

Senate Executive Committee Minutes
August 22, 2013
3:00-5:00, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Abstract

Approval of Agenda. Minutes delayed. President Report. Provost Report. Statewide Senate Report. Vice Chair Report. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report. Chief Student Affairs Officer Report. Associated Students Report. Recommendation from the DRB re: Timely return of assignments referred to SAC and FSAC. Member of Executive Committee appointed to the Sustainability Executive Committee – J. Mahdavi. Chancellor White's Visit to SSU on October 9th. Faculty Eligible to Emeritus Status – approved for Senate consent calendar. Discussion of how to celebrate 50 years of the Senate. Senate Agenda – approved.

Present: Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Maria Hess, Margaret Purser, Richard Whitkus, Terry Lease, Melinda Milligan, Jennifer Mahdavi, Karen Thompson, Catherine Nelson, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Andrew Rogerson, Ruben Armiñana

Guest: Anthony Gallino

Absent: Richard Senghas, Deborah Roberts, Andy Merrifield

The Chair asked for introductions, as there were new people on the committee.

Approval of Agenda – item added – Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status – Approved

Approval of Minutes of 5/2 – delayed.

The Chair did not have a report.

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana discussed an attempt last week to get additional funding for enrollment in the Spring from the Legislature. He noted that the State revenues were up. He said ultimately the bill went nowhere and that the Governor did not seem open to changing the budget at all, among other issues. So there would not be additional revenue for the Spring. He said the enrollment in the CSU was extremely healthy and some campuses would not be accepting students in the Spring. He said SSU was not one of those campuses, but it was very close. All campuses had to accept 1440 students, but that number was very low. A member asked if any campus had to accept any student applying under 1440. The President said, yes, but there was a preference for the local CSU. He noted the concern about San Francisco City College and the possibility that they would lose their accreditation. He thought SF State would pick up most of those students in the pipeline from SF City College, some may go to San Jose and the East Bay and some may come to SSU.

Provost Report – A. Rogerson

A. Rogerson said the campus had a record number of students on campus this semester, 9098, and it took 20 minutes to get a sandwich. The President remarked

that he was close in his approximation of 9100 students to which the Provost said, well, two of them died waiting to get food. The Provost said the average student load was 13.9, so most students were happy.

Statewide Senate Report – C. Nelson

C. Nelson said they had not met yet. She reported that the Faculty Trustee had not been appointed yet. They were waiting for the Governor to appoint.

Vice Chair Report – M. Purser

The Chair gave the Vice Chair's report about Structure and Functions since the Vice Chair was absent. S&F had been busy over the summer with the pilot program of faculty that was available for serving on search committees over the summer. She said that it was an interesting experience and they would work on how to keep that going, but all the searches were delayed and were actually going forward this semester. She noted the opportunities for service that had come out recently. She reminded the committee about the first Governance Social on August 29th.

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

L. Furukawa-Schlereth said were launching more aggressively the RUSH program at the GMC, which gives lower price tickets on the day of the concerts. He discussed efforts to get the word out more. He reported that the person that had been hired to be the Artistic Director of the GMC had decided the position was not going to work for him, so the GMC was without an artistic director. He noted they were fortunate to have Jeff Langley and Robert Cole to help and they would start a new search. He noted that the faculty who were on the committee were open to serving again and he wondered if that was all right with governance. He noted that Schroeder Hall would open in a year and he wanted the faculty to think about how to use that space in a way that would be a further tie to the curricular and co-curricular offerings. He said he might visit APC with this question. He talked about resurrecting the Fridays at Four event that was initiated by Dr. Melanie Dreisbach when she was Chair. The Student Rep asked for L. Furukawa-Schlereth to bring the Schroeder Hall issue to the Associated Students. A member asked what the search committee might do differently due to the issues the person had who left the Artistic Director position. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said they would make very clear that the GMC was a start up and candidates would want to come to a place to build. They would need to understand that the GMC was very connected to the university and not separate and that they would have to interact with student and faculty senates. He thought they also needed to talk to the Board about the job description as the skill set needed for the way they posted the job was challenging to find. Artistic direction and marketing and fundraising skills did not often come together in the same person. The President said people might come thinking they want what is here, but really are not prepared for Sonoma county life. A member asked about where Fridays at Four might be held. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said either Prelude or the new Lobos in the Student Center were possibilities. The President outlined the phasing of the opening of the new Student Center. The Student Rep noted that the students were savvy to the rush tickets program, but that the announcement was coming out too late. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said there had been a slight problem with that, but they hoped to get the word out by noon.

Chief Student Affairs Officer Report – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips announced that the daughter of Dr. Levell Holmes would be speaking on campus on August 28th. He noted that Dawn Danz had left the campus and Laura Williams was now in that position of the Student Crisis Advocate in the Counseling and Psychological Services Center.

Associated Students Report – A. Gallino

A. Gallino told the committee confidentially about a retirement in their area. The first Student Senate meeting would be at 1:00 the next day. They would be discussing changes in the signage policy. They were supposed to be getting an update on the student engagement reorganization, but he thought that would be delayed. They will also have some training on the Education Code. He alerted faculty that they might be contacted for class presentations geared toward recruiting more students to the Associated Students.

Recommendation from the DRB re: Timely return of assignments – K. Thompson

K. Thompson provided some background on the item. She said they were asking governance to provide some help or guidance about it. There was discussion about which Standing Committee should take on the item. A member recommended that the union be consulted in this process and that the Academic Freedom subcommittee also be informed. **It was decided to send the issue to both SAC and FSAC.**

Appointment of member of Executive Committee to the Sustainability Executive Committee – M. Purser

M. Purser described the Sustainability Executive Committee. **J. Mahdavi volunteered with no objection.**

Chancellor White's Visit to SSU on October 9th

M. Purser said she had asked in University Affairs if they had any more information about what the Chancellor was requesting and they did not at this time. She knew the Chancellor's office would be making specific requests of the campus and asked the Ex Com to think of other things they might do that day. She had heard at the last Senate Chairs meeting about how the Chancellor visits had gone at the campuses where he had already visited. She said the requests were not identical, but at every campus the Chancellor wanted to talk to students, faculty and staff. He also consistently asks for non-scheduled time so he can walk around the campus on his own. She said she was just bringing this up to start thinking about it and she would keep in touch with University Affairs.

Faculty Eligible to Emeritus Status

The list of faculty eligible for Emeritus status was **approved for the Senate consent calendar** with minor edits.

Discussion of how to celebrate 50 years of the Senate

The Chair noted that it was the 50th year of the Senate being constituted. She noted that S&F had worked on the 2005 self-study last year. She thought it was a good year to reflect on how governance should look. She noted that other Senate's do celebrate their 50th anniversary. She asked for suggestions about what folks would want to do to celebrate this. She suggested including student governance to have a general conversation about governance on campus. The Statewide Senator noted that the Statewide Senate had recently done a 50th celebration and described it. The Chair wanted to aim for some kind of event in the Spring. A member suggested that the event be a fundraiser for something such as student scholarships. The Chair said she would check with Development.

Senate Agenda

There was a discussion about creating a time in the Senate to have general discussions about issues people want to discuss at the Senate. She suggested using a Committee of Whole to do this. There was discussion and there were many suggestions. The Chair decided to come back with an idea that was more structured based on the input she received. The President offered that the Senate reflect on what its purpose is. It was decided to review the Senate Constitution at the first Senate meeting during the Chair's report.

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Margaret Purser

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes – 5/9 - emailed

Correspondences

Special Report: Professional Development Subcommittee report

Consent Items: End of Year Reports – Senate, FSAC; S&F
Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status - attached

BUSINESS

1. Crash Course in Robert's Rules

2. Group Photo

Approved.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom