

Academic Senate Minutes

September 29, 2005
3:00 – 5:00 Commons

Abstract

Chair Report. Agenda amended and approved. Minutes of 9/15/05 approved. Update on WASC. Excellence In Teaching Awards tabled. Program Review Protocol – First Reading. Resolution endorsing Statewide Senate Resolution: Proposition 76: State Spending and School Funding Limits approved. Resolution Endorsing CSU Statewide Senate Resolution (AS-2714-05/FA) Re-Affirmation of Prior Actions and Statements on Merit Pay – First Reading. Questions for President. Reports from Executive Vice President of Associated Students, Chair-Elect, Statewide Senators, EPC, FSAC, SAC and APC.

Present: Elizabeth Stanny, Elaine McDonald, Melanie Dreisbach, Edith Mendez, Robert McNamara, Catherine Nelson, Rick Luttmann, Carolyn Epple, Noel Byrne, Birch Moonwomon, Michael Pinkston, Steve Wilson, Kristen Daley, Elizabeth Martinez, Robert Coleman-Senghor, Robert Train, Tim Wandling, Liz Thach, Steve Cuellar, Bob Vieth, John Kornfeld, Raye Lynn Thomas, Tia Watts, Murali Pillai, Richard Whitkus, Sam Brannen, Wanda Boda, Theresa Alfaro-Velcamp, Myrna Goodman, Melinda Milligan, John Wingard, Sandra Shand, Marguerite St. Germain, Ruben Armiñana, Lindsey Simoncic, Greg Tichava, Art Warmoth, Perry Marker, Doug Jordan

Absent: Glenn Brassington, Carlos Ayala, Bruce Peterson

Proxies: Jan Beaulyn for Bruce Peterson, Sue Hayes for Carlos Ayala

Guests: Rose Bruce, Ian Hannah, E. Sundberg, Carol Blackshire-Belay

Report of the Chair

E. Stanny reported that the case law has not arrived for the first business item.

Approval of Agenda – Request to add Resolution endorsing Statewide Senate Resolution: Re-Affirming Opposition to Merit Pay. *Approved*. Motion to postpone first item to next meeting. Second. *Approved*.

Approval of Minutes of 9/15/05 – *Approved*.

Update on WASC

E. Sundberg reported that the final edits have been made to the Institutional Proposal. She thanked the committees and individuals who sent in comments regarding the proposal and they are now on the SSU portfolio website: <http://www.sonoma.edu/aa/portfolio/comments.shtml>. We will have a conference call with WASC at the end of November for their feedback on our

proposal. The next stage is to engage in a review of the four WASC standards that will involve the Senate and its committees. The final form of the institutional proposal will be posted on the portfolio.

Excellence In Teaching Awards – S. Hayes

S. Hayes introduced the item. She described what FSAC had been charged to do with the policy last year. She also noted that concerns had been raised by R. Luttmann that seemed appropriate for the committee to respond to and asked that the item be taken off the table at this point. **Motion to refer back to FSAC. Second. *Approved.***

R. Luttmann reviewed his concerns about the policy.

Program Review Protocol – First Reading – P. Marker

P. Marker introduced the item. He stated that this was a carry over from last year. The policy was referred back to EPC to deal with specific paragraphs that were contentious at the last Senate meeting. EPC revised the language under question.

Questions and discussion.

The Chair requested that if any Senators wished to bring amendments for this document to the second reading to please bring them in writing and/or circulate them on Senate-Talk.

First reading completed.

Resolution endorsing Statewide Senate Resolution: Proposition 76: State Spending and School Funding Limits – First Reading – attachments – R. McNamara

R. McNamara introduced the item. He noted that the LAO's office analysis of the Proposition was included in the packet.

R. McNamara moved to waive the first reading. Second. *Approved.*

Second reading –

R. McNamara stated that the Statewide Senate thought it was important to re-state their position since the Chancellor has not taken a public stance yet. Senator McNamara was concerned that the Proposition centered on the powers it grants to the Governor in fiscal emergencies. He felt it was important to be on record on this matter.

It was asked if it only affected K-12. R. McNamara responded that it affects the whole budget.

A Senator questioned the Senate making a political statement. Various Senators expressed their viewpoints about why it is appropriate for the Senate to do so.

Motion to change language about how the Senate is referred to in the resolution – use the Academic Senate of Sonoma State University. Second. Question called. Second. Approved. Vote on motion – *Approved*.

Motion to amend first resolved paragraph - RESOLVED that the Academic Senate of Sonoma State endorse the CSU Statewide Senate Resolution “opposing.” Second. *Approved*.

Motion to endorse the Statewide Senate resolution opposing proposition 76 – *Approved*.

Resolution Endorsing CSU Statewide Senate Resolution (AS-2714-05/FA) Re-Affirmation of Prior Actions and Statements on Merit Pay – R. McNamara (attachment handed out at meeting)

R. McNamara stated that this resolution was sent out on Senate-Talk. He reported that even though the collective bargaining process has produced a cost of living increase, merit pay is still on the table. He drew the body’s attention to a couple of points in the document – 1) that the 1997 Task Force on Merit Pay recommended that merit pay not be introduced until the CPEC pay gap was closed and 2) that merit pay take the form of bonuses or additions to base pay or both. He also noted that the resolution said that merit pay should include all faculty including lecturers.

Discussion.

Motion to waive first reading. Second.

There was discussion regarding waiving the first reading.

Vote on waiving the first reading. *Failed*.

The Chair noted that the Mayor of Rohnert Park will be visiting the Senate at the next meeting and there will also be a Faculty/Staff Housing report.

First reading concluded.

Reports

President’s Report – R. Armiñana

No report.

Questions for the President

A Senator asked what the technical difficulties are with the parcel of land between the university and Rohnert Park.

The President responded that it is the interpretation of Rohnert Park city manager that their general plan prohibits extending services beyond the urban growth area. We are not asking for services from the city of Rohnert Park. What we are asking from the city of Rohnert Park is a connection between Santa Rosa and Rohnert Park. He said it may come down to a jurisdiction issue.

Executive Vice President of Associate Students – L. Simoncic

L. Simoncic introduced Sara Statler who is a Senator from the School of Arts and Humanities and will be attending the Academic Senate. L. Simoncic updated the body on the Associated Student's resolution to challenge the other CSU's to raise money for hurricane Katrina. She reported that SSU raised \$8000 which will be donated to the Red Cross. (applause)

Chair-Elect Report – E. McDonald

E. McDonald reported that the Associated Students resolution requesting voting rights on Senate committees was referred to Structure and Functions. They will be reviewing that question. They are also working on the policy on Faculty Consultation in Budgetary matters.

Statewide Senators – C. Nelson, R. McNamara

C. Nelson noted that the GE conversation is going on all over the CSU and not just on our campus. The Academic Affairs Committee of the Statewide Senate and the Chancellor's GE Advisory Committee are conducting a joint review of Executive Order 595, which was issued 25 years ago and includes the direction about the GE component of the Baccalaureate. She enumerated the tasks of the review. They are doing this at the direction of the Chancellor in regards to the 22 "points of light." She noted some comments made at the Senate regarding this review. She also reported on a first reading of resolution to re-affirm that individual campuses have control over their academic calendars in consultation with Academic Senates.

R. McNamara reported that an ad hoc committee has been set up for oversight of the new Joint Doctorate in Education. He reminded the body of the faculty trustee and that Senators could provide input to him regarding the merit pay issue. He also reported about the issue of double majors and whether two degrees would be given at graduation.

A Senator asked if the upper division GE units that are required were discussed. C. Nelson responded that no, they only talked about what they were going to do. She suggested checking the minutes of the committee. http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/Academic_Affairs/index.shtml. They plan to take an entire academic year to discuss it.

EPC report – P. Marker

P. Marker reported that S. Von Meier, FYE Coordinator, came to the committee to announce the names of the people who will be planning and ultimately teaching in the FYE pilot. That announcement will be made campus wide soon.

A Senator wanted clarification that neither EPC nor the Senate has approved the program.

A Senator said that the faculty on the committee, of which he was one, are clear that they will be bringing a proposal to the Senate.

A Senator asked if EPC could provide the information about what the planning committee will cost.

P. Marker responded that the Provost is coming to EPC to talk about those issues. The Senator asked for a full report from EPC.

Another Senator asked the Chair to request a report from the Provost about the current status of the FYE pilot.

A Senator asked if EPC reviewed the applications for the committee. P. Marker responded that the GE subcommittee reviewed the applications. The Senate asked how many of the applicants had experience teaching freshman seminar or area A courses. P. Marker did not know. He offered that the Chair of the GE subcommittee could report on that. A student Senator commented that she also sat on the GE subcommittee and that such experience was taken into consideration as well as many other things.

A Senator said that if the assumption is that these faculty will be teaching in the program, that is a personnel issue and students would have a say, but not a vote.

The student said she did not vote.

The Chair said she would ask the Provost about this question.

A Senator noted that in the Senate by-laws that the GE subcommittee is not a hiring committee.

FSAC report

S. Hayes reported that FSAC did get their response to the WASC report in. FSAC is trying to codify Judith Hunt's knowledge on faculty hiring and soon the body will see a leaner and meaner version of the course outline policy.

SAC report

D. Jordan reported that the Advising Survey is close to completion. They are also working on a Priority Registration policy.

APC report

A. Warmoth reported that APC agreed to have himself and Robert Girling co-chair the committee. A. Warmoth will attend the Senate for APC.

A Senator asked about rumors that the Provost wants to do away with APC.

A. Warmoth said APC had a very complicated conversation with the Provost and there was some sense of some need to reassess the function of the committee in terms of the University Strategic plan and the Academic Affairs Strategic Plan, but the committee has no intention of doing away with itself.

A Senator said the Provost was presenting the challenge of aligning APC's activities with the other planning activities on campus in a way that is visible to outside institutions.

A. Warmoth said the Provost was very clear about the need for broader faculty by-in for the strategic planning going on. It was not clear how that would happen, but it was desirable. There was a discussion of the difference between collaboration and shared governance as well.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom