

ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, February 14, 2006
Training Room-University Hall
Minutes

Attendance: Virgil Adams, Mary Adler, Simone Aloisio, Sean Anderson, Harley Baker, Julia Balen, Terry Ballman, Frank Barajas, Anna Biesczad, Bob Bleicher, Bill Cordeiro, Manuel Correia, Maria Denney, Amy Denton, Beatrice de Oca, Therese Eyermann, Scott Frisch, Jorge Garcia, Ivona Grzegorczyk, Phil Hampton, Beth Hartung, Tiina Itkonen, Joan Karp, Jacque Kilpatrick, Jill Leafstedt, Steve Lefevre, Ted Lucas, Alex McNeill, Brad Monsma, Nancy Mozingo, Joan Peters, Tom Schmidhauser, Peter Smith, Steve Stratton, Barbara Thorpe, Ashish Vaidya, Kevin Volkan, Dan Wakelee, Amy Wallace, Ching-Hua Wang, Bill Wolfe, Cindy Wyels.

Call to order

-2:50 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

-approved unanimously

Approval of the Minutes from the last Senate Meeting (Dec. 13)

-approved unanimously

Intent to raise questions

Responses to previous questions:

-In response to the questions raised about the rising costs of student housing, Ed Lebioda, AVP for Student Affairs, responded as follows:

“Student housing is required to be a self support program. All expenses are to be paid from the revenue collected from room fees (students residing during the academic year) and summer conference fees (participants residing during the summer). Expenses include the bond payment which is based on the construction costs and finance fees, salaries (full-time staff, resident assistants, program assistants and desk staff), utilities, maintenance (facility and landscaping), furniture and programming to name a few. The Board of Trustees (BOT) also requires us to build a reserve fund for low enrollment years, capital improvements and future projects. The fees we charge the students are based on these factors. Unfortunately since we are new as a campus and in having housing we do not have facilities (rooms) which either have little or no bond payments due to offset other rooms with high bond payments. The rates we charge are set to be as low as possible yet provide the revenue required to meet the safety of our residents, our operating expenses and the BOT requirements.”

-In response to the questions raised about the leaf blowing, Deborah Wylie, AVP of OPC, responded as follows:

1. Q. Why do the leaves have to be picked up at all? Would it be possible to be more creative regarding the leaves and landscape; for example, deal with the leaves/landscaping every 10--14 days vs. every week.

- A. "We have maintained a basic level of campus appearance for some time that has proven acceptable to most people in appearance. We also remove leaves to limit how many blow onto walking surfaces to limit trip hazards."
2. Q. Would it be possible to involve more persons with disabilities to do the work?
A. "CSUCI has a groundskeeping staff that are all full-time employees. We also use the CA Conservation Corps to assist with these tasks. In addition, we have a contract with the County WTP (Work Training Program) that brings supervised crews of developmentally disabled adults to campus daily to assist with grounds keeping. This group is funded from the OPC budget with General Funds on an annual contract."
3. Q. What it be possible to collect the leaves earlier in the morning (before classes start)?
A. "The grounds keepers work weekdays from 7am to 4pm. They work to complete each area at one time (mow, then remove)."

New questions

- Hampton informed everyone that an agreement on Intellectual Property had been reached with the union and therefore the process for Indirect Cost Rates should now proceed.
- Anderson would like to know if the items placed in recycle bins around campus are actually recycled. Also, can bigger cans for paper recycling be placed in the various copy rooms?
- Frisch would like to know if the concerns regarding leaf blowing can be taken more seriously because it poses a serious problem when it comes to teaching.
- J. Peters would like to know if the Bell Tower bells can be made to ring every 1/2 hour instead of every 15 minutes so that they do not disrupt classes as often.
- Wang has recently been informed that no vacant units will be held by University Glen for incoming faculty, she would like to know who made that decision and when.
- Itkonen would like to know what the policy is regarding renting apartments to students in University Glen.

Report from the Provost

- There is a new enrollment target for Fall 06-07, it is 2350. We ask that you participate in *Discover CI*, scheduled on April 29, 2006, to help achieve the new goal. Students who have been accepted to the campus, but have not yet decided to enroll, will be invited to attend that day.
- Last year the Senate approved four "Mission Based Awards" which will be awarded at the Honors Convocation this year. The policy calls for the Provost to appoint a committee to review the submissions, if you would like to participate in the selection process, please forward your name to Phyllis Williams.
- A correction needs to be made to the Academic Master Plan which currently lists the B.A Chicano/Chicana Studies degree beginning in 2007, this degree will be moved to 2008 and the corrected Plan will be redistributed to everyone.
- The President reminds everyone to be customer service oriented with all students.
- Construction is scheduled to begin soon on the second phase of student housing.

Report from the Chair

-Ballman reported on her Statewide Chair meeting indicating that a major topic of conversation was graduation facilitation. A committee will also be formed to review General Education which has not been reviewed in approximately 25 years. Several campuses also expressed concerns about keeping Junior faculty with the low pay and high housing costs.

Reports from Senate Standing & Advisory Committees and Campus Committees and Boards

Senate Executive

-Discussed the proposed policy on Web Accessibility

Committee on Centers

-No Report

Committee on Committees

-No Report

Curriculum Committee

-Meet Wednesdays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Sage Hall.

Faculty Affairs

-will be forwarding items to Senate soon.

Fiscal Policies

-Have met a few times to listen to program presentations.

General Education

-Have been approving classes and will begin the GE review policy soon, beginning with section B.

Strategic and Tactical Planning

-they are planning to start meeting soon.

Student Academic Policies and Procedures

-will meet Wednesday, 2/15, at 2:00 p.m. in Sage Hall.

Academic Planning Committee

-Lefevre and Cordeiro will be Co-chairing the committee. They invite the University community to bring forth program proposals scheduled to begin after 2009.

University Planning and Coordinating Council (UPACC)

-Lucas and Cordeiro Co-Chair this committee which meets monthly. A sub-group has been created to oversee space utilization on campus. This committee will oversee future requests for space on campus and make decisions based on set priorities such as; safety, adequate instructional space, space for scholarship, research, etc...

New Business

Changes to Senate By-Laws: Elections of Senate Officers

-m/s Bleicher, Stratton-Ballman summarized the proposed changes to the By-laws which relate to the election process. The changes were submitted by Bill Cordeiro and Julia Balen. There was a request to add specific criteria regarding the number of votes needed to win the election.

Announcements

- Grzegorczyk invited everyone to attend the Business and Technology, scholarship fundraising dinner, scheduled on April 18, 2006, at the Reagan Library. Five scholarships will be awarded, the price for faculty is \$75 each and students are free.
- Grzegorczyk also invites submissions of student research projects, she is the designee for this campus to collect student submissions for the CSU Research Competition. Only 10 will be submitted by each campus and we already have more than 10 applicants.
- Mary Adler will be the key note speaker at the Ventura County Reading Association, scheduled for February 24, 2006.
- Cordeiro reminded the Discipline Search Committees to forward their recommendations to the Faculty-Wide Hiring Committees by February 24, 2006. He briefly reviewed the selection process and will email the specifics to everyone later. Cordeiro also commented that this year's process was cumbersome and he will be making a recommendation to eliminate the top level review for next year.
- Adler informed everyone that the yearbook staff is requesting submissions, from the campus community, on their memories of coming to the university. The deadline is March 1, 2006, please keep the submission under 200 words and forward to Adler.
- Everyone is invited to listen to Joan Silver, author, speak on April 3, 2006, in the Science Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

3:32 p.m.