

Senate Executive Committee Minutes
March 29, 2018
3:00- 5:00, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Abstract

Approval of Agenda - Items added: Priority Registration application; Resolution on Faculty Participation in Commencement from S&F - Approved. Minutes of 3/8/18 – Approved. Chair Report. President Report. Priority Registration Application: Supplemental Instruction Leaders - Instructional Student Assistants – Approved. Provost Report. Statewide Senator Report. Vice Chair Report. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report. Vice President of Student Affairs Report. From S&F: Resolution regarding Faculty Participation – Approved for Senate agenda. Discussion of Sonoma Valley Room for Senate meetings. Update on LMS project. EPC Report. CFA Report. Associated Students Report. Senate agenda approved.

Present: Carmen Works, Laura Watt, Ben Ford, Richard J. Senghas, Jeffrey Reeder, Michael Visser, Jenn Lillig, Ron Lopez, Damien Wilson, Jennifer Mahdavi, Judy Sakaki, Joyce Lopes, Harry LeGrande, Elaine Newman

Absent: Armand Gilinsky, Lisa Vollendorf

Guests: Jason Gorelick, Deborah Roberts

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Minutes of 3/8/18 - Approved.

Chair Report - C. Works

No report. The Chair noted that AVP Roberts was attending the meeting as the Provost was unable to attend.

President Report - J. Sakaki

The President reported that the campus had received the final report regarding reaccreditation. The campus was officially re-accredited for eight more years. The commendations were well received and the seven recommendations were issues the campus already wanted to engage. The President thanked everyone involved in the reaccreditation effort and was particularly gratified how the campus pulled together after the fires to complete the reaccreditation effort. She discussed the meeting with the WASC commissioners and noted how impressed they were with their campus visit. The President reported on the recent Board of Trustees meeting. Two new presidents were appointed for Dominguez Hills and Bakersfield. She discussed continued efforts to lobby the legislature for full funding for the CSU. Even though the State budget has not completed the budget cycle, the Chancellor's office sent information to the campus regarding the budget at the current time. The information she received showed the campus having a \$1.26 million shortfall. She discussed the

Founders day reception for the Green Music Center. This was an opportunity to reconnect with donors who may have fallen away from the GMC. She discussed new members to the board of the GMC. She then talked about Seawolf Decision Day. This is an important day for the campus, as commitments to attend are down from this time last year, and she encouraged all departments to participate and stressed how much personal contact made a difference. This prompted a discussion about how to increase the yield on admissions. The Chair noted that WASC has recommended that faculty governance and the cabinet participate in a retreat to discuss expectations of shared governance. The President agreed that such a retreat was a good idea.

Priority Registration Application: Supplemental Instruction Leaders - Instructional Student Assistants

C. Works noted that priority registration applications were typically reviewed by the Student Affairs committee. However, the Student Affairs committee was having trouble reaching quorum and this application needed to be reviewed in a timely manner. It was brought to the Executive Committee for review and decision. R. Lopez introduced the application and noted that they were applying to section C of the priority registration policy. He voiced his support for the application. There was some discussion. **The application was approved.**

Provost Report - D. Roberts for L. Vollendorf

No report. A member inquired about the new sign he had seen in Stevenson indicating a new office for the Provost. It was clarified that the Provost, her assistant, and the AVP for Academic Resources were all moving to that new space.

Statewide Senator Report - J. Reeder

J. Reeder reported on the meetings between the Statewide Senate leadership and members of the Chancellor's office. A list of preliminary agreements will be shared among the standing committees in two weeks. Most people are seeing this effort as being fruitful. He reiterated that the Statewide Senate was joining with CSU leadership, the unions and CSSA to help lobby for full funding of the CSU. He said the organization of WestEd (<https://www.wested.org/>) had been contracted to study the implementation of EO 1100. They plan on visiting various campuses, but the details are still unknown. The Chancellor issued a statement, that was supported by the statewide Senate, which said that students who were penalized for participating in the school walkout protesting gun violence, would not be penalized for admission to the CSU.

Vice Chair Report - L. Watt

S&F continues to review adding a Dean seat to the Senate. L. Watt noted that SSU would be joining the Resilience Studies Consortium. SSU will have space to define ourselves for their website. A member noted that Education was having trouble filing all their seats in faculty governance and asked why the Scholarship subcommittee had so many seats for Education. It was noted that the members of the Scholarship subcommittee read thousands of applications, so they need as many

people as they can get. The Senate Analyst noted that the Scholarship subcommittee is joint committee between the Senate and the Administration, so any changes would need to be reviewed by the administration as well. The number of members for the Scholarship subcommittee is based on a formula.

Vice President of Administration and Finance Report - J. Lopes

J. Lopes reported on workforce and faculty housing efforts. They created a task force to address this issue. The task force would assess housing needs and would hold focus groups to gain as much feedback as possible. She described one house SSU received from the Petaluma Land Trust and the process to apply to purchase it. They will continue to work with the Land Trust. The University Police will have an open house on April 5th between 11 and 1 pm. All are invited to visit. She reported on the creation of a "Go Book" which provides needed information for emergency situations. The earthquake school from San Luis Obispo will be coming to provide earthquake training to the county. A member asked if the cost of regalia for students could be looked at and possibly reduced for low income students. J. Lopes said that non-state funds could be used in departments to help out. There was discussion about this idea. A member requested that faculty who had been previously engaged in discussions about staff/faculty housing provide input to the housing task force.

Vice President of Student Affairs Report - H. LeGrande (last day!)

H. LeGrande updated the Ex Com about searches in Student Affairs. He thanked everyone for their support and felt dangerous enough now to be helpful. He wished everyone well. Applause.

From S&F: Resolution regarding Faculty Participation in Commencement

The Chair provided background for the resolution. The recent change in the commencement ceremonies had resulted in a lack of inclusion of faculty in the ceremonies of some of the schools. She noted that herself and Ben Ford had spoken to Patty Hiramoto, who was heading up the commencement planning, and their needs seemed to be aligned with faculty governance at this point in time. She said the resolution would make sure that this understanding was not lost. B. Ford noted that the operative language in the resolution was that faculty continue to be the mace bearers in the procession and present the candidates. These two roles for faculty were agreed to by the administration. **It was approved for the Senate agenda.**

Resolution on Faculty Role in Commencement

Resolved: The Academic Senate of Sonoma State University strongly urges that that all commencement ceremonies retain a strong and meaningful co-sponsorship between faculty, staff, student leadership, and administration, and celebrate the relationships that graduates have with them. To achieve this, roles to be filled by faculty members in all ceremonies should be negotiated, to include the traditional Mace Bearer leading the procession, and the Presentation of Candidates in recognition of faculty certification of academic achievement. Further roles could include masters of ceremony, speakers,

announcers, marshals, banner carriers, name readers, degree folder distributors, and hand shakers.

Resolved: The Academic Senate will strongly encourage faculty and staff participation in the ceremonies to help fill these roles and to appropriately honor our graduates.

Resolved: That this resolution be distributed to the President, Provost and all faculty at Sonoma State University.

Discussion of Sonoma Valley Room for Senate meetings - L. Holmstrom-Keyes

The Senate Analyst said she had been approached by a member of the Senate who asked if the Senate could keep meeting in the Sonoma Valley room as it was easier for her to hear. The Analyst noted that being able to hear at Senate meetings has been a perennial problem for the last 17 years. She had told the member she would bring this issue to the Executive Committee for discussion. There was a wide-ranging discussion which included a request to determine if the member needed hearing accommodation, support for trying different setups in the ballroom spaces, no support for continuing in the Sonoma Valley room and a request to ask Senate members speak louder.

Update on LMS project-D. Wilson

D. Wilson reported on a poll in the Department of Business that found all faculty wanted to keep using Moodle and many thought a decision on the new LMS had already been made. He thought that more information needed to be shared with the faculty about the process. The Chair said it was absolutely her understanding that a decision had not been made and she noted that the ultimate decision would be made by the Provost. The Senate will make a recommendation to the Provost. The Chair of APARC described the process within faculty governance in detail. He noted that everyone was working very hard to bring forward the information, however information was still being generated, collated and put together in a format that everyone can understand. He asked for some patience, please, and offered to speak to anyone about the process. The Chair asked D. Wilson to let the Business department know that their concerns have been heard. Justin Lipp of the Faculty Center was praised for his enormous amount of work on this project. It was noted that this process was very different from the last process when the campus changed the LMS. This time the campus is being very thoughtful and thorough about the change process and, previously, the new LMS had been implemented without any input at all. The Chair of APARC said he would craft an email to be sent out to campus describing the process and the timing. A member suggested to include in the email what feedback has already been heard.

APARC Report - M. Visser

He had nothing else to report. He said he would provide more substantive information about the LMS project at the next meeting.

EPC Report - J. Lillig

J. Lillig reported that the General Education Revision subcommittee (GERS) was meeting regularly. They will be meeting with EPC on April 19 to present their statement of purpose for GE. They are working on obtaining considerable feedback on that statement. She discussed changes to the Math program. The 48-unit stopgap GE pattern would have a second reading at the next GE meeting. They approved the WIC courses for the fall and would be having a discussion about WIC courses and the WEPT. EPC was also working on a revision to the course outline policy and the internship policy. It was agreed that the 48-unit stopgap GE pattern should come to the Senate.

CFA Report - E. Newman

E. Newman reported that a good number of faculty were signed up to take the bus to Sacramento on Wednesday. Faculty could still RSVP. She provided details about the action and stressed the importance of putting pressure on the Governor and the Legislature to fully fund the CSU. She noted that the leadership of the campus CFA chapter would be holding elections for those positions in the near future. A member asked why CFA was not a signer to the Report on Tenure Density in the CSU. E. Newman said she was not sure, but she would check.

Associated Students Report - J. Gorelick

J. Gorelick reported that the AS President, Wilson Hall, would be leading the postcard effort to send messages to the Governor and the Legislature about funding in the CSU. (It was suggested that Harry Potter type owls might get their attention) He knew the student elections were happening, but there was very little evidence of campaigning. JUMP is hiring for 13 positions. ASP is also hiring.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Carmen Works
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes – emailed

Consent items:

Discussion Item: Report of Task Force on Tenure Density in the CSU

Special Report: Update on Stevenson Remodel – C. Dinno TC 3:30

Business:

1. From S&F: Resolution regarding the Faculty Role in Commencement – First Reading - C. Works

Adjourned.

Minutes prepared by L. Holmstrom-Keyes