positions for the Spring election. He encouraged the members to bring this up to newer faculty. The deadline for nominations was January 31st, but the sooner nominations came in the better.

Chief Student Affairs Officer Report – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips reported that the Student Health Center would be doing anonymous AIDS testing as part of AIDS awareness.

Associated Students Report – A. Gallino

A. Gallino did not have his report as he had left it with his tie and coat. A member asked how students were experiencing registration. A. Gallino said he had heard some issues about upper division courses, but overall thought it was going very well. Later, he noted that Associated Student elections were coming up and they would be having info sessions. The Chair noted that the Chair of the Statewide Senate had sent the Associated Students' resolution on the student fees to the statewide senators.

Statewide Senators Report – B. Wilson, C. Nelson

B. Wilson reported that the Board decided to postpone the vote on new student fees. The proposal on the 120 unit issue had also changed. A member asked about the resolution in the attached report regarding a smoke-free CSU. C. Nelson said the Statewide Executive Committee brought the resolution and they did not know what would happen as the Chancellor's office thought that should be decided by each campus.

APC Report – D. Roberts

D. Roberts reported that APC was looking at the faculty relationship to Extended Education and to certificate and non-certificate courses.

EPC Report – A. Gilinsky

A. Gilinsky reported that EPC was very busy. He said EPC was gratified to learn that the new name of Extended Education would be the School of Extended and International Education. They were reviewing various revisions to curricular items. They were having a productive discussion about experimental courses, teaching assistants and the ability of students to obtain the objectives set forth in the mission. He thought a letter from EPC to Senate on these matters might be forthcoming. The Chair provided an explanation of the naming policy for Schools and noted that the President was required to consult with the Executive Committee, but that was all. The faculty did not approve name changes.

FSAC Report – P. Tadrissi for V. Montera

P. Tadrissi reported that FSAC was working on the Course Materials Adoption policy and that it would come to the Senate early in the Spring.

CFA Report – A. Merrifield

A. Merrifield notified the Senate that a long time activist for the Union and a member of the Senate, Steve Wilson, was ill and he hoped the Senate could send him a get well card.

Staff Report – M. B. Hull

M. B. Hull said from the staff point of view the registration process was going very well. The rolling dates, the 16 unit cap and the waitlist seemed to be working. A member brought up the issue of students requesting permission numbers and M. B. Hull responded that students asking for that were trying to get around the waitlist. A member noted that international students did need permission numbers because their transcripts would not be in PeopleSoft.

Good of the Order

A new exhibit of contemporary Native American Art in the Library was announced. December 7th at noon was the last live music in the Library of the semester. The Dine Out for Life event was announced. The Study Aboard deadline was coming up and faculty were encouraged to turn in their recommendation letters.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström