

SENATE MINUTES

3/21/02

Abstract

Agenda and minutes approved. Presentation on Diversity at SSU by Larry Shinagawa. SBC resolution on the Development tabled indefinitely. SBC resolution on marginal cost formula withdrawn, SBC resolution on the Preservation of Access, Affordability, and Quality approved. FSAC's Evaluation of Temporary Faculty document referred back to FSAC with substitute document. Resolution for Jim Meyer, Vice President of Development approved. Speeches and reception for Jim Meyer.

Present: Rick Luttmann, Noel Byrne, Peter Phillips, Susan McKillop, Victor Garlin, Dale Trowbridge, Derek Girman, Robert Girling, Duane Dove, Edith Mendez, Heather Smith, Leilani Nishime, Perry Marker, Raye Lynn Thomas, Bruce Peterson, Robert Coleman-Senghor, Robert McNamara, Gerryann Olson, Steve Winter, Sunil Tiwari, Tim Wandling, Steve Wilson, Birch Moonwomon, Helmut Wautischer, Ruben Armiñana, Bernie Goldstein, Travis Tabares, Jamie Holian, Art Warmoth, Sam Brannen

Absent: Phil McGough, Wanda Boda, Deborah Hammond, Catherine Nelson, Gillian Parker, Heidi LaMoreaux, Scott Miller, Larry Furukawa- Schlereth, William Poe

Proxies: Kim Hester-Williams for William Poe

Guests: Bill Houghton, Rose Bruce, Jacqueline Boman, and many others who did not sign in.

Meeting began 3:06

Chair's Report

No report

Correspondences: None

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda - *Approved*

Approval of Minutes – *Approved* with minor changes

R. Luttmann announced the Statewide Senate's Constitutional Amendments Vote.

BUSINESS

Larry Shinagawa's presentation -T.C. 3:15

Professor Larry Shinagawa gave a power point presentation to the Senate on the topic of diversity at SSU. The following were the main topics of his discussion:

Present day Key Diversity Elements

Proposed Diversity Initiatives

Keys to Enhancing Diversity

AMCS and Ethnic Studies

AMCS and Ethnic Studies Notables

AMCS and Ethnic Studies Perspectives

AMCS Implementation Philosophy - how SSU's vision statement has an effect on ethnic studies

Questions and comments from the audience.

R. Girling asked for clarification of the relationship between multicultural studies and global studies. L. Shinagawa noted that AMCS is focused on the American experience. L. Nishime discussed Multicultural Teacher Credentialing describing what it is and what students are able to do with it. L. Shinagawa has recommendations for enhancing diversity at SSU which he will give to the Diversity Steering committee. It was noted that more ethnic specific courses would be helpful, as well as a school or institute for multicultural education. Integrating people and methodologies using tools such as critical race theory could be a component. Mentoring for minority students by faculty and senior students was praised. The body thanked L. Shinagawa for his interesting presentation.

SBC Resolution: Development Office – second reading – attachment

N. Byrne read statements from the Senate Budget Committee: Resolution I, "Regarding Funding of the Development Office": As you are aware, the Committee has requested tabling of this motion twice in order to gather and analyze additional information on the Development office and program at Sonoma State. As the process of gathering information continues, we would like to request that the resolution be formally taken off the agenda until such time as the Committee has completed its work on this issue. The Committee would like to thank Provost Goldstein and Vice President Schlereth for their assistance in providing the Committee with information in this regard.

The SBC recommendation for the resolution regarding the Development office to be formally taken off the agenda until the committee receives all the information was *Approved*.

SBC Resolution: Marginal Cost Formula – second reading – attachment

N. Byrne read the following statement: Resolution II, "Regarding Using the Marginal Cost Formula for Budget Cuts": The Committee would like to request that the Senate formally withdraw this resolution. At the last Senate meeting, Vice President Schlereth presented the Senate with the Recommendation of the Chief Academic Officer and the

Chief Financial Officer regarding Budget Planning for 2002-2003. Based upon the assumption that the Governor's January 2002 budget proposal is enacted, the recommendation is founded upon the priority of protecting direct instruction. The recommendation, approved by campus budget committees, does not use the marginal cost formula to allocate budget reductions. To the contrary, there is some additional protection for Academic Affairs. Because of this, the Committee believes Resolution II to be unnecessary. We applaud Provost Goldstein and Vice President Schlereth for their responsiveness to our concerns, and their cooperation and consultation with Budget Committee Chair Catherine Nelson and Senate Chair Rick Luttmann in working toward a satisfactory resolution to this issue. We look forward to continued consultation between the faculty and administration to protect the primary instructional mission of the university.

SBC's request that the Senate withdraw this resolution was *Approved*.

SBC Resolution: Recommendation to Governor Regarding Preservation of Access, Affordability, and Quality - second reading – attachment

SBC recommends that the vote proceed.

