

Senate Executive Committee Minutes

April 9, 2009

3:00 – 5:00, Sue Jameson Room

Present: Susan Moulton, Deb Kindy, Andy Merrifield, Terry Lease, Karen Thompson, Sunil Tiwari, Art Warmoth, Ruben Armiñana, Thaine Stearns, Tim Wandling, Sam Brannen

Absent: Eduardo Ochoa, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Scott Miller, Catherine Nelson, Matthew Lopez-Phillips

Guests: Steve Wilson

S. Moulton chaired the meeting in the Chair's absence. He was attending a Statewide Chairs meeting.

Approval of Agenda – items added: Recommendations regarding the CCGS from the Ad-Hoc Diversity Committee. There was a request for more time to talk about managing the business of the Senate.

Minutes of 3/12/09 – amended and approved.

APC Report – A. Warmoth

A. Warmoth noted that he and Kelly Estrada would be co-chairing APC next year. He handed out some documents regarding the Academic Affairs Strategic plan. He said that this version included the feedback from the Senate committees. There were further amendments from the GE subcommittee and the Chair of the Graduate Studies subcommittee. He said he wanted to get the plan through the Senate this semester. The EPC chair remarked he had heard that any amendments to the plan at the Senate may or may not be incorporated by JCAP. The APC Chair said he thought the Senate could amend the document. He hopes that such a document would be agreeable to both faculty and administration, but if not, reconciliation could be tried in JCAP. He thought there might be issues that they will have to agree to disagree on. He hoped this would also show where agreement does exist and show WASC that planning has improved at SSU. There was a discussion about how to manage the plan at the Senate given the control issues surrounding it. The APC Chair also noted he has invited the Dean of the School of Extended Education to APC to discuss the overall plans for Extended Ed.

EPC Report – T. Stearns

T. Stearns reported that Carmen Works would be the Chair of EPC next year. He updated the body about business coming from EPC to the Senate – the Saturday University proposal; the University Standards Subcommittee's three revisions to academic policies; the GE Program Review / Self-Study; the EMBA program; and an MS in Bioengineering program. He wanted to be able

to tell departments what to expect. He also noted that the Philosophy Pre-Law concentration was due for the agenda as it was postponed at the Senate.

FSAC Report – S. Tiwari

S. Tiwari said that FSAC would like Structure and Functions to look at the timing of elections in the Schools. They would like to know the results in the early Spring instead of late Spring. FSAC asked the Senate Chair to write a letter to Bernie Goldstein thanking him for his support of the Excellence in Teaching Award. He also said FSAC is gathering information about the faculty development fund in order to develop priorities. He reported that Paula Hammett would Chair the committee in the Spring and Richard Senghas would Chair in the Fall.

SAC Report – K. Thompson

K. Thompson reminded the body that Derek Girman would be Chair next year. She reported on the process of application for priority registration. She noted they would be talking about the University Academic Technology Plan in terms of students. There were some questions and discussion about priority registration.

Chair-Elect Report – S. Moulton

S. Moulton reported that Structure and Functions would devote their next meeting to the by-laws revision. They have approved the two faculty who expressed interest in the Strategic Planning committee for SAEM. They have a request out for faculty representation on the Vice President of Development search committee.

CFA Chapter President Report – A. Merrifield

A. Merrifield said the Post Promotion Increase program has been completed for year one. They expect to complete year two before the end of the term. Appeals will be held over until the Fall.

Proposal for the Executive MBA – T. Stearns

T. Stearns introduced the item and noted that T. Lease was present to help answer questions. T. Stearns also asked the body whether there were other questions that the EPC cover letter could include to help the Senate. There was substantial and wide-ranging discussion including specifics about the program, the nature of special sessions of graduate programs in Extended Education and larger questions of prioritizing curricular items.

Ad-Hoc Diversity Committee Recommendations for the Center for Culture, Gender and Sexuality – B. Lesch-McCaffry

B. Lesch-McCaffry provided background to the recommendations and why the committee took up the issue of the CCGS. They collaborated with M. Lopez-Phillips, M. Olson, current staff in the Center and with SAC. They asked the ASI for co-sponsorship, but had not heard back yet. The recommendations were unanimously approved by the Ad-Hoc Diversity Committee. There was discussion and suggestions were offered to improve the document for the Senate. **Motion to have the Senate endorse the recommendations. Second.** There was discussion. **It was approved for the Senate agenda.** There was continued discussion about improvements, particularly concerning clearly including men in the document.

Discussion of Managing the curriculum during the budget crisis – T. Wandling

T. Wandling questioned how faculty leaders would hold forums, find venues, etc. for faculty to manage the curriculum during the budget crisis. He suggested that the Executive Committee hold more meetings in the summer as well as other Senate Standing Committees. He discussed possibilities of how to triage the curriculum during these times. He asked if the Executive Committee wanted to be part of this discussion or did they want AABAC and JCAP to make the decisions? A member argued that it is physically impossible for tenure track faculty to teach larger classes. The Chair of EPC argued that the faculty be encouraged to creatively respond to conditions in their disciplines. The Chair-Elect suggested pulling together a super team consisting of faculty, student affairs and administration that can be creative as issues come up. The CFA President noted that quality will go down, but it can only go so far and noted contractual issues they would be monitoring as time goes on. Other ideas were offered to deal with the crisis such as double counting courses for GE credit and integrating the issues into the curriculum.

The Chair-Elect noted that the current conditions were unprecedented. The President said the budget crisis of 92-93 was worse as SSU was on the list to be closed. He cautioned against using the word crisis so much. The CFA President argued that lecturer's losing their jobs could be a crisis for those people.

The Chair of EPC discussed prioritizing the work for the next Senate meetings. There was more discussion on this topic. **Motion to extend for five minutes to finish agenda. Second. No objections.**

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Senate - Scott Miller
Correspondences

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda
Approval of Minutes

➤ Update on WASC

BUSINESS

1. Revision to the Excellence in Teaching Award – Second Reading – S. Tiwari
– (3/5 agenda) T. C. 3:20
2. Philosophy Pre-Law concentration - emailed – Second Reading – T. Stearns
– (one attachment)
T. C. 3:40
3. Executive MBA – emailed – First Reading – T. Stearns (one attachment)
T.C. 4:00
4. Academic Affairs Strategic Plan – Second Reading – A. Warmoth – new
attachment T. C. 4:15
5. Request for endorsement of Ad-Hoc Diversity Committee's
recommendations regarding the Center for Culture, Gender and Sexuality –
First Reading – B. Lesch-McCaffry – attachment T. C. 4:45

Approved.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström Vega