

Senate Executive Committee
November 4, 2010
3:00 – 4:15, Sue Jameson Room

Abstract

Agenda approved. Minutes of 10/7/10 approved. Chair Report. President Report. Provost Report. Chair-Elect Report. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report. EPC Report. FSAC Report. Associated Students Report. Revision to the Formal Dispute Resolution Policy approved for Senate agenda. Faculty Retreat/Spring Convocation discussion. Senate agenda approved. Committee moved to Executive Session.

Present: John Wingard, Art Warmoth, Margaret Purser, Ben Ford, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Richard Senghas, Jennifer Mahdavi, Sam Brannen, Saeid Rahimi, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Ruben Armiñana, Elaine Newman, Susan Moulton, Maria Hess

Absent: Catherine Nelson, Andy Merrifield

Guests: Steve Wilson, Alex Boyar

Approval of Agenda – Request to remove Course Repeat Form and Course Repeat policy from the agenda. Approved.

Approval of Minutes of 10/7/10 – Approved.

Chair Report – J. Wingard

J. Wingard announced that the Emeritus Faculty Dinner would be happening the next evening and 90 people had given their RSVP.

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana reported that the state deficit was over \$12 billion and noted that the new Governor and Legislature would have challenges ahead. He did not know how that would affect the CSU. A member asked about the student fee hike being considered by the Board of Trustees. The President responded that the next week the Board of Trustees Finance Committee would hear from the Chancellor about two fee increases, one 5% as of January 1, 2011 and then 10% more beginning in the Fall of 2011. If the Finance Committee accepts it, then the Board of Trustees would vote on it. He noted the University of California was planning roughly the same thing. The student rep asked what the difference was between fees and tuition. The President said there was not much difference to the students, however he noted issues between national universities and the GI Bill influence.

Provost Report – S. Rahimi

S. Rahimi noted that the campus target of 7420 had been sent to the Chancellor's office for approval. The Chancellor was scrutinizing all campus plans for this year's targets. He thought next year the target would be 7474. The Chair asked about the relationship between FTES and capacity. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said around 7400 FTES put the campus over capacity. He noted that some areas that were not designated as instructional space were being used as such. A member asked if there were issues about being over capacity. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said it was good to be over capacity when asking for a new building. But being over capacity made it hard on the Scheduler. A member asked about what new buildings he was referring to – the new Professional Programs building or the GMC? L. Furukawa-Schlereth said both were needed to reach the capacity for the growth planned for the campus. The President noted that a bond issue was required and that would not be available until 2012. The Provost reported that the new enrollment caps would be 10 units for registration one, 20 units for registration two and during add / drop, students could register for more.

Chair-Elect Report – B. Ford

B. Ford reported that the Senate member who was sitting on the ASI Senate was unable to complete her term, so the Chair had agreed to be the rep to the ASI Senate for the remainder of the year. He said at the next Executive Committee meeting, he would be bringing forward from S&F by-laws changes for the emeritus representative to the Senate and a small change to proxies.

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

L. Furukawa-Schlereth reported that at the last Senate meeting, the budget presentation assumed a 10% fee increase from the Board of Trustees, but it was turning out to be only a 5% increase. That left an approximately \$500,000 deficit in the budget plan. He said that would be offset by the FTES projection and the fees coming from that. He said it would be a one time cut.

EPC Report – E. Newman

E. Newman reported that EPC was working on their internal procedures for looking at program reviews. They would be sending a memo to Senate about that once they were ready. She noted that J. Kornfeld convened a committee to look at University courses and they were due for a report at the next EPC meeting. University Standards was working on a revision to the course repeat policy. A member asked if diversity, sustainability and community engagement would be part of the program review process.

FSAC Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas reported that FSAC was working on clean up language for the RTP policy mainly concerning transcription of qualitative comments.

Associated Students Report – A. Boyar

A. Boyar reported that the AS voting area saw 300 students vote in the recent election. It was the most students they have had voting on campus so far. The AS was working on budget changes and approving their audit. He noted the first resolution before the AS was regarding the course outline policy. A member noted that the 300 students were really at the Cooperage for the Rick Luttmann fashion show. A member suggested having a mini “get advising” campaign due to the changes this semester. A. Boyar said he would suggest that to the AS President and that they could either put forward a resolution or use their new marketing director for a marketing campaign. He said he couldn’t promise anything, but would ask. The Chair of SAC said that the Academic Advising Subcommittee had promoted advising last time by doing an email blast, and maybe doing banners. They wanted November and April to be “advising months.” A member suggested that advising be more front-loaded and made fun as the Library had done with their 10th anniversary celebration. The Chair noted that other campuses found advising stations in the Library very effective. M. Lopez-Phillips said he had extra office space if anyone wanted to use it for advising. It was noted that some departments did group advising session.

Revision to the Formal Dispute Resolution Policy – J. Mahdavi

J. Mahdavi introduced the item. She noted the Fairness Board had been operating for two years and now was ready to make some changes to the policy to make it more workable and clear. She did an overview of the changes. There was some discussion. The Senate Analyst was commended for her work with the Board. **Approved for the Senate agenda.**

Faculty Retreat/Spring Convocation – J. Wingard

J. Wingard sent around a handout just for people to have something to respond to created from brainstorming about the event. He noted that Community Engagement seemed to be what most people were interested in. He discussed the idea of community engagement in terms of a possible SSU identity and noted it was a core academic objective. He went over the basic outline in the handout. There was discussion and suggestions were made. There was general support for the draft outline and for the event to have practical outcomes. J. Wingard asked for members to send their ideas to him via email.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – John Wingard
Correspondences
Consent Items:
Approval of the Agenda
Approval of Minutes 9/16; 10/14 – emailed

Special Report: SSU Preserves – Claudia Luke, Director of University Preserves TC 3:15

Special Report: Early Start Program, pt 2, - T. Stearns TC 4:05

BUSINESS

1. Revision to the Formal Dispute Resolution Policy – J. Mahdavi – First Reading – attached TC 3:35

Agenda approved.

The Chair then asked for the committee to move into an executive session. All the non-voting members of the committee departed.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström Vega