

Senate Executive Committee Minutes
April 4, 2013
3:00 – 5:00, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Abstract

Agenda approved. Minutes of 3/14 approved. Chair Report. President Report. Questions for the Provost. APC Charge discussion. Statewide Senator Report. Vice Chair Report. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report. School of Extended and International Education policy referred. Resolution in Support of an SSU Statement on Civility and Tolerance approved for Senate agenda. Governance Porch Time Fall 2013. Question for the Chief Student Affairs Officer. APC Report. EPC Report. FSAC Report. SAC Report. Question for CFA President. Associated Students Report. Senate Agenda approved.

Present: Richard Senghas, Maria Hess, Andy Merrifield, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Ben Ford, Sam Brannen, Viki Montera, Deborah Roberts, Ruben Armiñana, Terry Lease, Catherine Nelson, Armand Gilinsky, Karen Thompson, Andrew Rogerson, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth

Absent: Margaret Purser

Guest: Anthony Gallino

Chair Purser was at a conference. Vice Chair Senghas chaired this meeting.

Approval of Agenda – Approved.

Approval of Minutes of 3/14/13 – Approved.

Chair Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas said he did not have a report from Chair Purser, but did report on discussions of the “repairing the base” issue. They were trying to identify what was needed to run Academic Affairs as it stood now and what was needed to offer what students would need to graduate in four years. He handed out a document from the PBAC on this topic.

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana said that they had been advised in the strongest terms by the Chancellor not to use the terms “repairing” or “restoring” when talking about the budget. He thought that the words needed to be about “moving forward.” The Governor and Legislature were not interested in repairing the past. The CFA President said that some people would continue to talk about it and noted that faculty lobbying Legislators for more money for faculty to teach were getting a receptive response by many in the Legislature. R. Armiñana discussed the State’s lack of interest in the past and argued that looking backwards had not been a good public policy strategy at all. He agreed that arguing to teach more courses was good, but should be focused on the needs now, not what used to be taught in the past. A

member that attended the lobby day said they had talked about it with Legislators as what was needed to move forward and did find some receptivity to that.

Questions for the Provost

A member asked for an admissions update. The Provost said they were caught up in processing and were expecting 1000 students for Seawolf Day, which was up from last year. They thought they would make target. A member asked about the issue of appealing an admission decision. The deadline to appeal was prior to Seawolf day and she thought it should be after that. The Provost said he was not aware of the issue, but would ask to extend the deadline.

APC Charge – D. Roberts

D. Roberts introduced the item by stating that APC had reviewed their charge several times and were still not clear what it meant. She noted that the strategic plan was over 3 years old. APC had thought about what would be useful in governance regarding academic planning. She asked what APC should be planning. She was concerned about going in directions that would upset people and she did not think governance wanted a committee that was always upsetting people. She asked what APC ought to be doing. A member asked for examples of what might upset people. D. Roberts said they could look at scheduling more systematically. She said that they wanted to feel useful to the organization and have goals. The Vice Chair noted that the Program Review Subcommittee would generate a summary report that would go to APC. A member suggested that APC retains its overarching viewpoint on items that are referred to it. The CFA President discussed how difficult it was to plan in the current environment and that perhaps APC did not need to meet all the time. A member suggested that perhaps APC needed to be a subcommittee, or they could re-write the charge to take on work of other committees. A member thought it was important for some body to have a long-range view for the university. A member suggested that APC could weigh in on diversity issues on campus. She thought APC was supposed to set out priorities for the institution. A member suggested that APC might consider the implications and opportunities of bringing a whole new population of students to the campus. They could also update the Long Range Academic Plan. A member suggested updating the mission statement. A member suggested APC work on online education and the paradigm shift in governance with the presence of ACT. D. Roberts thanked everyone for their ideas.

Statewide Senator Report – C. Nelson

C. Nelson asked the Executive Committee if they thought it was a good idea for the Senate to respond to SB 520, a very controversial bill. The first hearing was on April 24th. She offered to write a resolution. There was some discussion about whether a unified statement from the CSU would be more powerful. **The Executive Committee agreed to the request to have the Senate see a resolution.**

Vice Chair Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas reported that there was still no faculty member appointed to the Sustainability Committee and asked for members to talk it up. He passed out a paper copy of a new online newsletter for faculty governance initiated by the Senate

Analyst. This was in response to the survey about communication done during the recent election. He said the newsletter would come out about once a semester. He said any ideas or feedback were welcome.

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

L. Furukawa-Schlereth said he wanted some feedback on an idea. Initially, there had been discussion about having an exhibition garden at Prelude with the food being grown there served in the restaurant. Then a donor got involved, Whole Foods Supermarket, who thought that they might help finance the creation of this space and help to operate it. The CEO of Whole Foods brought with him several business owners that were farmers and other sustainable food businesses and the vision became larger. They thought perhaps there should be a large organic garden that would be connected to the university and combine healthy living with the curriculum in some fashion. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said he didn't want to go much further since the project was now in the curricular area. He didn't want to dissuade the donor, but wanted some guidance on how to move forward. The student rep said that he was very interested in this idea and talked about students who were already growing vegetables as a small business. The APC chair invited L. Furukawa-Schlereth to discuss the idea. There was further discussion that included cautions, shotguns, pigs, and a possible consultant. A member asked if the faculty/staff discount was still the same at the GMC. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said it had not changed. The member asked why, when building your own series, one had to pick six performances instead of four. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said he would find out.

School of Extended and International Education policy – D. Roberts

D. Roberts said SSU had some policies about the relationship between Schools or Departments with the School of Extended and International Education (SEIE). APC looked at the previous policies and Executive Orders about certificate programs. She noted there was some misunderstanding about how to propose courses or programs to SEIE and what some of the terms in SEIE meant, such as Open University or Special Sessions. APC had put together a policy that brought all this together in a comprehensive way. In the policy, there were some changes they were recommending such as non-credit certificate programs needing to go through the appropriate school curriculum committee and EPC. She asked the Executive Committee who else should see the new policy. She said Dean Merickel had seen it. She noted there were a lot of questions about budgets and SEIE, but this policy did not deal with that at all. It was referred to the Graduate Studies Subcommittee and EPC. There was discussion and specific feedback.

Resolution in Support of an SSU Statement on Civility and Tolerance – K. Thompson

K. Thompson said that the resolution was being co-sponsored by SAC and SDS. She noted that the Student Senate would be looking at it too. She said the general goals of the resolution were to educate other people about inappropriate behaviors, promote tolerance and build a more inclusive campus climate. There was some discussion. **It was approved for the Senate agenda.**

Governance Porch Time Fall 2013 – R. Senghas

R. Senghas said this idea was about having more social interaction between faculty involved in governance. This would happen after a Senate meeting in the fall. The Senate Analyst thought that having social time with all members of faculty governance and the student governance leaders would be very beneficial for governance in general. There was general support for this idea to go forward.

Question for the Chief Student Affairs Officer

A member asked who was in charge of the song sung at graduation. M. Lopez-Phillips did not know, but said he would find out. The President said that if someone wanted to change the song, they could work on it.

APC Report – D. Roberts

D. Roberts noted that the Sustainability committee was a subcommittee of APC and wondered what happened with that. It was clarified that the Sustainability workgroup of APC was still meeting and had put forward the idea for the Sustainability Executive Committee.

EPC Report – A. Gilinsky

A. Gilinsky said EPC was seeing a lot of unit reduction plans from programs. The AVP of Academic Affairs had to submit a report to the Chancellor's office about SSU's compliance with the 120 unit cap by April 30th. They were looking at a new certificate program in Music, which they wanted guidance about as soon as possible. They were looking at a discontinuance of a track in the MS in Nursing. They would be having an update from the Associate Vice President of Undergraduate Studies at their next meeting.

FSAC Report – V. Montera

V. Montera reported on FSAC's recommendations about the evaluation of courses and passed out a copy of the recommendations that FSAC gave to the President and had been approved. They were recommending that all courses be evaluated, except for courses with enrollments of 5 or below or contract courses. All policies regarding faculty evaluations would remain the same. FSAC was working closely with Faculty Affairs on the online SETE implementation and raising questions.

SAC Report – K. Thompson

K. Thompson reported that a sub-group of SAC was looking at priority registration applications. They would also be doing the required five year review of groups that do receive priority registration to make sure they still met the criteria or if they needed to re-submit. The faculty athletic director had approached SAC and FSAC with a procedure for proctoring exams off campus that appears to be problematic to both students and faculty. K. Thompson asked about the precedence of a governance committee telling a department that their procedure was inappropriate in some way. R. Senghas said that SAC and FSAC could work with the Provost's office to work out the protocol.

Question for CFA President – A. Merrifield

A member asked about summer chair pay. A. Merrifield said finally there would be summer chair pay based on a per diem of the chair's full pay. The Dean of the School would determine the number of days to be worked. There were minimum and maximum days that should be based on reasonable criteria. He said eventually that would be normalized.

Associated Students Report – A. Gallino

A. Gallino reported that the AS would be voting on a resolution about signage on the campus and he described a few upcoming resolutions. He said a faculty survey was going out about advising and would inform what the AS might say in terms of advising.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Margaret Purser
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes --3/28 - emailed
Correspondences

Consent Items: Candidates for Graduation - emailed

BUSINESS

1. Resolution in Support of an SSU Statement on Civility and Tolerance – First Reading – K. Thompson – attached
2. Resolution Urging Amendments to California SB 520, Steinberg (D-Sacramento) Creating the “California Online Student Access Platform” – First Reading – C. Nelson – attached

Approved.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom