

Senate Executive Committee
May 2, 2013
3:00 – 5:00, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Abstract

Agenda approved. Minutes of 4/18 amended and approved. Chair Report. Provost Report. Statewide Senator Report. Senate Budget Subcommittee Report. Structure and Functions Self – Study Report. Chair-Elect Report. Resolution in Support of War and Peace Lecture Series approved for Senate agenda. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report. Resolution in Support of a Gender and Sexuality Coordinator approved for Senate agenda. Chief Student Affairs Officer Report. APC Report. SAC Report. CFA Report. Return to Vice Chair Report. Associated Students Report. Sustainability Executive Committee Report. Return to SAC Report. Senate Agenda approve.

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

Absent: Viki Montera

Guests: Anthony Gallino, Melinda Milligan

The Chair welcomed everyone to the last Ex Com meeting of the year.

Approval of Agenda – Approved.

Minutes of 4/18 – amended and approved.

Correspondence – The Chair gave the floor to S. Brannen. S. Brannen said he had received a correspondence and was asked to bring it to the Ex Com. The item was a resolution about Africana Studies from CSU Long Beach. The Chair asked for it to be circulated.

Chair Report – M. Purser

M. Purser said that, as usual, it was unmitigated pandemonium at the end of the semester. She said the preliminary analysis of the survey about the Faculty Retreat was very interesting. She said the top response for a topic for the retreat was teaching and pedagogy. After that survey comments clustered around campus climate issues among faculty. She said all the data would be taken into consideration for planning of the Retreat.

Provost Report – A. Rogerson

A. Rogerson reminded the members about the \$10 million available from the Chancellor's office for proposals re-designing bottleneck courses. He said information about the RFP would come out the next day and he thought it was a

good opportunity for any faculty interested to participate. He also provided an admission update. There were 1914 freshman deposits, but there would be some “melt” as students change their minds. The transfer deposit number was 924. A member asked if the campus was worried about the campus popularity. The Provost said they were not worried yet and had some ideas to mitigate it, if needed. He did not think they would go over 105%.

Statewide Senator Report – C. Nelson

C. Nelson said SB 520 passed out of the Senate Education Committee 8-0 with the amendments that she had talked about at the Senate. She said it was still very problematic.

Senate Budget Subcommittee Report – M. Purser

M. Purser discussed the work of the Senate Budget Subcommittee identifying budgeting principles for Academic Affairs before the passage of Prop. 30. This year they worked on more input from faculty about generating revenue and reducing costs. She noted the report to the Senate in February and said that they presented to other committees since. She said SBS now had recommendations. She reviewed the four recommendations from SBS to the Senate and other faculty governance committees. She asked for feedback from the Ex Com before it went to the Senate. The incoming EPC Chair noted EPC’s concern for guidance for certificate courses and “hybrid courses.” M. Purser said the faculty were really interested in working with SEIE to create courses to generate revenue and were reluctant to do so until such matters were clearer. **It was approved as a business item to request that the Senate endorse the recommendations.**

Structure and Functions Self – Study Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas introduced the item noting that S&F had reviewed the recommendations of the self-study of 2005. They wanted to know what had been done, what still needed to be done, and what new things had shown themselves. He said much had been done, but there were still a lot of things to do. He asked the Ex Com to focus on the six areas of improvement. He appreciated the Senate Analyst for her help gathering information and documents to help with the process. He discussed the six areas where improvement was needed. He said S&F wanted to bring this to the Senate. There was some discussion about the low voting rate among faculty and the recommendation for Committee Chair reporting.

Chair-Elect Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas reported on the call for faculty to serve on two search committees for Development Officers. He also reported he would be serving as Chair of S&F, as the current Chair had family issues preventing her from serving in the Chair capacity. He said a call was out for two at-large members to the President’s Diversity Council, which would be voted on in the Fall. S&F was working on appointing a faculty member to the Sustainability Committee. There was a discussion about whether faculty on search committees in the summer would be paid.

Resolution in Support of War and Peace Lecture Series – S. Brannen

S. Brannen introduced the resolution. He said the Senate Diversity Subcommittee had heard that there might not be funding for this lecture series that helped with diversity efforts and satisfied Area C2 in GE. The Provost said he had met with T. Wandling who was willing to offer a version of the War and Peace Lecture Series in the Fall. There was some discussion regarding cost and faculty workload. **It was approved for the Senate agenda.**

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

L. Furukawa-Schlereth said that previously faculty governance had sent three faculty members for the Search Committee for the Director of Development for the GMC. They had decided not to go ahead with that search and were working with a consultant for assistance. He thought they might be ready to go forward with the search by July. He asked if that original committee would be willing to serve in the summer and they would be compensated. He noted the GMC Board approved another position that would support the Director of Development position, but did not have a good title yet. Both these positions were donor funded. He asked for faculty representation for that search. Another search was coming up, but could not be made public yet. He asked for faculty for that committee as well as they would search in the summer to present the candidates to the campus in the Fall. There was discussion about creating a standing pool of faculty that would serve on summer search committees. There was general agreement to create a pool of faculty each spring for possible summer searches. It was clarified that those serving would be paid their daily rate. A member voiced concern over the pricing of the summer events in the GMC. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said the prices were based on what the artists usually received at other venues.

Resolution in Support of a Gender and Sexuality Coordinator – S. Brannen

S. Brannen introduced the resolution by noting that the report by the Gender and Sexual Health Exploratory Workgroup recommended the creation of a Coordinator for Gender and Sexuality. He described the position as stated in the resolution. There was discussion and feedback to improve the resolution. **It was approved for the Senate agenda.**

Chief Student Affairs Officer Report – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips announced all the cultural graduation ceremonies dates and times.

APC Report – D. Roberts

D. Roberts reported that L. Furukawa-Schlereth visited APC to talk about the organic garden project. She said at their last meeting they would review the SEIE policy and the garden proposal. A member asked if anyone from ENSP was involved in the garden discussions since they already had one.

SAC Report – K. Thompson

K. Thompson said SAC was working on suggested revisions to the off-campus proctoring policy in Athletics and she and the Chair of FSAC would present those to Athletics. She said N. Markley would be visiting SAC to discuss the reorganization of student affairs components in his area. She said J. Kornfeld would give an update on his areas of student affairs.

CFA Report – A. Merrifield

A. Merrifield reported that CFA had their semi-annual meeting the past weekend. He noted a workshop on unconscious bias that was highly successful CFA would sponsor replicating it at SSU in the Fall. He said the CFA magazine had an article by Cecil Canton that discussed the workshop. He reported on the resolution in support of Africana Studies at Long Beach. He said that programs about “marginalized” people were disappearing all over the State, but those programs were very beneficial to California. CFA also voiced their support for the hiring of full time, tenure-track counselors in the Counseling Centers. CFA was very concerned about the counselor to student ratios and the hiring of counselors outside of the tenure track area. They discussed online education and he noted an article in the Chronicle of Higher Education from the Philosophy Department at San Jose State (<http://chronicle.com/article/The-Document-an-Open-Letter/138937/>) about why they refused to use an online course from eduX in their department. He said CFA was waiting for the May revise of the budget before they ask for a re-opener on the contract. He said most people were thinking that the compensation amount would not change.

Return to Vice Chair Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas put forward Paul Draper as the faculty member appointed to the Sustainability Executive Committee. No objection.

Associated Students Report – A. Gallino

A. Gallino said they would be transitioning their officers in the AS the next day. Their Senate would go out of session after that. They would have an interim executive board during the summer.

The Chair presented a Jerry Garcia tie to Anthony for sticking in there with faculty governance.



A. Gallino with Jerry Garcia tie (photo credit – R. Senghas)

Sustainability Executive Committee Report – B. Ford

B. Ford reported that the committee met for the first time and appreciated the Provost for chairing that meeting. He said they had scheduled the second meeting and would discuss creating a website and bringing together all the current sustainability practices and projects on the campus for all to know about.

The Chair thanked B. Ford for his service on the Executive Committee and appreciated his council very much.

SAC Report continued – K. Thompson

K. Thompson said she also wanted to report that SAC had received a request from the Dispute Resolution Board asking SAC to address timely feedback to students on their work from faculty. She thought this would be contentious and was not sure where it would go. She thought SAC would work with FSAC on the item. The APC Chair offered her Zena shield for that project.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Margaret Purser
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes —4/25 - emailed
Correspondences

Special Reports – Academic Council International Programs
Report T. C. 3:15; Professional Development Subcommittee report

Consent Items:

BUSINESS

1. Endorse Senate Budget Subcommittee Recommendations –
First Reading – M. Santos – attached T. C. 3:40
2. Resolution in Support of War & Peace Lecture Series – First Reading - S. Brannen –
attached T.C. 4:00
3. Elect two members of the Senate to the Executive Committee – R. Senghas
4. Resolution in support of Gender & Sexuality Coordinator – First Reading - S.
Brannen – attached
5. Recognition of Past Chair Ford T. C. 4:50

Approved.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom