

Senate Executive Committee
January 16, 2014
3:00 – 5:00, Academic Affairs Conference room

Abstract

Agenda – Approved. Minutes of 12/5/13 – amended and approved. Chair Report. Art Studio BA and BFA revision postponed to next Ex Com. ENSP – Energy Management Revision approved for Senate consent. President Report. Vice Chair Report. Resolution honoring Bruce Berkowitz. EPC Report. Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status approved for Senate consent. FSAC Report. Liberal Studies: Ukiah, Napa and Solano revision approved for Senate consent. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report. Budget Presentations Scheduled for the Senate. SAC Report. CFA Report. Associated Students Report. Senate agenda approved.

Present: Margaret Purser, Richard Senghas, Richard Whitkus, Melinda Milligan, Maria Hess, Elaine Newman, Karen Thompson, Jennifer Mahdavi, Ruben Armiñana, Terry Lease, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth

Absent: Andrew Rogerson, Deborah Roberts, Matthew Lopez-Phillips

Guests: Anthony Gallino, Gregory Roberts, Daniel Soto, Beth Warner

Approval of Agenda – Approved.

Approval of Minutes 12/5/13 – amended and Approved.

Chair Report – M. Purser

M. Purser welcomed E. Newman as the new CFA President. She welcomed everyone back and wished the members a Happy New Year. She said the Faculty Retreat was a howling success and many of people how couldn't or wouldn't attend, were mad that they didn't when they heard from attendees how good it was. She noted that there would be follow up – all the resources of the Retreat were now online and the Faculty Conversations would continue.

(<http://www.sonoma.edu/senate/useful/announce.html>) She said she had been talking to the Senate Analyst about the 50th anniversary of Faculty Governance at SSU and activities that might happen. She thought the main event would be similar to the Governance Social at the beginning of the Fall semester. The date being contemplated was April 17th. She asked if the committee had an opinion whether the event should be after an Ex Com or Senate meeting. She said everyone involved in governance ever would be invited as well as any students involved in student governance, including alumni. A member thought the turnout might be better after a Senate meeting. The Chair noted she would not be able to attend the Senate in April, but the event could go on without her. She also deputized all the members to be recruiters to help faculty run for governance positions in the Spring elections and passed out the list of positions open for nomination.

Art Studio BA and BFA revision – G. Roberts

G. Roberts noted a few errors that would be corrected. He noted the primary purpose of the change was to streamline the curriculum, so that students did not take on extra units during the program. They were also looking at ways to bring students in to the major by using the Learning Communities and combining courses to streamline the process. He provided substantial detail about the BA. There were many questions. **It was postponed to the next Ex Com meeting.**

ENSP – Energy Management Revision – D. Soto

D. Soto introduced the item and said it was a small change to the Energy Management BS study plan. He thought the change was helpful due to the way students wanted depth in the major and it would also help time to graduation. Both the School Curriculum Committee and EPC had approved it unanimously. There was a question about the title of the program and how that appeared on the EPC form. The EPC chair asked D. Soto to work that out with the ENSP chair. A member asked about the downside of the unit reduction for students. D. Soto said they could not offer each of the courses as much as they would like. They wanted students to be able to choose the depth they wanted, but in some cases that might be chosen for them depending on the resources of the department. **It was approved for the Senate's consent calendar.**

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana said that the Governor had released a budget, which included exactly what he said he would do for the CSU. He also included \$50 million for the UC, CSU and Community Colleges for “innovation strategies.” No one knew what that meant. He said no additional money was expected. A member asked about the target. The President said he was told this morning that the campus was feeling good about this. A member asked when the new money would come to campus. The President said it would come on July 1st. He noted that this was the first appearance of the budget, as there would be a May revise and then it would go to the Legislature. The President thought it was likely that the Governor’s budget would go through mostly unchanged.

Vice Chair Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas said that he really wanted people to encourage folks to run for governance or if they themselves wanted to run, to talk to him. He reported that APC was having trouble electing another Chair. He said it seemed like an S&F issue to deal with this kind of situation. Since no proxies were allowed on the Executive Committee and no one can hold two votes on the Senate, if a committee cannot put forward a Chair, what should be done? The by-laws were silent on this matter currently. He said he was having trouble sitting on the Student Senate. The Chair of SAC said she could serve on the Student Senate.

Time certain reached.

Resolution honoring Bruce Berkowitz – C. Elster

C. Elster said that the Senate Diversity Subcommittee and the President's Diversity Council approved this resolution. They wanted to recognize the contributions of Bruce Berkowitz supporting diversity efforts. A member said he appreciated and supported the resolution and wondered if the Senate should recognize more of what he brought to campus. The Chair said she would be bringing a copy of this to Bruce's retirement party. There was some discussion. A member suggested to put a pun in the resolution since Bruce was always punning. **It was approved for the Senate agenda.**

Vice Chair Report continued – R. Senghas

R. Senghas noted that the call for faculty for Dean of Arts and Humanities search had gone out. He said from the GMC, not much new had come out. They had not had a University Affairs meeting with Zarin Mehta yet. One issue that had come up was the funding for the Artists-In-Residence program.