Discussion proceeded with some Senators supporting student fee increases and some not. Supporters of a fee increase noted that it would cost students 30 cents a day to get the classes they need. B. Peterson noted that from his experience in EOP he sees that the polarization between the haves and the have-nots is widening at SSU. S. McKillop advised from a statewide perspective to see this in larger issue. A gradual increase in fees would allow students to plan. But at a hearing she attended it was clear that the legislature does not want to raise fees. S. Wilson moved that the second resolve clause be stricken. There was no second. R. Armiñana noted that San Luis Obispo has voted to raise fees locally by \$250. V. Garlin argued that the resolution is a statement of concern about problems not about fee increases. It is asking the Governor to pay attention. T. Wandling pointed out that the resolution offered 4 positions that could be taken in response to the problems noted. R. Armiñana advised that the Board of Trustees is considering at their May meeting an increase of 15% for out of state tuition. **R. Girling moved a substitute amendment to strike the three resolved clauses and add the following: that the California Legislature direct the CSU and provide funding to undertake a study of the impact of declining state support, student fees and on the access of minority students to the Cal State university.**

Second

Vote on amendment – approved = 7; opposed = 16; abstain = 2 *Failed*

V. Garlin moved to close debate.

Vote to close debate – *Approved*.

Vote on Resolution - Approved = 11; Opposed = 11; Abstain = 3; Chair voted in favor, *Approved*.

RESOLUTION
Regarding Preservation of Access, Affordability, and Quality

WHEREAS the California State University has been directed to pay back 1.2% of its General Fund appropriation for the current year, which for our campus is approximately \$614,000; and

WHEREAS the California State University is aware that it may be subject to severe budget constraints for future fiscal years; and

WHEREAS the California State University system is being directed to grow by 4% next; and

WHEREAS the mission of the California State University rests on the Triple Pillars of Access, Affordability, and Quality; and

WHEREAS it is manifestly impossible to maintain simultaneously Access, Affordability, and Quality with dramatic budget constraints; and

WHEREAS, though CSU fees are among the lowest in the United States for a higher education, we philosophically dislike fees; and we believe that the original notion of the general plan for higher education -- that the education itself should be free -- is a good one, and that the victims of any fee increases will be those who can least afford them; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Academic Senate of Sonoma State University cautions the Governor, the Legislature, the Board of Trustees, and the Chancellor that it is unreasonable to expect the campuses to educate more students with no increase in fees and no increase in *per-capita* state support, without a serious and unacceptable decrease in instructional effectiveness; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Academic Senate of Sonoma State University strongly recommends to the Governor, the Legislature, the Board of Trustees, and the Chancellor that, to the extent that neither a greater level of state support nor an increase in student fees are sufficient, the University, however regrettably, limit access so as to facilitate providing to students at least the current level of quality in educational services; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Academic Senate of Sonoma State University advises the Governor, the Legislature, the Board of Trustees, and the Chancellor that they cannot expect the already over-burdened, over-worked, and under-paid faculty and staff to solve the State's budget problems by enduring a *de facto* work speed-up through reduction of faculty positions and/or increases in class size.

FSAC Evaluation of Temporary Faculty - second reading – attachment

R. Luttmann reminded the body that a motion is currently on the floor to strike all the language after “full time appointment” in I. B

B. Moonwomon moved a substitute document to replace the one on the floor. She brought attention to the changes proposed in the substitute motion.

V. Garlin moved that the entire matter go back to FSAC to review Birch’s suggestions.

Second.

Vote to refer to FSAC – *Approved.*

Resolution for Jim Meyer – attachment

Chair welcomed guests and introduced resolution for VP Jim Meyer.

Robert Coleman-Senghor read the resolution to the body and guests.

RESOLUTION

On the Occasion of the Retirement of Jim Meyer, Vice-President for Development

21 March 2002

WHEREAS Vice President Jim Meyer has faithfully served Sonoma State University as Director of Development since 1988; and

WHEREAS Vice President Meyer has fashioned a unique and vibrant language of giving, opening new doors and broad avenues for giving and donors' eyes to the treasure that is Sonoma State University; and

WHEREAS Vice President Meyer has created a network of generous givers who continue to fill our once-empty institutional coffers; and

WHEREAS Vice President Meyer has woven town and gown into a garment as strong and beautiful as biblical Joseph's coat; and

WHEREAS Vice President Meyer has enriched our campus life aesthetically as well as spiritually; and

WHEREAS Vice President Meyer has honored Sonoma State University by enlarging it's standing in the community and region; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of Sonoma State University express its deep and abiding appreciation for his services to faculty, students, and Sonoma State University; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of Sonoma State University extend him all best wishes for well-earned retirement.

There was unanimous consent for the resolution and applause.

Gifts were presented to VP Jim Meyer by the Chair.

Speakers honoring VP Meyer were: David Benson; Ruben Armiñana; Lance Plaza; Saeid Rahimi; Susan McKillop; Victor Garlin; Robert Coleman-Senghor; Jack Meyer (Jim's son) Bernie Goldstein; Rick Luttmann

VP Jim Meyer addressed the body and guests.

The Senate and guests gave VP Meyer a standing ovation

REPORTS

No reports

Items from the Floor – None

Good of the Order - None

A reception for VP Meyer continued until 5:30

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom