

Senate Executive Committee Minutes

May 1, 2008

3:00 – 5:00, Commons

Present: Tim Wandling, Scott Miller, Susan Moulton, Art Warmoth, John Wingard, Thaine Stearns, Eduardo Ochoa, Robert McNamara, Edith Mendez, Maria Hess, Karen Thompson

Absent: Elaine Newman, Ruben Armiñana, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth

Guests: Steve Wilson, Birch Moonwomon

Approval of Agenda – time certain added for Ad-Hoc Committee at 4:15. No objections. Approved.

Minutes of 4/17/08 – Approved.

Chair Report – T. Wandling

The Chair congratulated the Provost for his standing as one of three finalists being considered for the position of President at San Jose State University. The Chair discussed how harrowing the Senate meetings have been lately and his frustration with Senators changing the agenda at the Senate. He asked the body if the Senate needed more explanation about how the agenda is set the way it is, including time certain. A member noted he has heard good things about how the Chair is handling the Senate. There was continued discussion about how things are handled at the Senate. A suggestion was made that other Senates populate their committees with Senators. Another member suggested that Senators are not reading their packets. There was more discussion about how to handle all the upcoming business of the Senate.

APC report – A. Warmoth

A. Warmoth reported that APC will be extending their report on the Core Academic Priorities and the proposal for a new academic unit into next year.

Provost Report – E. Ochoa

E. Ochoa reported on the question of impaction for SSU for first time freshman for '09-'10. He noted the Academic Council was urged to do this by the enrollment management people. He described the process of arriving at the decision to declare impaction for '09-'10. He noted the various opportunities available under impaction for the campus to use selective criteria for accepting students and to stay within target. He said they will need to have a pro-active plan for recruitment to continue a diverse student population. The Chair said he wanted to know who made the decision, and argued that the process is a problem, not the decision. He asked for a link to the impaction policy: (<http://www.calstate.edu/SAS/csureview/coverstory.shtml>). The discussion between the Chair and the Provost continued. The Provost noted that the decision to

declare impaction has been made, but the criteria that will be applied have not yet been decided. The Chair-Elect asked questions about how enrollment management works. The Chair relayed stories about freshman who are very frustrated by the enrollment process and are talking about leaving SSU. Another member also noted issues with registration and that the shooter drill was not well timed to be done during registration. The Provost said that this year was particularly difficult due to the uncertainty of the state budget. He described some of the strategies the Deans are using to deal with the schedule. A member also noted that University 150 is not showing up properly in PeopleSoft as a prerequisite for other courses, as it should. The meaning of impaction for the university and impaction for departments was clarified. The Provost noted that there is angst within the CSU about whether we can meet target and handle the cuts proposed by the Governor. He discussed his understanding of ideas that may be helpful, and though it was very fluid situation.

Statewide Senator Report – R. McNamara

R. McNamara suggested that the Executive Committee meet in the summer to discuss the budget situation after we see the May revise. The Chair noted that the PBAC now meets in the summer. R. McNamara also noted the Statewide Senate newsletter to the body. The Chair noted that in Arizona, a legislator is proposing that universities cannot teach courses that do not have “American values” and is going after organizations like MECHA. R. McNamara noted that the Faculty Affairs Committee of the ASCSU has already passed a resolution that asks for more attention to be given system-wide to area studies. It was clarified how a summer executive committee could be called.

The Chair suggested voting on the At-Large Senators at the end of the spring semester instead of the beginning of the academic year.

Chair-Elect Report – S. Miller

S. Miller reported that a group of faculty are now working on advocating filling the vacant position of the Site Manager and Education Coordinator at the Fairfield Osborn Preserve. He also noted that S&F is working on the policy about Faculty Representation on Search Committees. They are updating the names of positions in the policy and enfranchising SSPs and students more. The Chair of EPC asked if S&F has worked more on the definition of faculty. After much consultation, S. Miller said it is not something he wanted to pursue at this point. The Provost asked how the policy will stay current. S. Miller said they included a clause that says that S&F will review the policy every March. The Chair of EPC reminded the body that the question about faculty derived from a question about the Emeritus policy.

