

**Senate Executive Committee Minutes**  
April 30, 2009  
3:00 – 5:00, Sue Jameson Room

**Present:** Scott Miller, Tim Wandling, Susan Moulton, Art Warmoth, Sam Brannen, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Eduardo Ochoa, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Terry Lease, Sunil Tiwari, Catherine Nelson, Andy Merrifield, Deb Kindy, Ruben Armiñana, Thaine Stearns

**Absent:** Karen Thompson

**Guests:** Steve Wilson, Michelle Jolly, Derek Girman

The Chair asked the Provost for an update on registration. The Provost noted there were some issues in English and they are working on figuring out what exactly was going on there.

**Approval of Agenda – Approved.**

**Minutes of 3/12 /09 & 3/26/09 - amended and Approved.**

**Chair Report – S. Miller**

S. Miller announced that the Development Office has approached the Senate office with a proposal for the Senate office to swap space with the Alumni office. He said he has consulted with the other Chairs and the Senate Analyst, who all approve. There were a few comments. He thanked S. Moulton for standing in for him at the last meeting. He reported on the Statewide Senate Chair's meeting. Everyone was talking about the budget. There was talk about remediation that they are characterizing as increasing proficiency. He discussed his expertise in remedial writing and said he was not impressed with their presentations. They talked about online SETE's. Chairs were talking about program prioritization and self-support programs.

**Revision to three Academic Policies: Course Repeat, Withdrawal and Academic Probation & Disqualification – T. Stearns and M. Jolly**

M. Jolly introduced the items. The changes were all based on new Executive Orders 1037 and 1038. Both Executive Orders are due to be implemented in the Fall. They were waiting for clarification on one of the orders, thus the lateness of the revisions. She began with the Course Repeat policy and described the significant changes in each policy. There were questions and clarifications. A member asked the Statewide Senator about consultation on the EO orders with faculty at the level of the Chancellor. The Statewide Senator said usually there was consultation, but not always. She said she would look into it. **All the policies were approved for the Senate agenda.**

## **University Strategic Plan – E. Ochoa & L. Furukawa-Schlereth**

E. Ochoa provided background on the creation and consultative process of the University Strategic Plan. The Plan was now ready to go to the President after review by the Senate. The Chair asked what motion would be put forward to the Senate regarding the Plan. The Provost asked for the Senate to take a position on the Plan as it is now and not amend it. **It was moved that the Senate endorse the University Strategic Plan. Second.** There was discussion, primarily about procedural issues. **Approved for the Senate agenda.** There was a suggestion that there be a statement about how dynamic the plan is and information about prioritization for resource allocation. There was a suggestion for contextual information to accompany the Plan in the Senate packet. It was suggested that the budget priorities document show the dates of approval by PBAC and CRC.

## **GE Program Review presentation to the Senate – T. Stearns**

T. Stearns noted that the GE subcommittee has had their visit by an external reviewer for their program review. He said the Chair of the GE subcommittee was ready to give a short presentation on the study. The Chair asked what the GE Chair would say to the Senate. T. Stearns thought the GE Chair would present information about evidence for the action items in the self-study document. He argued it was important to attain faculty buy-in at this early stage. There was further discussion about agendizing a report to the Senate. **There was a motion to have a 20-minute report at the next Senate meeting. Second. No objection.**

## **EPC Report – T. Stearns**

T. Stearns reported that EPC might bring forth a proposal about Saturday University; a new MS in Bioengineering and perhaps other items. The Provost asked about the process of program reviews. T. Stearns described how EPC was handling the program reviews. In terms of the GE program review, he said he would appreciate some guidance on how to handle that since it was a university wide review. There was some discussion about the last point.

## **FSAC Report – S. Tiwari**

S. Tiwari said he did not have a report, but wanted some guidance. He passed out copies of the newly revised Excellence in Teaching Award policy. He asked if the term non-tenured in the policy also included lecturers. There was some discussion, but the general idea was that non-tenured did include lecturers.

## **CFA Chapter President Report – A. Merrifield**

A. Merrifield reported on a conference he attended where issues were raised he thought were pertinent to Sonoma State. He thought the name of the organization was National Center for the Study of Collective Bargaining in

Higher Education and the Professions.

(<http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/ncscbhep/index.shtml>) One of the issues that came up consistently was that running public and private universities with contingent faculty was untenable and it was destroying the university. Another theme was that the tenure process was not what it used to be since the workload was higher on faculty now. Many were in agreement that the increasing cost of higher education was destroying public institutions as they were originally envisioned and others were questioning the growth of university administrators who are not involved in teaching. These issues were brought up over and over again. He argued that the issues at SSU and in the CSU were not unique. He noted that lecturers in the CSU have better benefits than most universities.

A member then had a question for the Chair of APC. She asked how APC was doing in understanding the FAD (Faculty Asceticism Development). The Chair of APC described their efforts to come up with a statistical dashboard to measure degrees of self-denial, a means of determining pay increase percentages. The CFA President asked if the use of FAD was established in Long Beach. The answer was yes. This long awaited addendum to KEGS (Keep 'Em Guessin' Standards) has been eagerly anticipated by Long Beach. A member noted that the book ordering process with the campus bookstore had improved greatly.

## **Senate Agenda**

### **AGENDA**

Report of the Chair of the Senate - Scott Miller

Correspondences

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes 3/19 & 4/2 emailed

➤ Update on WASC

Special Report: GE Program Review – N. Rank T. C. 3:15

### **BUSINESS**

1. Executive MBA – Second Reading – T. Stearns (4/23 agenda and items emailed)
2. Request for endorsement of Ad-Hoc Diversity Committee's recommendations regarding the Center for Culture, Gender and Sexuality – Second Reading – B. Lesch-McCaffry – (4/23 agenda)
3. Revision to academic policy: Course Repeat – First Reading – T. Stearns – attachments

4. Revision to academic policy: Withdrawal - First Reading – T. Stearns – attachments
5. Revision to academic policy: Academic Probation, Disqualification, and Progress – First Reading – T. Stearns – attachments
6. Motion to endorse the University Strategic Plan – First Reading – E. Ochoa – attachments
7. Brannen motion re: amending RR Calling Orders of the Day – S. Brannen

There was discussion about prioritizing the business of the Senate and hearing reports. **Motion to continue the Senate meeting until all first readings were completed. Second. Motion to amend to extend the meeting to 5:30 instead of until all first readings were completed. Second. Failed. Return to main motion. Failed.**

*Approved.*

**Adjourned.**

*Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström Vega*