

Senate Executive Committee
October 17, 2013
3:00 – 5:00, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Abstract

Provost Report. Statewide Senator Report. Vice Chair Report. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report. Chief Student Affairs Officer Report. EPC Report. Revision to the Psychology Major approved as consent item for Senate. FSAC Report. APC Report. SAC Report. Associated Students Report. Senate Agenda approved.

Present: Margaret Purser, Richard Senghas, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Melinda Milligan, Richard Whitkus, Jennifer Mahdavi, Maria Hess, Catherine Nelson, Ruben Armiñana, Andrew Rogerson, Karen Thompson

Absent: Terry Lease, Deborah Roberts

Guests: Anthony Gallino, Jason Wenrick for Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Scott Horstein for APC Report

Technical problems prevented the recording from starting at the beginning of the meeting. Minutes start when recording started.

Provost Report – A. Rogerson

A. Rogerson said that at the statewide Provost's meeting they thought that the desirable target for the entire system was 75%. A member asked about the handout the Provost had provided about the faculty census for the past three years. She wanted to know why the associate professor numbers were reducing. The Provost responded that some of them had been promoted and they were also not being replaced. The Provost said the campus was down about 35 positions over the last five years. The Chair asked for this data to be presented to the Senate with even more information. She noted that losing headcount impacts advising. The Provost said he would provide that data for the Senate. A member asked for graphic representation of the trends as well. The President thought the budget reduction should be the backdrop to these trends. A member wanted to see student enrollment data with this as well. The President said the Chancellor was very clear on this matter by saying we had lost 6% of faculty and staff systemwide, had 30,000 more students and increased the graduation rate significantly. He argued that from a strictly productivity point of view, the campus was doing better. He questioned if the campus had maintained quality a hard variable to quantify. The Chair asked for help at the Senate to have this conversation.

Statewide Senator Report – C. Nelson

C. Nelson said that she had done a little survey about mandatory online teaching training for faculty and found that out of six responses, 3 wanted mandatory training, 3 did not want mandatory training and all thought training for online

courses was important. She spoke about a memo to stakeholders that the Statewide Chair had sent out about CalState Online and Pearson contract changes. Among the changes: they can use any learning management system as well as Pearson, Pearson will no longer do marketing, there will be a new website and business model, but the business model was not available yet. The President said all of those changes were not nailed down yet, that the contract was still being negotiated. C. Nelson said the report said "the changes will be . . ." A member asked about the learning management systems issue and C. Nelson said the memo stated that CalState Online will be able to accept courses or programs from any learning management system. The Chair asked about the call for proposals for self-support programs to be taught through Extended Ed and asked if that had come out from the system. C. Nelson said that call had come out from the Commission on the Extended Education.

Vice Chair Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas reported on the results of the recent election – Deborah Roberts would be the new Statewide Senator, Christina Baker and Amanda Martinez Morrison were elected to the PDC; himself, David McCuan, Terry Lease and Doug Leibinger were elected to the search committee for the GMC Artistic Director. He said the University Affairs Committee of the GMC Advisory Board would meet next week to discuss the academic integration proposals. A member said she had heard some talk going around that SEIE wants to have members on Senate committees and wondered if S&F had been approached with that. R. Senghas responded that as APC was working on the policy and talking about a faculty curriculum group, in that discussion they had started talking about where SEIE might make sense to sit in governance. He noted that S&F would not meet the next week.

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

J. Wenrick asked for guidance about how to prioritize classroom renovation as money become available and what process should be used. A member suggested APC to start. A member asked if the campus needed a Space Committee again. M. Milligan noted that when the Classroom Space Committee was meeting they had a pretty good system for reviewing and prioritizing and it might be worth checking back in with that system. J. Wenrick said now that there was a Director of Instructional Design, there was also the questions about what to put in the classrooms. M. Milligan suggested that there be evaluation research when the classrooms were renovated. The President noted he had been in a meeting with Cisco systems and had seen very different technology that might go into classrooms. A member asked about the renovations of spaces such as Chalk Hill and if there was a separate budget for that. J. Wenrick said that had already been done. A member asked why a cursor did not appear in the user name automatically on the SSU login page. J. Wenrick said he would look at it and thought it was the most unexpected question of the day. M. Lopez-Phillips suggested that the campus concentrate on Universal Design and work with Brent Boyer. The Senate Analyst asked what the campus was doing so that campus websites would look better on smaller devices. J. Wenrick said they needed some kind of content management system and were

looking at that now. They were looking at what SRJC was doing as well. He noted it would probably mean an entire website re-design that included a mobile version.

Chief Student Affairs Officer Report – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips reported on the VP of Student Affairs systemwide meeting he attended. He spoke about their initiatives – a new initiative was directed toward Burmese students, they were talking about a joint meeting with the UC Vice Chancellors, the UC Student Affairs equivalent, and possibly having them at their Alcohol conference to share across systems. He talked about the red folder project - a folder that would appear on people's desktop and contain information for students in distress. They had talked about enrollment management as well. The call for IRA programs went out today. The IRA deadline was November 8th by noon. He said no late applications. The Chair noted that the red folder idea would be good to have discussed at the PDC. M. Lopez-Phillips said they were discussing if the campuses could modify the folder or if it would be a "locked box." He would keep the Chair informed on this issue.

EPC Report – M. Milligan

M. Milligan reported that EPC was still reviewing certificate programs and could see many curriculum revision coming forward and packing their agenda. She reported that a change in EPC lately had been the review of a memo from 1996 between the then Chair of EPC and the then Dean of Extended Ed showing that non-credit certificate programs are approved by EPC, not just reviewed. She said non-credit certificates would get two readings in EPC and then stop there. They also realized they needed a form for academic credit certificates and that had been achieved. This form made it clear what was needed in the proposals and what the steps were in the curricular review process. She reported that the Audio Recording Certificate was coming for a second reading and that seemed to be clearly a non-credit certificate and would stop at EPC approval. The Professional Sales Certificate will have a second reading.

Revision to the Psychology Major – M. Milligan

M. Milligan introduced the item. She noted that the proposal had unanimous approval in all committees so far. She noted that the Social Science Curriculum Committee gave the Psychology department suggested changes and they were pleased to see them taken up. She noted that the Psychology Department wanted to give more structure to the electives, remove bottleneck courses, and add two core courses that reflected the history of the department. There was discussion. **It was approved as a consent item for the Senate.**

FSAC Report – R. Whitkus

R. Whitkus reported that at the next FSAC meeting they will finish the Periodic Review of Temporary Faculty policy update. They reviewed the Dispute Resolution Board's request for language about timely return of assignments. That proposal was in the Academic Freedom subcommittee and would also be run by SAC. He noted

the SETE forums were up and for people to "have at it." (http://www.sonoma.edu/senate/committees/FSAC%20SETE/FSACSETEAY13_14.html) He said the announcement about the SETEs forum would be sent to everyone on campus.

APC Report – S. Horstein for D. Roberts

S. Horstein reported on the progress of the policy about SEIE noting it was out of the committee and being reviewed by others before it would come to the Senate. He asked if anyone on the Ex Com would like APC to come to their committee or see it first before it goes to the Senate. EPC asked to have APC come to them. The Chair suggested that the Chair of Graduate Studies have a look at it too. S&F asked for a look at the back end of the process. The Chair said they would be interested to see what APC would do for a Chair now that D. Roberts was a Statewide Senator. She also said they had referred to APC the issue of how to prioritize classroom renovation.

SAC Report – K. Thompson

K. Thompson reported that many people were interested in SAC's responses to the Student Affairs re-organization in A&F, so she would report on that at the Senate. She asked how to give the Senate information about the report SAC had heard to help make sense of the recommendations. The Student Rep suggested giving the Senate the handouts from the presentation from N. Markley and P. Neville. K. Thompson also noted that the Chief of Police would be visiting their committee to talk about campus safety issues.

Associated Students Report – A. Gallino

A. Gallino said last week was Homecoming week and the AS had several different events and very good turn out at all of them. They had 500 more people come to the Homecoming dance than they expected. Fortunately, no one was hurt. He thought they would talk about Homecoming more and how to have the institution as whole support Homecoming. On their agenda for the next day, they would discuss the future of large scale social gatherings, receive a report from the CSSA, vote on a resolution giving recognition to the Trustee Award recipient, John Michael Vincent Coralde, and have a discussion about a Farmer's Market on campus. They would also discuss feedback on the Student Affairs re-org. A member asked if the students would have a report on their feedback too. A. Gallino said they were asked to do a pro and con list and he thought it would take a few more meetings to put that together. They were concerned about the Recreation Center and that student opinion about the re-org was limited as they were working on it.

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. Beebout

A member asked for a report from the Senate Budget Subcommittee. The Chair said they would probably report before the end of the year.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom-Keyes