

Academic Senate Minutes

April 14, 2005

3:00 – 5:00 Commons

Abstract

Chair's Report. Agenda approved. Minutes of 3/24/05 approved. Update on WASC. Resolution in Support of SRJC faculty approved. Program review protocol tabled to next meeting. Grade Appeal Policy Revision First Reading. Honors Graduation Policy First Reading. Administrative Credential from Education approved. Statewide Senator report. Academic Freedom statement First Reading. Report from Senator Goodman regarding Resolution Boycotting McGraw-Hill. Questions for the President. Reports from Associated Students, Chair-Elect, EPC, FSAC, SAC and Secretary to the Senate.

Present: Melanie Dreisbach, Elizabeth Stanny, Jan Beaulyn, Robert McNamara, Rick Luttmann, Robert Karlsrud, Michael Pinkston, Steve Wilson, Elizabeth Burch, Elizabeth Martinez, Robert Train, Tim Wandling, Bob Vieth, John Kornfeld, Raye Lynn Thomas, Tia Watts, Dan Karner, Richard Whitkus, Sam Brannen, Wanda Boda, Charlene Tung, Myrna Goodman, Melinda Milligan, Bruce Peterson, Sandra Shand, Ruben Arminañá, Caitlin Hicks, Greg Tichava, Elaine McDonald, John Wingard, Brigitte Lahme

Absent: Catherine Nelson, Susan McKillop, Noel Byrne, Birch Moonwomon, Eric McGuckin, Heidi LaMoreaux, Liz Thach, Steve Cuellar, Glenn Brassington, Marguerite St. Germain, Eduardo Ochoa, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Brad Mumaw, Jonathan Peacock, Robert Coleman-Senghor

Guests: Jonah Raskin, Jessica Dur, Bill Houghton

Chair's Report – The Chair reminded the body about the Faculty Exposition on April 20 at 3:30 in the Commons. She attended the Campus Chairs meeting in Long Beach. Kathleen Kaiser and Craig Smith were put forward to the Governor as nominees for faculty trustee. Work continues in opposition to SB5. The Statewide supports applied doctorates in the CSU. She attended Legislative Day. Also at the Campus Chairs meeting there was a presentation on a Teacher Education survey to evaluate new teacher preparation. The Trustee's graduation initiative was discussed. Background checks were also discussed as some campuses are routinely doing background check. SSU does not do background checks.

The President said SSU does do background checks on some classifications - children's school workers, and in finance.

Approval of Agenda - Approved

Approval of Minutes 3/24/05 – Approved.

Update on WASC – Co-chairs were selected for the WASC Assessment Steering committee: Andy Merrifield and Provost Ochoa.

Resolution of Support for SRJC faculty – J. Raskin – Second Reading

Motion to substitute new motion for previous motion. Second. Vote – approved

Discussion of substitute motion

Replace “for violating” to “by posting.” Second.

Amendment to amendment “Whereas members of the Santa Rosa Junior College Republicans by posting on the doors of 10 faculty members at SRJC Section 51530”, etc. Second. Vote = Yes – 7, No – 17. Failed.

Return to previous amendment. Vote - Approved.

Question Called. Vote – Yes = 17, No = 5 Approved.

Vote on entire Substitute motion with amendment – Yes = 23, No = 3 Approved.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE
FACULTY**

Whereas members of the Santa Rosa Junior College Republicans targeted 10 faculty members at SRJC by posting Section 51530 of the California Education Code which forbids the teaching of communism "with the intent to indoctrinate or to inculcate in the mind of any pupil a preference for communism" and

Whereas the same aforementioned Republicans taped a copy of this section of the code to the office doors of the aforementioned 10 faculty members - along with a red star to designate "communist" and

Whereas the SRJC faculty members felt under attack, stigmatized and even persecuted for simply promoting the free expression of ideas in the classroom and in their role as teachers and

Whereas the Academic Senate condemns the stigmatizing of faculty members who express ideas, whether they are conventional or unconventional, popular or unpopular and

Whereas the Academic Senate condemns attempts to restrict the free flow of ideas, as well as attempts to intimidate teachers.

Therefore be it resolved that the Academic Senate expresses its support for and solidarity with the 10 targeted SRJC faculty members and wholeheartedly

endorses academic freedom.

Program Review Protocol – E. McDonald – Second Reading

Motion that under the “organizational process of program review” the language would read – *The final report is forwarded to the Provost for review and action and will be made available to the university community.* Second.

Vote on amendment. Approved.

Motion to remove “and placement” in C. Diversity #4. Second. Approved.

Motion to change C 1. “Addresses the need to increase the cultural. . .”
Second. Failed

Motion to take out increasing in C. 1 and insert the word “and students” in C 3. Approved.

Motion to table to next meeting. It was discovered that the document in the packet was not the appropriate one. All changes can be moved as a group in the correct version. Second. Approved.

Grade Appeal Policy Revision – First Reading – B. Lahme

First reading completed.

Honors Graduation Policy – First Reading – B. Lahme

First reading completed.

Administrative Credential from Education – First Reading – E. McDonald

Motion to waive first reading. Second. Approved.

Vote on Education curriculum revision – Approved.

Reports

Statewide Senator Susan McKillop passed out information from the Education Trust which runs a website called collegeresults.org. She reviewed the information concerning Sonoma State compared to the other CSU’s in terms of graduation rates. She noted SSU is third in the CSU for graduation rates. She also indicated that a more detailed analysis of SSU showed that males as a group have the lowest graduation rates at SSU. She also referred the body to the website www.cpec.ca.gov for information about faculty salaries.

Academic Freedom Statement – First Reading – J. Wingard

Guests: Craig Winston and Helmut Wautischer

First reading concluded.

Report from Senator Goodman regarding Resolution Boycotting McGraw-Hill

Senator Goodman said she had been contacted by a representative of McGraw-Hill who said that the President of McGraw-Hill is interested in speaking to herself or Senator McNamara about our resolution. They are working on arranging a time to meet with him and have decided that no faculty should meet with him alone. She invited any other Senators who wished to be part of this to contact her.

Senator McNamara reported on a similar resolution pending in the Faculty Affairs committee of the Statewide Senate.

President Report

No report.

A Senator asked about the recent appointment of Greg Sarris to an Endowed Chair position. He was concerned about the appearance of impropriety that people outside the university might have since the Graton Indians gave the university a large amount of money and we used it to hire their president.

The President responded that there was a faculty search committee and this was their choice. No restrictions were put on that search. He agreed it does give that appearance, but it was the choice of the faculty search committee.

A Senator asked about hearing comments about changes in the Student Affairs Division.

The President responded that as of August 15th with the retirement of Rand Link, that there will be a consolidation of ESAS with the Division of Student Affairs and Vice Provost Crabbe will head the combined division. An announcement campus wide will be forthcoming.

Associated Students report

C. Hicks reported that the Associated Students passed three resolutions. One sent out thank you certificates to apartments complexes that allow co-signers. Another asks for the priority registration policy to be updated. Another asks that faculty, if at all possible, try to not buy the most current edition of books to help students save money. The fee referendum passed, so the ASI fee will be going up by \$4 next three years.

Chair-Elect report

E. Stanny gave an update on the Senate self-study. The policy on Faculty Consultation in Budgetary Matter will come to the Senate at the next meeting as well the Periodic Review of Administrators.

EPC report

E. McDonald reported that EPC held their second reading of the general education freshman year experience proposal. They voted to implement a one year pilot in the '06-07 academic year leaving next year for planning. The details will be submitted at the next Senate. It was a very divided committee. She thought the outcome probably pleases no one.

SAC report

B. Lahme reported that SAC is working a Priority Registration policy that had not previously existed. They are having representative of various student groups come to them and explain why they need priority registration.

Report from Secretary on Senate newsletter

J. Beaulyn said she had meet with the Senate Analyst and will be in contact shortly with the chairs of Standing Committees for short reports. The purpose of the newsletter is to help keep the rest of the faculty informed as to what is going on in faculty governance.

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom