

Senate Executive Committee Minutes
September 20, 2012
3:00 – 5:00, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Abstract

Agenda Approved. Minutes of 9/6/12 approved. Chair Report. President Report. Department of Intercollegiate Athletics Off Campus Test Proctoring Procedures. APC's work with Extended Education discussion. Provost Report. Trustee's Committee on Educational Policy substitute agenda item resolution creation approved. Vice Chair Report. Senate agenda approved.

Present: Margaret Purser, Maria Hess, Viki Montera, Catherin Nelson, Andy Merrifield, Ruben Armiñana, Deborah Roberts, Ben Ford, Andrew Rogerson, Armand Gilinsky, Terry Lease, Sam Brannen, Karen Thompson, Richard Senghas

Absent: Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Matthew Lopez-Phillips

Guests: Anthony Gallino, Steve Winter

Approval of Agenda – item added – Department of Intercollegiate Athletics Procedures for Off Campus Test Proctoring. **Approved.**

Approval of Minutes of 9/6/12 – Approved.

Chair Report – M. Purser

M. Purser noted she attended the 50th anniversary celebration for Rohnert Park and as an anthropologist enjoyed noting the mayor showed up in his “traditional” Hawaiian kilt. The mayor said he was culturally appropriate because Clan Macadamia was one of his lineages. The Provost said that was not a “kilt,” but a “skirt.” She noted the city had an incredible map of the seed types of the original seed farm that was Rohnert Park.

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana reported on the recent Board of Trustee meeting. They approved some measures to take if Prop. 30 does not pass. The tuition would be increased by \$150 with no set aside for financial aid beginning in January. Out of state tuition would increase proportionally. If the Proposition does pass, the 9% increase of tuition would be cancelled and the students would receive some form of reimbursement for the Fall semester. They discussed three other fees that were supposed to affect student behavior, but that item was tabled until December. The Board discussed the retreated proposal to eliminate the 9 units of upper division GE. The President thought that was poorly handled by the CSU. Now they were moving towards a more rigorous enforcement of the 120 units degree requirement. A member asked what “more rigorous” meant. The President said they would require more rigorous criteria for exceptions, but they would still have exceptions.

Department of Intercollegiate Athletics Off Campus Test Proctoring Procedures – A. Gilinsky and S. Winter

A. Gilinsky provided background to the procedures and said a consensus of EPC members approved the document. There was debate in EPC about whether the document should cover all university situations. The upshot of that discussion was that it would encourage a great deal of possible misrepresentation, higher faculty workload and possible student grievances if the policy was not followed. S. Winter noted they were really just trying to deal with specific instances of athletes who may need to take a final, especially since the calendar had been moved up and many athletes would likely be in playoffs during finals week. There was further discussion regarding the relationship of these procedures to the attendance policy and specifics of the procedures as written. The EPC Chair argued that the item did not need to be brought to the Senate. S. Winter said Intercollegiate Athletics was open to input for making the document clearer for faculty.

APC's work with Extended Education – D. Roberts

D. Roberts reported that at the last APC meeting they had E. Sundberg in attendance to talk about their work with Extended Education and Online Education. E. Sundberg told them that it was inappropriate to call the work with Extended Education an MOU. D. Roberts said she was happy to call the document whatever was appropriate and wanted the Executive Committee's input. Arguments for making the document with Extended Education a policy were made to help codify the relationship between Extended Education and programs/departments. The EPC Chair proposed that it be called the Extended Education oversight and policy document. A member argued that the most important part of the discussion was how programs get managed or created. D. Roberts questioned why APC would do this work since procedures for curriculum creation and review already exist in Academic Affairs. The Chair argued to the committee that this probably was something that needed to be looked at by different Standing Committees. There was further discussion. **It was moved for the issues to be brought before ACT to revisit the scale and scope of the original charge to APC regarding Extended Education.** **Second.** There was some discussion. D. Roberts listed a few of the issues with Extended Education that she thought the faculty should bring forward to ACT. **Approved.**

Provost Report – A. Rogerson

A. Rogerson reported on enrollment and said there were 9033 students on campus this semester and enrollment was right on target. He said the average unit load was 13.6. He said it came to his attention that the campus was not putting out a consistent message on social media and that five years from now students will want to see a campus with its act together regarding social media. He had a lot of conversation on the campus and decided to name Merith Weisman as the coordinator of social media on campus as well as continuing in her role as the Coordinator of Community Engagement. There were questions for the Provost

about enrollment, the part time budget for faculty and whether he was still in favor of giving the departments budget allocations.

Trustee's Committee on Educational Policy substitute agenda item – C. Nelson

The Chair provided background on the item. The BOT had proposed eliminating the 9 units of upper division GE and then removed that and proposed a substitute item regarding the 120 unit cap as referenced in the President's report. She argued that the response from SSU could take two tracks – one, a response to the complete lack of consultation by the CSU with any faculty governance body and two, a response to the 120 unit cap item. She noted the Statewide Senate was also moving on this issue and their resolution was included in the packet. C. Nelson reported that the Statewide Senate Executive Committee, thoughtful responses from SSU and San Jose State, plus the faculty trustee all helped changed the item about eliminating the nine units of upper division GE. The 120 unit substitute item was literally given to the Statewide Senate abruptly and they did not have time to talk about it. The Statewide Senate Academic Affairs Committee drafted a resolution that she thought would be significantly changed. C. Nelson, after consultation, thought the most effective approach would be to take the proposal and suggest changes with good defenses. She thought the current proposal was likely to pass in November if it was not amended. She noted that only around 20% of programs would be impacted by the proposal and most of those had exceptions due to higher unit programs. She said the timeline in the proposal was the most problematic and unreasonable. There were also concerns about upper division GE. She noted the Title V language would give the Chancellor the ability to impose "academic remedies" on programs not changing to 120 units, which was very concerning. C. Nelson thought hitting hard on the consultation issue was a good idea. She thought the response to the actual proposal was more complicated. The Chair asked for timelines for response. C. Nelson thought a response would be needed by mid-October. A member proposed, at least, the timeline should be opposed. A member pointed out that Chancellor exceptions would end after this year. A. Merrifield argued the value of slowing it down and that he thought the BOT could possibly be affected by strong arguments and that the 120 unit change was being done in the name of efficiency, not in the name of the curriculum. A member argued that in the response it should be pointed out that different campuses might have different abilities to even respond to the 120 unit proposal. **It was decided that C. Nelson would draft a resolution about SSU's response to the timeline and the lack of consultation and it would be brought to APC, FSAC, EPC and SAC before it went to the Senate.** The Chair clarified that there was a short-term response and a long-term response. The long-term response would provide specific comments on the substance of the 120 unit proposal on the BOT agenda. The short-term response was the resolution proposed to oppose the timeline and lack of consultation. There was discussion about how to capture specific comments from programs over 120 units. B. Ford offered to gather those comments.

Vice Chair Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas reported that S&F recommended Rich Campbell and Stephanie Dyer for the Marketing Director of the GMC search committee. They recommended Jack Ou,

Brian Wilson, and Stephanie Dyer for the Development Director of the GMC search committee. **No objections.**

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AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Margaret Purser
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes – emailed
Correspondences

Information Items: End of Year reports from Senate, APC, EPC, Scholarship, AFS, PDS, Graduate Studies, SDS - emailed

Consent Items:

BUSINESS

1. Resolution Regarding CSU Board of Trustees' Committee on Educational Policy September 2012 Agenda item 3, Upper Division General Education Degree Completion, Information [Amended] – *final version forthcoming at Senate meeting* – draft and supporting materials attached – First Reading – C. Nelson and M. Purser

Approved.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom