

**Senate Executive Committee Minutes**  
October 3, 2013  
3:00 – 5:00, Academic Affairs Conference room

**Abstract**

Agenda amended and approved. Minutes of 9/19 approved. Chair Report. Vice Chair Report. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report - Christopher Dinno for L. Furukawa-Schlereth. Chief Student Affairs Officer Report. From SDS: Resolution for a Gender and Sexuality Coordinator referred back to committee. Statewide Senator Report. Articulating with the GMC Update. Professional Development Subcommittee Report for the Senate. Senate Agenda approved. EPC Report. FSAC Report. SAC Report. Associated Students Report. Ex Com Rep to the Sustainability Ex Com Report

**Present:** Margaret Purser, Richard Senghas, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Maria Hess, Richard Whitkus, Terry Lease, Melinda Milligan, Jennifer Mahdavi, Karen Thompson, Ruben Armiñana, Catherine Nelson, Christopher Dinno for Larry Furukawa-Schlereth

**Absent:** Deborah Roberts, Andrew Rogerson, Andy Merrifield

**Guests:** Anthony Gallino, Charles Elster

The Chair pointed out that Christopher Dinno was at the meeting for Larry Furukawa-Schlereth and would be giving a task force report at the Senate.

**Approval of Agenda – added to the agenda: PDS Report – Approved.**

**Approval of Minutes of 9/19/13 – Approved.**

**Chair Report – M. Purser**

The Chair noted that the agenda item called “Correspondence Received” was an artifact on the agenda. She said she could not possibly report on all correspondence she received and wanted to just report on what was most important in the Chair Report. She noted that about eight campuses had used the SSU resolution about appointing a faculty Trustees as a template for their own resolutions.

She noted that Dr. Lauren Morimoto had been selected as the Director of Diversity and Inclusive Excellence and had accepted. She reported that the Statewide Campus Chairs meeting would be happening next week and she would phone in and might be late to the Senate meeting. She said a Faculty Conversation would take place next Monday. They would be talking about a “water works” type project called the “Places project” which was about place making. She thought that after this conversation, the next might take place in the new Faculty Center. She noted the new link on the Senate website for Budget documents:

<http://www.sonoma.edu/senate/>. She had written an introductory text about the task forces and would be included in the next Senate agenda. She talked about the

Black Scholar's United initiative of creating wristbands that say "becoming seawolves united" and they wanted everyone to start wearing them. This was a positive outcome from the issue about the BSU poster last semester. She thought the BSU would be tabling from 11 -12 on Mondays. A member asked about the job description for the Diversity Director. The Chair said that the call for the Director position was very general and it had said that the specifics of the position would be worked out between the Director and the Provost. She said the meeting between L. Morimoto and the Provost had yet to occur.

### **Vice Chair Report – R. Senghas**

R. Senghas said that the election was just about to be run. In that election, would be two seats on the President's Diversity Council, one Statewide Senator position and four faculty to serve on the Artistic Director of the GMC search committee. He reported that S. Cabaniss was appointed as the semester replacement on SDS for the At-Large positions. S&F recommended Sheila Katz to the Alcohol and Drug Advisory Committee. He asked for Michelle Goman's name to be sent to the Senate for consent for the Copeland Creek Committee. He reported that John Urbanski had been appointed to the AS Elections Commissioner Search Committee and that James Dean and Jeffery Reeder were recommended for the Campus Planning Committee. The CPC recommendation also needed to go to the Senate. The Chair asked if there were any objections to the appointments of Sheila Katz and John Urbanski. No objection. R. Senghas then switched to reporting on the University Affairs Committee of the GMC Advisory Board. They had received a budget report from the CFO. They had 16 academic integration proposals come forward. There was \$100,000 for these projects, but that wouldn't cover the submissions, which totaled \$267,000. This was exciting because people wanted to do things He noted that the end of year report for S&F would be coming forward soon. A member asked when the grant requests would be decided. R. Senghas said probably mid to late October.

### **Vice President of Administration and Finance Report - Christopher Dinno for L. Furukawa-Schlereth**

Christopher Dinno, who was standing in for L. Furukawa-Schlereth, spoke about the reports he had ready for the Senate. On the 10<sup>th</sup> he would present the report on the Urgent Maintenance and Repairs Summary recommendations. He also had ready a report on the Facilities Management Physical Capacity Summary recommendations. The Chair asked for any question for C. Dinno to take back to L. Furukawa-Schlereth. A member asked about the updated organizational chart for Academic and Student Affairs and that it didn't mesh with the University organizational chart. He thought it might be important to work that out because of the upcoming Chancellor's visit.

### **Chief Student Affairs Officer Report – M. Lopez-Phillips**

M. Lopez-Phillips said with midterms stress they were seeing more judicial type issues in the Residence Halls. A member noted there was still an issue with students riding skateboards in the hall. M. Lopez-Phillips said to let him know what time to be there, so he could help. C. Dinno said that this issue had come up in a Directors meeting that included Nate Johnson and he reminded them they could reach out to

the police too. Students should not be riding skateboards in the buildings at all. A member asked if M. Lopez-Phillips had concerns about the Student Affairs re-organization. M. Lopez-Phillips said that he thought the process was malleable right now and that informally the connections were still there, but the change process was still being worked out. The student rep said it was brought up at the SAC presentation about the Student Affairs re-organization that the effect on the rest of Student Affairs was not clearly articulated. The student rep also noted he had spoken to some students about the skateboards/bicycles issue and the main comment was that the campus was not bike or skateboard friendly – not wide enough paths on campus or bike paths on Redwood Circle.

#### **From SDS: Resolution for a Gender and Sexuality Coordinator – C. Elster**

C. Elster introduced the resolution. He noted it came out of the Gender and Sexuality Exploratory Workgroup's recommendations report. He read the resolved clause with the changes made from the first reading last semester. He asked if the rationale was too long and asked for guidance. A member suggested that the rationale be shortened so that it would be read and to include headings to help organize the reading. A member noted that the resolved clause had many different issues in it and to make those separate resolved clauses. The student rep noted that in the rationale it should argue why the position should be a tenure-track faculty member and not another kind of student affairs position such as a counselor. A member asked if the new Director of Diversity could take on these duties. There were incorrect statements in the rationale that were pointed out. A member questioned whether the Senate had ever made a request for a specific faculty hire. A member argued that the resolution was not ready to go forward. There was more discussion about readiness. The Chair called for a vote. **The committee voted to send the resolution back to SDS.**

#### **Statewide Senator Report – C. Nelson**

C. Nelson reported about the last Statewide Senate meeting. She was unable to attend, but did glean some issues from all the reports she saw. She said there were elements in the Community Colleges that wanted to see them offer B.A. degrees. The argument was that the CSU and the UC were not doing their job, so the Community Colleges should step in with technical B.As. The Statewide Senate passed a resolution that B.A. degrees should be offered by the CSU and the UC. She noted that about eight campuses were using SSU's resolution about the appointment of a faculty trustee. She reported on attending the Commission on Extended Education as a Statewide appointee. She said she did not clearly understand how the Commission fit into the structure of Extended Education in the University. They were told they were not "gatekeepers" and were there to provide advice. Everyone agreed that the Executive Order about the Commission needed to be completely rewritten. She said Chancellor White and Ephraim Smith were both at that the meeting. She asked about the relationship between Extended Ed and the University and never got an answer. She talked about some specifics to give the Ex Com a sense of the conversation going on around Extended Ed. She said the Chancellor said he was happy to blur the lines between Extended Ed and stateside, but didn't want to get sued about it. The directions he described for Extended Ed were to "harvest" out

of state or international students, and to deal with bottleneck courses for students. She quoted the Chancellor who said, regarding contractual teaching issues within Extended Ed, "I know we're complicated because we're in bargaining, but I don't want that to get in the way of us going forward. I want every faculty member to be engaged in a robust workload. It might be different than today." This was in the context of teaching in Extended Ed when the faculty member is part of a university department. She said one issue that has come up was about teaching only faculty vs. research only faculty. Another had to do with the State Legislature deciding that courses should align to majors, for example, all Intro to Sociology courses would be equivalent in all CSUs. There was nothing specific, just a sense that these conversations were going on. She also said there were some contractual issues going on with CalState Online and Pearson. A member asked about State statutes about who grants B.A. degrees. The President noted that would be Title V and that could be amended.

### **Articulating with the GMC Update – M. Purser**

M. Purser said that the Trio Ariadne would be visiting the Senate next time. She said there had been a lot of conversations about how to better integrate the GMC into academics last year. She argued that they needed to figure out how to integrate an entity that is 99% funded by donors with a public university and protect both entities. She wanted general comments and discussion. She praised the number of applications for academic integration this year. A member asked for an indication of the impact of the GMC on the campus budget. R. Senghas said that was why he had asked the CFO to bring budget numbers to the GMC University Affairs Committee. He said what was brought did not really give them a sense of that, but he knew that the Senate Budget Subcommittee was working on that too. The student rep said that he thought that staff time would be an indication. There was discussion about the GMC University Affairs Committee composition and purpose.