APC Report – A. Warmoth

A. Warmoth said he gave his report previously.

EPC Report – T. Stearns

T. Stearns said business is winding down in EPC. He is starting to instruct people who want to get on the EPC agenda to start in the Fall. They are working on program reviews and he noted that another program discontinuance is coming forward. A member asked if there was more that needed to be done to formally re-name the Mathematics Department to the Mathematics and Statistics Department. T. Stearns said yes, he needed to report that out at the Senate. The Chair thought that should be an information item to the Senate. The Chair asked about how the language for the VSA was going and asked that whatever language EPC decides on come to the Executive Committee.

FSAC Report – M. Hess

M. Hess reported that FSAC still has many things on their agenda. They have a call from APC to look at the Core Academic Priorities, which they will take up in the Fall. They have the policy and procedures of the Excellence in Teaching Award to revise. They are also going to work on bringing back the “front sheet” for advising. The SETEs have come before FSAC. The pressing issues are the Course Outline Policy and the RTP policy. She agreed that people may not be reading the packet judging from the discussions about the Course Outline Policy, which relate much more to ATI. She noted that FSAC is getting more comments on the RTP policy, comments which appear more editorial than substantive. Other than that, there are no other big questions coming. The body then began a considerable discussion about the RTP policy and how to deal with it in the Senate.

Ad-Hoc Committee Business – S. Moulton and B. Moonwomon

S. Moulton reported that the Ad-Hoc Committee has been talking about the Diversity resolution and received the suggestion to have a sunset clause on the proposed Diversity ad-hoc committee. She then introduced their resolution on shared governance. It was noted that the document they passed out was just a draft. She thought the resolution may not make it to the Senate, but wanted the discussion to begin in the Senate. The resolution also called for a revision of the existing Consultation Policy. There was discussion. S. Moulton thought that the shared governance materials could wait until the Fall.

Senate Agenda

There was discussion about how to handle the RTP revision and then a general discussion about all the items on the agenda. T. Stearns suggested that first readings receive 10 minutes instead of the usual 15. The FSAC chair asked for RTP to have an early time certain so that members of FSAC could also attend.

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Senate - Tim Wandling
Correspondences
Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda
Approval of Minutes - emailed

SPECIAL REPORT: Annual Academic Council on International Programs report – Robert Train T. C. 4:00

Information Item: EPC report on Math Department name change - attachment

➤ Update on WASC

BUSINESS

1. Nomination for At-Large Senators to Executive Committee – S. Miller – T.C. 3:05
2. Revision to RTP policy – Second Reading – M. Hess – policy emailed, FSAC amendments attached - T.C 3:10
3. Academic Freedom Policy – First Reading – M. Hess -- attachment T.C. 3:50
4. Constitutional amendment for faculty referenda –First Reading – S. Miller – attachment T. C. 4:15
5. APC recommendation: Schools to Colleges – Second Reading A. Warmoth - attachment (4/24 agenda) T. C. 4:25
6. Resolution Regarding Oath of Allegiance for State Employees – First Reading – T. Lease – attachment T. C. 4:35

7. *Ad-Hoc Committee business* -

Diversity Resolution – Second Reading – attachment
S. Moulton T. C. 4:45

Shared Governance

8. Course Outline Policy revision – Second Reading – attachment - M. Hess T. C. 5:05
9. Constitution and by-laws amendments for CFA and SAEM memberships – First Reading – S. Miller - attachment T. C. 5:15
10. Resolution re: Administration of College Learning Assessment - First Reading– T. Stearns (4/24 agenda)

Agenda approved.

Adjourned

Signed Laurel Holmström, Academic Senate Analyst

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