

**Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 2009
Broome Library, Rm. 1360
Minutes**

Attendance

Virgil Adams, Mary Adler, Simone Aloisio, Julia Balén, Terry Ballman, Bob Bleicher, Geoffrey Buhl, Catherine Burriss, Renny Christopher, Tracylee Clarke, Bill Cordeiro, Colleen Delaney-Rivera, Amy Denton, Dennis Downey, Jesse Elliott, Therese Eyermann, Marie Francois, Scott Frisch, Jorge García, Nancy Gill, Debi Hoffmann, Tiina Itkonen, Karen Jensen, Antonio Jiménez-Jiménez, Jacquelyn Kilpatrick, Kristen LaBonte, Jill Leafstedt, Daniel Lee, Steve Lefevre, Kathryn Leonard, Alex McNeill, Brad Monsma, Andrew Morris, Dennis Muraoka, Joanna Murphy, Dawn Neuman, Laura Newton, Luda Popenhagen, Sue Saunders, Peter Smith, Stephen Stratton, Elnora Tayag, Kaia Tollefson, Eric Toshalis, Ashish Vaidya, Billy Wagner, Amy Wallace, Greg Wood.

Call to Order

-2:39 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

-m/s, D. Hoffman, G. Wood-approved

Approval of the Minutes of February 24, 2009

-m/s, -approved

Intent to Raise Questions

- Eric Toshalis asked: “Given the ubiquity of smoking near many of our campus buildings, including the Broome Library and Town Center, could the proper authority please describe what the regulations are regarding smoking near university or state buildings, especially when those buildings contain open patios and food/drink being served? Additionally, could said authority also describe what measures are being taken to guarantee compliance with such regulations?”
- Response was: “Cindy Derrico is convening a committee to address our smoking policy on campus. While we have a policy, it has not been formally approved, and the Chancellor’s policy last addressed smoking in 1993!
- There is a published “policy” on the web, it says that smoking closed than 50 feet from buildings is not allowed. It is enforced if police see people smoking within 20 feet of buildings (state law).”
- Tina Itkonen asked: “A question about rides to University Glen for faculty teaching late night courses. She wonders why the security golf carts only escort faculty who live in U Glen as far as the first roundabout.”
- Ray Porras responded: “I would be more than happy to expand the Safety Escort Program to include University Glenn if a funding source can be identified. Just in case you did not know, Parking Services is an auxiliary department which should be reimbursed for services rendered to any department or organization.

- In conversation, Mr. Porras also emphasized that faculty and students are escorted to the edge of campus: University Glen is a separate entity.”

New Questions

Simon Aloisio asked if President Rush would sign the President’s Climate Committee. The text of his question is as follows:

“The Presidents Climate Commitment (<http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/>) is pledge made by university presidents to exercise leadership in mitigating climate change by adopting, implementing, and sharing a comprehensive plan to become climate neutral as soon their campus determines this is possible.

As of this morning, 617 university presidents have signed the Commitment; including all of the University of California campus presidents, five CSU campuses, and many community colleges in the state.

As a growing university, it should be easier and less costly for CSUCI to meet the goal of climate neutrality than many of these other campuses; because we can use new technology to build in efficiency and conservation.

I invite all faculty, students, staff, and administrators to examine the PCC critically. I especially encourage President Rush, to read and understand the Commitment before answering the following questions:

Will President Rush sign the President's Climate Commitment?

If not, specifically, which parts of the Commitment is he opposed to, and why will he not sign it?”

Report from President Richard Rush

-The President stated he believed the smoking issue was being vetted by the unions.

R. Christopher clarified the policy never completed the meet and confer process.

-The President indicated he would be speaking with R. Porras about locating a funding source to be able to provide shuttles into University Glen to take residents home at night.

-The President reported on the state budget situation. Due to previously saving funds, this campus is doing okay in this time of budget cuts. Our situation will change if the CSU does not receive the expected \$10 million in stimulus funding, we may have to take an approximate \$800,000 cut. On May 19th, proposition 1A will be voted on and if it does not pass, we will be back in chaos and the state might go bankrupt.

-CPEC (California Postsecondary Education Commission) recently stated that higher education needed to be protected. Another study stated Californians were getting the best bang for their budget with California Higher Education.

-The President recently received the IPEDS (Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System) report which compares educational systems from state to state. The report states we have more student diversity, our fees are significantly lower than the national average, and our students seek almost 50% less in loans.

-We have also received the results of a survey done by NSSE (National Survey of Student Engagement). According to the survey, 67% of our students said their faculty

held them to high standards and were easy to get a hold of. Also, 89% of graduating seniors stated they would choose this school again if they were to start over. NSSE also compared Carnegie institutions which compared our school against 14 other schools. In this comparison, our juniors and seniors ranked us above the other 14 universities.

-The President will be attending a board meeting next week where they will be discussing the land transfer of the 375 acres adjacent to the campus. The President would like to create an accessible recreation area that will serve as a buffer for the campus for many years to come.

-The National Board for campus compact will be held here in October.

-Lastly, in an illustration of student initiative and success, our campus sailing club competed last month in the Harbor Cup Invitational and placed third against such teams as USC, the US Coast Guard, the Naval Academy, and the California Maritime Academy. Our students represented us well.

Report from Provost Dawn Neuman

-No Report

Report from AVP Renny Christopher

-A new salary program is being implemented. R. Christopher gave the background on the development of the proposed *Equity plan* which is in mediation right now. She also informed everyone of the process for the *Post-promotion plan* and indicated that those eligible have already been notified.

Report from the Senate Chair

-Chair Hartung informed everyone that elections are coming up on April 1st, there will be a number of positions available, so please nominate yourselves or others. She recommended having one committee chair as opposed to two co-chairs for some of the key committees.

-She reminded current sitting Chairs of committees that there are only two additional Senate meetings left in the semester so please forward any business you would like taken care of by the end of this semester.

-The next meeting will be held in the brand new Martin V. Smith Decision Center and coffee and cookies will be provided compliments of the Provost's Office.

First Reading Items

SP 08-14 Sabbatical Leave Policy

-m/s

-B. Bleicher spoke about the proposed changes indicating the main change is in ranking meritorious applications into three categories.

SP 08-15 Policy to Create an Institute for Economic Research

-m/s- D. Lee, S. Stratton-S. Burriss suggested a friendly amendment, to amend the title to "Institute for Global Economic Research."

-She was reminded it was a first reading item and could not be amended at this time.

-E. Toshalis asked about the differences between an Institute and a Center. He also inquired if this would be the process for future Institute proposals?

-C. Burriss replied that the Committee on Centers is currently drafting new procedures for proposing and recommending new Centers and Institutes, they hope to have those completed by the end of this year. They are also working on defining the difference between Centers and Institutes.

Second Reading Items

SP 08-12 RTP Policy (modifies SP 07-21)

-The document has been cleaned up and streamlined.

-B. Bleicher made a friendly amendment to section L, letter K, should read “and for tenured-associated professors seeking promotion” referring to supplying additional peer reviews to the file.

-J. Elliott stated he felt once a year was too much.

-S. Clarke added that once a faculty member has been promoted, his abilities as a professor have already been proven.

-There was discussion about whether or not to require the same of tenured faculty as well.

-The motion was seconded.

-There was further discussion about including tenure track faculty as well.

-There was further discussion about the pros and cons of this requirement.

Vote on amendment taken by show of hands:

Yes: 13

No: 16

Abstain: 5

Amendment defeated

Vote on amended RTP policy as originally proposed:

Yes: 36

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Policy passes

SP 08-13 Academic Calendar 2011-2012

-J. Kilpatrick stated she was sorry to see Spring break moved up a week.

Vote on Calendar:

Yes: 37

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Policy passes

Modification to the Senate By-Laws: Article IV

-There are three proposed changes and they will be voted on separately.

-Chair Hartung reminded everyone that changes to the By-laws required a 2/3 majority.

-The first item to be voted on will be the proposed Senate meeting time change to 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

-M. Adler stated this time change would exclude faculty who teach beginning 4 p.m. and on.

-There was a question about whether or not the meeting time and day needed to be specified in the By-laws.

-Chair Hartung explained that it did need to be specified because many other meetings are planned around the Senate meeting dates and times.

-G. Buhl expressed concern about voting on By-law changes with the number of senators currently in the room.

-Quorum was checked and it was verified that we had 41 senators in the room which was enough to establish quorum.

Vote on the By-law change was taken by the use of clickers:

Yes: 11

No: 22

Abstain: 3

Proposed change fails

-B. Bleicher asked what the total number of voting senators was?

-R. Christopher replied that we have 87 voting senators.

-at this time several senators left and quorum was lost at 3:54 p.m.

Informational Items

Report from the SRT Task Force

-Brown bags will be offered on March 18 and April 2 to discuss the results.

Report from the Search Coordinating Committee

-Brown bags have been held and the survey results are being tallied.

Other Reports/Announcements

-J. Balen invited everyone to listen to the campus chorus perform. She is also selling candy as a fund raiser.

-J. Balen also invited everyone to attend the Cesar Chavez events scheduled for April 1st and 2nd, she reviewed the upcoming events.

-Everyone was invited to attend the Faculty Accomplishment Celebration scheduled for April 2nd.

-J. Yudelson spoke on behalf of CFA reminding everyone that we are underfunded.

Everyone is invited to a presentation on April 10th where workload issues will be addressed. Elections for the Executive Board will be coming up soon, please consider running, we currently have 195 members which puts us in 3rd place throughout the CSU.

Adjourn

-4:02 p.m.