### **Professional Development Subcommittee Report – M. Purser**

M. Purser reminded the Ex Com that the faculty retreat last year was about faculty development. In the packet, was the PDS report about the results of that Retreat. She said PDS was now looking at the results to see what they might do. She asked PDS to report on how they might respond to these requests at the Senate meeting. She wanted the Senate to have a discussion about this, so PDS would be charged to go forward on the recommendations. There was discussion. The members wanted to see priorities from PDS or have a committee of the whole at the Senate. The Chair said she thought the subcommittee needed some help since they've had the report since last spring and faculty were asking what was happening with the results of the retreat. There were many suggestions about how this could be presented to the Senate and what topics might be useful. The Chair was frustrated that faculty effort to come up with this list had taken a year and she felt an obligation to this project. She proposed that the report go to the Senate as an information item, have the new Director of Educational Design to determine what was in her purview from the report before it came back with priorities. The Chair argued that the faculty were divesting themselves from this "place" by not attending the faculty retreat, convocation and commencement and she was personally committed to making sure

this report was answered. The Chair proposed that the PDS report go forward to the Senate as an information item as other end of year reports. No objection. The committee then became bogged on this item. Then they decided to have the Chair of PDS give a brief report saying PDS had prepared this report and would be following up and would first meet with the new Director of Educational Design.

## Senate Agenda

### **AGENDA**

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Margaret Purser  
Approval of Agenda  
Approval of Minutes – 9/26 emailed  
Correspondences

**Consent Items:** End of Year Report – SDS, S&F- emailed

**Special Visit:** Mayor Pam Stafford of Rohnert Park T.C. 3:15

**Special Visit:** Trio Ariadne T. C. 3:45

**Special Report:** Taskforce: Urgent Maintenance and Repair – C.  
Dinno TC 4:00

**Special Report:** Professional Development Subcommittee – E.  
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### **Approved.**

The Chair provided background on the purposes of the Task Forces – one purpose was to determine what was needed to help students graduate in four years, not including the Academic Affairs budget, but everything else. What the Senate would be getting were feasibility studies.

### **EPC Report – M. Milligan**

M. Milligan reported that at EPC they heard and advised the two non-credit certificates and sent them forward. They had two more certificate programs coming forward with both stateside and Extended Ed courses in them. She asked for guidance about two certificates coming forward, both of which mixed stateside and Extended Ed courses, to varying degrees. They were seeing different ideas about what a certificate was. They were also doing a second reading of the Psychology Program changes. A member asked if the two non-credit certificates took EPC's advice and made changes. M. Milligan responded that there were some changes made.

## **FSAC Report – R. Whitkus**

R. Whitkus reported that FSAC was continuing their work on business that had already been reported. He said FSAC had heard from members of the Dispute Resolution Board to understand their request more clearly about faculty returning assignments in a timely manner and FSAC would start to work on recommendations. They reviewed the process of how departmental questions were added to the SETEs and found there was no policy. FSAC affirmed that faculty should be involved in this process and the department needed to approve questions as they were added, so faculty under review would understand the criteria that would be used in their evaluations. The Vice Chair said he wanted to put out a call for more faculty to be involved in the SETE task force.

## **SAC Report – K. Thompson**

K. Thompson reported that at the next SAC meeting they would be compiling a set of recommendations and concerns about the re-organization proposal of Student Affairs areas in A&F. They would be reviewing the draft plan of the Bias Response Team, which was an ad-hoc working group coming out of The Hub, that would be working on how to report issues of discriminatory actions on campus to students and promote some co-curricular programs on civility. SAC also planned to build recommendations for transportation safety issues on campus.

## **Associated Students Reports – A. Gallino**

A. Gallino reported on the next AS meeting. They will have a resolution recognizing the 2013 Trustee Award student at SSU – John Michael Vincent Coralde (<http://www.calstate.edu/foundation/trusteesawards/awardees/2013/son-coralde.shtml>) He noted that their Social Science rep had resigned. They will be having a discussion about the Chancellor's visit. He asked if the Ex Com had any ideas they wanted the students to bring up with the Chancellor. They would also be continuing to talk about the "next big thing" for the Associated Students.

## **Ex Com Rep to the Sustainability Ex Com Report – J. Mahdavi**

J. Mahdavi noted that P. Draper had been appointed as the Sustainability Director and he wanted to brainstorm with the committee about objectives to work on. Some of the people who had been already involved with the Sustainability efforts thought this had already been done. P. Draper wanted to resurrect the Sustainability website.

A. Gallino noted that he left something out of his report. He said the AS had heard the report about the re-organization of Student Affairs areas in A&F. They had a lot of guests from all over campus. He expected they would have a conversation about the pros and cons of the re-organization as they saw it.

## **Adjourned.**

*Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom-Keyes*