

Senate Executive Committee Minutes
December 6, 2012
3:00 – 5:00, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Abstract

Agenda amended and approved. Minutes of 9/20 and 10/4 approved. Correspondence noted. Chair Report. Provost Report. Revision of the MA in Counseling approved for Senate consent calendar. Vice Chair Report. Revision to the CALS Multiple Subject teacher track approved for the Senate agenda. Resolution Reaffirming the Importance of Graduate Programs approved for the Senate agenda. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report. Chief Student Affairs Officer Report. EPC Report. FSAC Report. SAC Report. CFA Report. Associated Students Report. Senate Agenda approve.

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

Guests: Anthony Gallino, Adam Hill, Ron Lopez

Approval of Agenda – items added: Resolution Reaffirming Importance of Graduate Students; Revision to the BA in CALS Multiple Subjects program – approved.

Minutes of 9/20 and 10/4 – approved.

Correspondence – The Chair noted she was receiving a fair amount of correspondence about the faculty member from our campus to be on the Faculty Trustee selection committee.

Chair report – M. Purser

M. Purser reported on the budget conversation the past week. She found it very interesting and very exhausting. She said she put in about 40 hours prepping the event and the OD students probably spent 100 hours. They would be sending the information gathered to the Senate Budget Subcommittee so they can report to the Senate early in the Spring semester.

Provost Report – A. Rogerson

A. Rogerson noted that a request for proposals would be coming out. This was a result of the Green Music Center Advisory Board request to the President for \$100,000 to fund projects that would build and showcase academic interaction with the GMC in novel and exciting ways. He thanked B. Ford for his help on the RFP. He said projects amounts ranged from \$10,000 to \$25,000. The CFA President commented that moving up the due date for grades was not going to work. He argued that this impacted quality education for faculty to lose 10 days of grading time. The Provost said he heard two reasons for the change, that lecturer contracts actually end on December 26 and they shouldn't be working after that and because the Spring semester started earlier, grades had to be in sooner. The CFA President

said that it was a heads up to the Provost that there would be late grades as faculty were saying “they can’t,” not that they “won’t.”

Time certain reached.

Revision of the MA in Counseling – A. Gilinsky, A. Hill

A. Gilinsky said the revision collapsed a few experimental courses into a permanent course and replaces the exit exam with a portfolio review. Accreditation issues brought on these changes. **Approved for the Senate consent calendar.**

Questions for the Provost

The CFA President asked for an explanation about why lecturers were shut out of PeopleSoft when their contracts run out even if they are scheduled to teach in the following semester. The Provost said he would look into it. M. Lopez-Phillips noted that the grading issues needed to be sorted out if faculty cannot work with the timeline because the Registrar had to hand enter late grades.

Vice Chair Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas reported that Structure and Functions recommended Terry Lease for the faculty member for the Faculty Trustee committee. **No objection.** He said S&F was still working on the recommendations from the 2005 self-study. He said S&F would offer workshops on arm twisting colleagues to run for governance. A member asked about the new Chair structure and elections. The Chair said both the Chair and Vice Chair still needed to run for a second term.

Revision to the CALS Multiple Subject teacher track – A. Gilinsky, R. Lopez

A. Gilinsky said the revision was streamlining the program by allowing some double counting. He said EPC had approved the proposal via email and all who voted had approved it. Two members did not vote because they had not been present at the meeting when the proposal was introduced. R. Lopez thanked everyone for his or her help making the proposal clearer. He reviewed the revision. There was discussion. A member asked if the proposal needed to be approved for this coming Senate meeting. R. Lopez said they were hoping to implement these changes in the Fall. There was substantial discussion. **Motion to place this item on the Senate consent calendar. Second.** There was discussion. **Vote on item for the consent calendar – objection. Vote on sending it forward to the Senate as a business item. No objection.**

Resolution Reaffirming the Importance of Graduate Programs – T. Lease

T. Lease passed out the resolution. He said that an item was before the Statewide Senate about eliminating the Statewide University Grants (SUGs) for graduate students. He noted that last Spring, the SSU Senate passed a resolution opposing the eliminating the SUGs.

(<http://www.sonoma.edu/senate/resolutions/opposeceaseSUGs.html>) There was some discussion. **It was approved as a business item for the Senate agenda.**

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

L. Furukawa-Schlereth reported on the new parking policy of 24/7 enforcement and the daily parking rate increase to \$5. He discussed the issue of students and faculty who meet for class on a day when the Green Music Center has an event. On those days, parking will be \$10. He said the GMC presenting series would build into the ticket price the cost of parking. But two of the presenting partners have not agreed to do that, however he was negotiating with both of them to follow the GMC practice. If they do so, this should solve the problem with classes held on those days. He said there were issues around other developmental, fundraising events on campus, which have normally been held on the weekends when there was free parking. He was talking to those departments about how to incorporate the appropriate reimbursement to parking, but not impacting the donors. He reported on the smoking issue and said that would be a meet and confer item. One union so far has asked for a meet and confer. A member asked if parking fines would increase also. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said he had not seen any proposal to increase fines. He said they would try to do the enforcement in the most prudent and cost effective way possible. A member suggested that the policy include exemptions for department events and that there should be a more general discussion about the university's relationship to the community and parking fees. A member asked what the legal limits were on the money earned from parking fees. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said the parking funds were to be used for the parking program and the alternative transportation program. It was a self-supporting fund and had to reimburse the operating fund for any expenses incurred by it. There was more discussion about how parking could be waived. It was clarified that the daily parking tickets were good for 24 hours.

Chief Student Affairs Officer Report – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips said he was getting more cheating and plagiarism reports and was thinking about creating a kind of class to help students build the skills they need to counter that. The Senate Analyst clarified the difference between the informal report of cheating or plagiarism and a formal charge being brought to the Dispute Resolution Board. A member noted that there was some anxiety among students still about registration. M. Lopez-Phillips said he had checked with the Advising Center and registration had gone well, but he would pass the member's information along to the Provost.

EPC Report – A. Gilinsky

A. Gilinsky passed out an interim written report of EPC's work for the Fall. He said there would not be a quiz. He thought the report showed the workload of the committee. He thought the Spring would not be any less busy.

FSAC Report – A. Gallino & A. Merrifield for V. Montera

A. Gallino said that FSAC would be bringing the Course Materials Adoption policy forward in the Spring. A. Merrifield noted that FSAC was also working on the check sheet for the new implementation of evaluation of six year lecturers and renewal of three year lecturers.

SAC Report – K. Thompson

K. Thompson said SAC was working on a resolution about students who were foster youth. She gave one example that foster youth had a need for year round housing, but the process for that was rather opaque. She said SAC decided that they did not need to work on the transportation issue themselves since there was a committee already charged with that and that committee was open to SAC participation. She noted significant membership change in SAC next semester.

CFA Report – A. Merrifield

A. Merrifield said November 30 passed and neither the CSU nor CFA had asked to re-open the contract on this year. There could still be a re-opener in the Spring.

Associated Students Report – A. Gallino

A. Gallino said the AS was still recruiting for students to run for office. They had approved the new Elections Commissioner and approved revisions to their elections code.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Margaret Purser

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes – 10/11/12 & 10/25/12- emailed

Correspondences

Consent Items: Revision to the MA in Counseling – emailed

BUSINESS

1. Revision to the CALS Teacher Preparation Track,
Multiple Subject - First Reading – attached – A. Gilinsky
T.C. 3:15
2. Resolution Reaffirming the Importance of Graduate
Programs and Access to Graduate Programs –
First Reading – T. Lease - attached

Approved.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström