

Executive Committee Minutes

March 17, 2005

3:00 – 5:00 Sue Jameson Room

Present: Melanie Dreisbach, Jan Beaulyn, Elizabeth Stanny, Catherine Nelson, Elaine McDonald, Brigitte Lahme, Sam Brannen, Ruben Armiñana, Susan McKillop, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Robert Coleman-Senghor, Tim Wandling

Absent: Eduardo Ochoa

Guests: Steve Winter, Jonah Raskin, Santos Torres

Chair's Report

M. Dreisbach handed out the policy on Special Studies Courses to help make faculty aware of the policy as it will now be enforced.

Issues raised by the body:

Whose policy is this? Is it system-wide or campus specific?

Can the fact that more errors have been found this year be correlated to not having a paper catalog?

Is there any pedagogical reason for not allowing lower division students to do special studies? What was rationale for the original policy?

Is the policy compatible with our pedagogical practices and values?

What is the rationale for maximum units for Special Studies?

Motion to refer to EPC Special Studies policy to address issues raised by the Executive Committee. Second. *Approved.*

Resolution of Support for SRJC faculty – J. Raskin

J. Raskin introduced the resolution. After discussion, it was approved to go to the Senate.

Math Single Subject Prep program – E. McDonald

E. McDonald explained that new standards drove the need for change in the Math program although they had been considering similar changes before the new standards. EPC approved the changes unanimously. She requested the item to be placed on the consent calendar. *Approved.*

Program Review Protocol – E. McDonald

E. McDonald reported that the Protocol was approved unanimously in EPC. She reviewed the Protocol.

It was requested that the old protocol go forward to the Senate with the new protocol.

A rationale was requested for the shift of focus in the Program Review.

It was approved to send forward to the Senate.

President's Report

R. Armiñana reported on two presentations given to the Board of Trustees. Running through the Trustees discussions is the question of retention and graduation. He passed out a handout "The California State University Campus Efforts to Facilitate Graduation" and discussed it. He passed out "Maintaining CSU's High Quality of Instruction" and discussed it. He stated that he thought campus issues can be illuminated by looking at the larger system picture.

Questions for the President

Clarification was requested on whether the impact of marginal cost growth money on campus would be positive.

The President responded that under the present rules, the marginal cost formula would be positive. The LAO wants to change the rules and deflate the present formula.

The Vice President of Administration and Finance stated that the marginal cost formula is good for SSU as our curriculum is less expensive to teach.

The Statewide Senator reviewed the information she gained at the subcommittee on budget of the Senate Committee on Higher Education concerning marginal cost formulation methodology.

The President noted that the LAO is an agent of the Legislature.

Concern was voiced about student fees being raised 10% per year.

The President said that the increase in fees will continue until a specific ratio is reached and then will only be increased due to inflation.

The President was asked how SSU will respond to the need for better career counseling.

The President state he thought that in the Freshman Year Experience there would be a discussion about the relationship between majors and careers.

Handwriting was noted on a page of one of the reports. Whose opinion was expressed in this note?

The President said it was the LAO's opinion, specifically that the Legislature would decide what to do with new revenue from fees in the CSU. The model that the LAO is following is similar to the community colleges.

What features will we be able to retain as we grow given our residential campus in terms of minors, double majors, international education, etc. Statistics were requested regarding the loss of students because they do not have early declaration of major.

The President noted that nationally there is increased pressure to justify why comprehensive public institutions graduate less than half of their students over a six year period. Is there something structurally that keeps half of the population from achieving their stated goal. Is that an effective use of state resources. This is regardless of what the mission of any institution is.

Statewide Senator Report

S. McKillop presented a resolution from Cal Poly regarding proposed retirement plan modifications.

Motion to bring resolution from Cal Poly forward to Senate. Second. Approved.

Chair will edit resolution for appropriateness for SSU Senate.

Chair-Elect Report

E. Stanny passed out a handout showing the voting analysis for the 2005 election. The Senate self-study continues. They are working on the Periodic Review of Administrators policy and Faculty Consultation on Budgetary Matters policy.

The Chair-elect was asked about the status of the Assessment committee.

The Chair-Elect responded that Structure and Functions has not had time to look at it yet, but it is on the agenda.

Vice President of Administration and Finance

L. Furukawa-Schlereth reported on conversations with the Provost about getting IDC dollars back to the School of Education, Social Sciences and Science and Technology. Endowment earnings are becoming an important part of operating budgets. Markets are recovering, they are working to create

a rational model of distribution of endowment earnings. Technology security is becoming a major issue. Chico was hacked very severely. He will return at some time with more on this issue.

S. Brannen asked about faculty back paychecks regarding summer school teaching.

The Vice President did not know. The President said they have a deal in principle, but nothing is in writing.

Senate Agenda

Report of the Chair of the Senate - Melanie Dreisbach

Correspondences:

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes 3/10/05 – emailed

Math single subject prep program

SPECIAL GUESTS: Trustee Roberta Achtenberg and Statewide Academic Senate Chair David McNeil

☛ Ongoing report: Update on WASC

BUSINESS

1. Resolution of Support for SRJC faculty - J. Raskin – First Reading - attachment - T.C. 4:15
2. Program Review Protocol – E. McDonald – First Reading – attachment T.C 4:30
3. Resolution regarding Proposed Modification in Retirement Plans – M. Dreisbach - attachment

Approved.

Good of the Order

Social for the Executive Committee – Friday, May 20th Bob Coleman-Senghor's home

APC report

APC is creating a subcommittee on Assessment and requested Structure and Functions help with membership. The Chair requested the APC bring

forward a written proposal with the committee charge at a subsequent meeting.

Meeting extended for five minutes.

SAC report

B. Lahme passed out a revision to the flow chart of the Student Grievance Procedure showing changes suggested by the Academic Freedom subcommittee Chair.

EPC report

E. McDonald requested that if anyone had curriculum changes coming up they should contact her soon to get scheduled. They are working on the GE program. The second reading of the GE proposal will be next Thursday and is an open meeting. The time certain for it is 11:10-12:10.

Motion to ask Steve Orlick to make his presentation to the Senate. Second.

Motion to extend 5 minutes. Second. Failed.

Motion will be discussed at next meeting.

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom