

Senate Executive Committee
January 29, 2009
3:00 – 5:00, Sue Jameson Room

Present: Scott Miller, Tim Wandling, Thaine Stearns, Sunil Tiwari, Art Warmoth, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Susan Moulton, Catherine Nelson, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Eduardo Ochoa, Terry Lease, Ruben Armiñana, Karen Thompson, Deb Kindy

Absent: Sam Brannen

Guests: Derek Pierre, Steve Wilson, Elaine Leeder

(Recording malfunctioned at beginning of meeting. Agenda was approved and minutes were approved. Recording picks up during Chair's report of Correspondence.)

Correspondence

The Chair noted a request from P. Phillips that the Senate pass a resolution regarding the bookstore. The Chair offered the item for discussion. Discussion ensued. It was clarified that FSAC was working on a policy about ordering textbooks. The Provost noted the new Higher Education Reauthorization act regarding universities and bookstores and how clear it was that campuses work with their bookstores. The Provost thought that since the bookstore has a web-based database of textbooks ordered, they could make that widely available to help with transparency and efficiency.

Time certain reached.

Report from Dean Leeder on Holocaust and Genocide Memorial Grove

Dean Leeder asked the Executive Committee to be able to present at the next Senate meeting on the Holocaust and Genocide Memorial Grove. She asked to show a brief DVD and said that the sculptor, Jann Nunn wanted to attend to answer questions and Christopher Dinno also wanted to join them at the Senate. She said the opening would be on March 29th, 3-5 for a ceremony with a reception following. There were no objections and the Chair asked the body to discuss it further during the Senate Agenda time.

Return to Correspondence

The Chair noted there were more speakers regarding the bookstore. There was further discussion. The Chair invited anyone who wanted to bring a resolution about the bookstore to do so. He then shared another correspondence from J. Wingard, asking about the current disposition of the CIHS issue and asking about the state of the current investigation with a report from the President. The President said the charges have not been dropped and the investigation continues. He said the investigation is out of the hands of the university now and he is not kept informed by the District Attorney.

Chair Report – S. Miller

S. Miller noted he would be away on the February 19th at the Statewide Chairs meeting. He thanked everyone who attend the Faculty Retreat which he thought was wonderful. He said the Chairs of the President's Diversity Council and Senate's Ad-Hoc Diversity Committee met and shared thoughts about what was done last term, what might be done this term and possibilities for collaboration. He noted the faculty elections are in process and nominations are open. He asked the members of the Executive Committee to think about whether it was time for them to serve as Chair. The suggestion was made that the Senate Chair be a twelve-month appointment to make it more attractive. There was discussion about the future of the Senate's Ad-Hoc Diversity Committee vis-à-vis the President's Diversity Council. There was concern about how people will be selected /elected to the PDC in the future.

President Report – R. Armiñana

The President reported on a serious accident. One of our campus employees fell through a roof. He is doing better, but it was a serious accident. He then reported on the State's budget condition. People who file tax returns early will not see their money early. The cash flow situation of the state is severely restricted and will start to impact people in real ways. The CSU cash flow is ok, but for May and June things get iffy. The budget information is changing rapidly. They have just learned that CALGRANTS will be funded at 85%. Construction has been put in abeyance for 90 days, perhaps more. Some small projects have been approved to go on, as they are energy conversation efforts. The State Controller just found \$500 million. There is a conversation/rumor going on that there will be an 18-month budget including cuts and tax increases. Enrollment applications are healthy in all CSU's. As a system, we will be overenrolled as much as we are this year. He reported the U. S. House of Representatives passed the Stimulus package and now it goes to the Senate. The CSU has some projects in the stimulus package.

A member expressed appreciation for the new sidewalk along Petaluma Hill road. He also asked if dipping into other funds to meet payroll will affect interest payments we might have gotten on that money. The President said yes and it is problematic to borrow for the general fund. The AS President asked about how the CALGRANTS will be paid to students. The President described how the campus will be handling it generally and that some cases will have to be individually dealt with. He emphasized again how fluid the situation is. A member asked when the students will be informed. The President said, "when the money arrives." A member asked how the President stayed apprised of all the changing information. The President said he got a good flow of information from the Chancellor's office. The AS President asked about how the campus was dealing with students in urgent need. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said he has instructed the Financial Office to help students with an urgent need, but he had not heard of any students in that situation or they have been resolved.

Provost Report – E. Ochoa

E. Ochoa reported on work of JCAP. There is now a writing group revising the Academic Affairs strategic plan to incorporate the Long Range Academic Plan. He noted they are developing an initiative with money left over from the Transforming Course Design program that will be used for stipends for faculty from the five schools, that will be selected by the School, to work on a similarly selected high volume course using innovative academic technology and pedagogy. This is to see if we can reduce our costs while maintaining academic quality. The Chair of APC noted that the writing group of JCAP is also incorporating material from the Core Academic Priorities in the Academic Affairs Strategic plan and recommended that the Senate “accept” the Core Academic Priorities report as they will see it come through again with the AA Strategic plan.

Statewide Senator Report – C. Nelson

C. Nelson reported on resolutions passed by the Statewide Senate concerning prioritizing instruction during the budget crisis, supporting the CSU projects in the Stimulus package and affirming faculty consultation in budgetary matters. She reported that the Chancellor said the state is already out of cash and that the CSU has cash flow through May. The Chancellor said CSU employees will not be paid with warrants. John Travis, representative of CFA, reported that there is an initiative (the Public Investment and Accountability Act) being circulated to add a 1.5 % sales tax to help K-12 and community colleges only. The CSU is concerned about this initiative. She noted that faculty statewide are asking who is deciding what constitutes essential travel and essential hiring. She found out that it is a campus based decision. She also noted a language change – “remediation” is now being called “proficiency.”

Chair-Elect Report – S. Moulton

S. Moulton said that S&F is looking at how to increase participation in governance. They endorsed the work of JCAP and asked for a year end review. They are looking at what constitutes consultation.

EPC Report – T. Stearns

T. Stearns reported that the GE subcommittee is prepared and would like to report to the Senate their efforts around the GE program review.

SAC Report – K. Thompson

K. Thompson reported that SAC is working with a task force from CRC on developing a survey about how students are feeling about after hours services on campus. They hope the survey occurs this semester.

Revision to the Biology Program - T. Stearns

T. Stearns introduced the item. It was passed in EPC with no dissention after two readings. They want it to be a consent item for the Senate. A member noted that it seemed the program was being changed due to losing tenure track faculty. There was some discussion. It was approved for the consent calendar.

Request for all materials to Senate be sent in electronic format – L. Holmström

L. Holmström asked if the committee chairs would send all their materials to the Senate office electronically. A member suggested that all communication sent to the Senate Analyst be sent electronically as a practice. The Provost noted there were free PDF creators online and that Word creates documents in PDF format.

Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status – S. Miller

The faculty eligible for Emeritus Status as of Spring 2009 was approved for the consent calendar. There was a suggestion that there be some kind of appreciation or acknowledgment of emeriti. There was a suggestion that FSAC could look into that.

Senate Agenda

The Chair asked for discussion about how the WASC discussions were progressing at the Senate and strategy ideas for managing the business of the Senate. There was a wide-ranging discussion about the Senate business of the semester.

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Senate - Scott Miller

Correspondences

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes – 12/4 & 12/18 emailed

Biology Program Revision – attachment

Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status - attachment

➤ Update on WASC

Special Report: Holocaust and Genocide Memorial Grove – Dean Leeder
T. C. 3:20

Special Report: GE Program Review – Nathan Rank, et al. T. C. 4:25

BUSINESS

1. Resolution on the CLA – First Reading - attachment – T. Stearns T.C. 3:40

2. Statement on Collegiality – First Reading – attachment – S. Tiwari T. C. 3:55

3. Core Academic Priorities Progress Report from APC – Second Reading - A.
Warmoth - attachment T. C. 4:10

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by L. Holmström