

Senate Executive Committee Minutes

December 2, 2010

3:00 – 5:00, Sue Jameson Room

Abstract

Agenda approved. Minutes of 10/21 approved. Chair Report. President Report. Chair-Elect Report. Vice President of SAEM Report. APC Report. FSAC Report. SAC Report. Associated Students Report. By-Laws change: Proxies referred back to S&F. By-Law change: Emeritus Representative to the Senate approved for Senate agenda. Geology department name change and revision approved for consent calendar. Statewide Senator Report. Senate agenda approved.

Present: Ben Ford, Sam Brannen, Art Warmoth, Susan Moulton, Jennifer Mahdavi, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Richard Senghas, Elaine Newman, Ruben Armiñana, Catherine Nelson

Absent: John Wingard, Saeid Rahimi, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Margie Purser, Andy Merrifield

Guests: Steve Wilson, Alex Boyar

The Chair was at a meeting of Statewide Chairs and the Chair-Elect presided over this meeting.

Approval of Agenda – Approved.

Minutes of 10/21/10 – Approved.

Chair Report – B. Ford

B. Ford talked about the University Retreat and noted the date was changed to 1/26/11. He said that meant the President could not be there, but hoped the Provost would be there for the President. The topic will be community engagement “at large.” He noted the invitation for poster session participants have been sent out and encouraged anyone with any kind of community engagement project to participate. He noted there would be a keynote speaker to kick off the day and other activities were still in the planning process.

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana reported that there was no word yet on a mid year reduction. The Governor was calling a special session of the Legislature in January to deal with this year’s shortfall of \$7 billion. No one knew if anything would come out of that. Then it would be up to the new Governor to submit his budget in February. He said there was uncertainty at all levels. The SAC Chair said they had heard in their committee that the funding for the Multicultural Center had been reduced and wondered if that was true. The President said he did not know anything about it.

Chair-Elect Report – B. Ford

B. Ford reported that Structure and Functions was re-writing the Representation on Search Committees policy so see if they could come up with something everyone could agree on.

Vice President of SAEM Report – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips noted the next orientation for transfer students was upcoming. He noted the retention rate appeared to be higher this year. He noted the campus was closed for applications for next year. They already had over 12,000 freshman applications. He thought that would help the campus make whatever target was planned for. He said they would still take paper applications for majors that can grow. He said the campus has the capacity to bring in 1900 freshman and the full amount of transfer and graduate students. The AS Rep asked about the demand for transition programs. M. Lopez-Phillips said the demand comes with fees, so they will be able to mount the courses needed. The Chair-Elect asked about the Spring admits. M. Lopez-Phillips said they were beating the bushes for admits hoping to reach the target for the Spring.

APC Report – A. Warmoth

A. Warmoth noted that APC didn't meet until next week. He said K. Estrada would be the senior co-chair next semester. He noted that the Chair and Provost were continuing to work on restructuring academic consultation.

FSAC Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas said FSAC was working on the clean up language for the RTP policy. He noted they were dealing with intellectual property issues and student disruptive behaviors. FSAC would be having a report from FSSP which would generate priorities in the faculty research area, that the Provost had requested, and he hoped to report on that at the Senate.

SAC Report – J. Mahdavi

J. Mahdavi reported that SAC was working on a disruptive students policy, the class attendance policy and the multicultural center and women's center. A member asked what the current disruptive student policy was. J. Mahdavi noted that the catalog had some language about student rights and responsibilities in class. It was noted that a policy would clearly articulate student rights as well as give tools to faculty members to be able to ask students to leave class. M. Lopez-Phillips provided some background on the intention of the disruptive student policy. The Chair of FSAC suggested not putting procedures in the policy.

Associated Students Report – A. Boyar

A. Boyar said what he was focusing on right now was student registration. He noted that the C3 category courses in GE were filled by the second day which was a major problem for seniors. He also noted a lack of seats in the capstone course for Political

Science major which was an issue he thought had been dealt with last year. A member asked if there were any complaints about articulation issues with JC courses as prerequisites. A. Boyar said he hadn't heard that complaint. Another member said she was having similar problems in her department. A. Boyar noted they had created a survey to find out exactly what issues with registration students were having. A member asked for information about registration holds. M. Lopez-Phillips said they tried to send out email notifications when holds were placed, but students had to check their seawolf email or look on PeopleSoft to see if they have any holds. There was a general consensus that the holds should be put everywhere so students can deal with them before registration. A. Boyar asked the Provost via email, if a list of graduating seniors could be generated and if it could be determined what courses they need and if those courses could then be made available. A. Boyar also reported on the Associated Students restructuring. They may divide the Senators into workgroups based on statewide issues, university affairs and internal affairs. He thought they would be able to do more work. They were also looking at restructuring leadership positions as well. They may move to one Senator from each School and then have special interest Senators, such as a diversity senator, a student affairs senator, etc. There was a discussion about how the AS viewed and practiced consultation with their constituencies.

By-Laws change: Proxies – B. Ford

B. Ford said the change to the by-laws would note that representative Senators would need to find a proxy from the same group they are representing. There was some discussion. It was suggested to broaden the idea of proxies to other members in faculty governance. There was a discussion of standing proxies. **Motion to refer item back to S&F to take a more comprehensive look at proxies. Second.** There was discussion. **Approved.**

By-Law change: Emeritus Representative to the Senate – B. Ford

B. Ford noted that the faculty approved the amendment to the Constitution for an Emeritus Representative to the Senate and Structure and Functions was now presenting the by-law language for that position. It was noted that the SSU ERFA Chapter was consulted with the by-law language and they approved it. **Approved for the Senate agenda.**

Geology department name change and revision – E. Newman

E. Newman introduced the item. She noted the BA in Geology was changing the name to a BA in Earth Science to attract more people to the major. They reworked the major and had letters from affected departments. It was approved at the Curriculum Committee and at EPC. **Approved for the consent calendar.**

The Chair asked if the Executive Committee was still comfortable with receiving curricular documents by email. An executive summary was suggested, but the EPC Chair did not want to ask departments to make a special document for the Executive Committee. There was more discussion and other ideas presented. **It was decided to bring two hardcopies of curricular items to the meetings and continue to send them out electronically to the members.**

Statewide Senator Report – C. Nelson

C. Nelson said she had just come out of a four-hour teleconference with the Chancellor's General Education Advisory Committee talking about the implementation SB 1440. One issue was about the whether or not the community colleges would include the Title V requirements for U.S. History and American Institutions. The community colleges seemed reluctant to do so because it was not in the legislation. There was conversation about the UC GE requirements that differ from the CSU and how to deal with international degrees. They also talked about the Statway program which would satisfy area B4 requirements for non STEM majors. She said faculty in the CSU had looked at the syllabi created by the community colleges and found them to be very close to the requirements of B4. The Carnegie Foundation would fund training teachers for these courses. A member asked whether the program would allow students to change their minds and pursue STEM majors. C. Nelson said they had discussed it, but how that would happen was not clear. A member asked how this program meshed with the Early Start program. C. Nelson said they did not discuss Early Start, because the Statway program was more about community colleges.

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AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – John Wingard

Correspondences

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes 10/28 – emailed

Geology program name change and revision - emailed

Special Report: University Recruiting Presentation – G. Flores & G. Geck TC 3:30

BUSINESS

1. GE Unit Policy – Second Reading – attachment on 10/14 agenda – E. Newman
TC 4:15
2. Revision to the Formal Dispute Resolution Policy – J. Mahdavi – Second Reading
– (attachment from 11/18 and new attached) TC 3:50
3. By-Laws revision: Emeritus rep to the Senate – First Reading – attached - B. Ford
TC 4:05

Approved.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom Vega