EPC Report – M. Milligan

M. Milligan said EPC would consider substantial change to the COMS major. They would have E. Sundberg come to talk about possible changes to the Academic Calendar for the next few years. She thought this semester would be lighter for curricular changes, but more certificate programs would be coming through. She noted that they had some interesting discussion items to work through this year. The Chair asked about the SEIE policy and M. Milligan said it had been referred back to APC, but since they did not have a Chair, she didn't know what was going on. The Chair of SAC brought up the issue of having a cap on the number of units students could take during intercession. M. Milligan said that EPC would be talking about that this semester.

Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status – M. Purser

The faculty eligible for emeritus status item was **approved for the Senate consent calendar.**

FSAC Report – R. Whitkus

R. Whitkus said FSAC would be getting a detailed report about the electronic SETEs from M. Barnard. They would also be working on a policy about the how to handle the data. They would see the Common Management System coming through with faculty absence reporting, sabbatical/DIP and eventually RTP.

Liberal Studies: Ukiah, Napa and Solano revision – B. Warner

B. Warner said that at the time the Ukiah program was developed, the number of units for a degree was 124 units. She noted that things had shifted in the CSU, but the programs had not. She said they were reducing the programs by 4 units, all

taken out of the electives to bring the program into alignment with the CSU mandate. There were some questions. **It was approved for the Senate consent calendar.**

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

L. Furukawa-Schlereth said he was working on a response to the concerns about the student affairs reorganization brought by SAC and the Associated Students. A member asked about parking lot D. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said historically parking lot D was a reserved parking lot. He noted that the parking lot might lend itself to be focused on activities that take place in the Student Center. He had asked N. Markley and A. Gallino take up this question and to talk to the people in the Student Center to see if they wanted dedicated parking for the Student Center. If the answer were yes, then the Student Center would have to reimburse the parking program. If the answer is no, then the lot would revert back to reserved parking. A member asked if one lane could be for reserved parking. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said that it might be possible.

Schedule Budget Presentations for the Senate

M. Purser said that she wanted to schedule two more budget presentations for the Senate in the Spring – one about the campus debt and one about the Foundation and the Endowment. One was already scheduled for 2/20. She asked for the next one to come soon after the 20th. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said they could probably do the next one on 3/6. A member noted that there were questions after the first presentation and would like the answers to come back.

SAC Report – K. Thompson

K. Thompson said they would be considering a new way to look at co-curricular programs and would be comparing SSU's EOP program with other CSU programs.

CFA Report – E. Newman

E. Newman encouraged and invited all faculty to attend the CFA open board meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the Social Sciences Conference room from 12 – 1. Lunch is always served. She said at the first meeting in three weeks, Andy Merrifield would be in attendance to talk about bargaining. She encouraged faculty to attend other meetings CFA holds, such as the Affirmative Action Committee. She said there was also a faculty rights meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month with different topics. She stressed that all these were open meetings that all faculty could attend. She thought one area that CFA and the Senate will need to work together this semester had to do with a recent arbitration decision about lecturer voting rights in a department, specifically for department chair. It's causing a lot of consternation right now because SSU does not have a policy. CFA was leaving it up to campuses to develop their own policies. She thought it was wise to create a policy before things started blowing up in departments. She noted the CFA plea to lobby the Legislature for more money for the CSU. The Chair asked if

CFA Sonoma had their own website. E. Newman said no and thought that was a good idea.

Associated Students Report – A. Gallino

A. Gallino reported that the AS elections were coming up and they would be having info sessions about the positions available. He said the AS went on a Retreat before School started and decided that the next semester they would have a main focus – academic success. He noted it was a broad focus in his opinion, but they discussed areas to focus on: class availability, registration and advising among other things. He said that their Community Service Coordinator was leaving, so they would have two positions to fill in the Spring – both the ASP coordinator and the Jump coordinator.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Margaret Purser
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes -- 12/12/13 emailed

Consent Items: Liberal Studies Ukiah, Napa Valley and Solano BA degrees, ENSP Energy Management and Design BS revision – emailed. Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status – attached.

BUSINESS

1. Resolution honoring Bruce Berkowitz – First Reading – C. Elster – attached T. C. 3:20
2. Resolution On A Gender and Sexuality Campus Coordinator – Second Reading – C. Elster TC – attached TC. 3:35

Approved.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom-Keyes