

Executive Committee

March 16, 2006

3:00 – 5:00 Admin and Finance Conference Room A

Present: Elizabeth Stanny, Carlos Ayala, Robert McNamara, Melanie Dreisbach, John Wingard, Perry Marker, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Ruben Armiñana, Art Warmoth, Doug Jordan, Elaine McDonald, Edith Mendez

Absent: Eduardo Ochoa, Elizabeth Martinez

Guest: Catherine Nelson

Approval of Minutes of 2/16 and 3/2 – Approved.

Chair Report – E. Stanny

The Chair had a question about commencement. The committee was going to take away the Staff Excellence Award and Excellence in Teaching Award to shorten the ceremony. But someone got upset about it and they have put the Staff award back in. The Chair asked the body for their opinion about the Excellence in Teaching Award. The Past Chair who sits on the Commencement committee said they will keep it the same this year and attempt a change next year. The Chair also said she has written up background on the consultation policies for the Senate.

The President noted that the way he read Senator Byrne's proposal it gives more power to the President since it requires joint decision making for everything.

The Chair said she might include in the consultation policy the areas where faculty have primary responsibility. She agreed that it would not be joint decision making. She stressed the need for an agreement on the meaning of consultation.

The Past Chair reported that morning commencement will begin at 9:00 this year.

President Report – R. Armiñana

The President reported on the marginal cost funding in the Governor's budget. First, he said the Legislative Analyst office calculations were incorrect and they will be correcting that, which will bring another \$3.3 million overall to the system. The CSU is fighting to have the \$7 million for outreach restored. The Chancellor has made the decision that in the worst-case scenario we will take a cut as an unspecified reduction and not a reduction in outreach programs. He reported that the system looks as though it will be over enrolled 2300 FTES. The Chancellor said at a Budgetary Hearing that we ought to get more money since when we were under-enrolled money was taken away. The Chair of that hearing said you have a point. There are three campuses that are significantly under-enrolled - East Bay, Humboldt and Dominguez Hills. They will have money taken away next year and if they don't do better their targets will change permanently. All recommendations of the LAO are to take money away from the CSU. They believe the marginal cost is over-funded by \$700. They do not include the student fees.

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The Chair asked how much weight the LAO has. The President said it all depends. The LAO should guide the legislative budget committees. But the legislature does not always follow the LAO's recommendations.

The Chair asked about the status of the bond issue. The President said the Assembly passed two bond issues - one for education and one for levee protection. The Senate did not take it up. So it does not seem there will be a bond issue in June, but rather in November.

The President noted a CSU policy on Large Auditoria in the CSU passed by the Board of Trustees in 1988. He read that each CSU is required to have an auditorium that seats 1200. He passed a copy of the policy to the Chair. He said it was clear that it requires mixed funding and noted which campuses have such facilities and which are working on getting them. It was suggested that the operating budgets of other "auditoriums" be looked at. The VP of Administration and Finance said he and others had done this research and found that the majority of these buildings were housed in the performing arts and were academically funded by Academic Affairs. The President noted all the facilities had taken at least 10 years to build. It was suggested that the body look at how these facilities have impacted their Academic Affairs divisions and how their Senates have reacted to this to get a broader perspective.

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Statewide Senator Report

R. McNamara reported on the Statewide Constitutional amendment that will require us to have a special election. It was contentious at the Statewide meeting. He noted that his name was on the Con argument and that he had argued for all campuses to go down to two Senators, which would allow for release time for new Senators. He said people could email him to C. Nelson for more information. C. Nelson spoke to the issue as well. R. McNamara, also reported on the Lower Division Transfer Pattern and said that SSU was noted as a slacker on this. He asked for follow up. He said there is a new Chief Academic Advisor, Gary Reichard, and he was impressed with Reichard's visit to the Statewide Senate. He reported that the Chancellor got an earful from the Statewide Senators about collective bargaining issues, however the Chancellor seemed attentive to the concerns. They worked on about 15 resolutions. One is about going back to paper catalogs.

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The President said that Structure and Functions' recommendation not to give students voting rights on committees has reached statewide notoriety and there will be student demonstrations at the Senate meeting.

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Sabbatical Policy – C. Ayala

C. Ayala reviewed the impetus for reviewing the sabbatical policy and the issues reviewed by the committee. He noted the only change in section 2.7. It was noted that the section on the school and department deadlines was confusing and that it would be helpful to explicitly note whether to rank or not. C. Ayala offered to take it

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back to FSAC. Members raised other questions. **No objection to referral back to FSAC.**

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Faculty Recruitment Policy – C. Ayala

C. Ayala introduced the item. He said the Recruitment policy is supposed to be a guiding light and a procedure manual will follow. He passed out the latest version. There was concern expressed about department committee rankings of candidates going to Deans and what happens after that. C. Ayala said the committee did not think it was in their purview to tell the Deans what to do and wanted to leave it open for departments and Deans to work it out the best they could. Other questions were raised by the body. **It was moved, seconded and approved to go to the Senate.**

Information Item: Procedures for Course Revisions and New Courses from EPC – P. Marker

P. Marker said EPC developed this document for department chairs and curriculum committees and it will be posted on the university website (<http://www.sonoma.edu/Senate/EPCguidelines.htm>). He requested that it go to all the schools, departments and curriculum committees.

Strategic Priorities Resolution – A. Warmoth

A. Warmoth passed out the latest version of the documents. He described the three parts of the set of documents. The first section was APC's report of the Academic Affairs Strategic Plan. They looked at the Academic Affairs Strategic Plan against many other plans and agreed that the Core Academic Priorities report and resolution represents the highest level of planning priorities from the point of view of the faculty. He discussed the four priorities in the report. The next major document was endorsed by APC and was a resolution that the Senate adopt the four priorities in the report. The third section was the actual Core Academic Priorities report, which was done in consultation with various constituencies, and APC's recommendations have been adopted into it.

The Chair said that they want to get the widest possible support and suggested sending out the Executive Summary and resolution on Senate-Talk and ask faculty to send their endorsements to L. Holmstrom.

It was emphasized that the issues discussed in the documents were an on-going process. Further refinement would occur.

There was some specific discussion about the content of the reports.

Approved to go forward to the Senate.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Senate - Elizabeth Stanny

Correspondences:

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes - 3/9/06 emailed

Ongoing report: Update on WASC

BUSINESS

1. Consultation Policies – Second Reading – E. McDonald
a: Faculty Consultation in University Decision Making
b: Faculty Consultation in Budgetary Matters
attachments with proposed substitute from Senator Byrne
2. Resolution on the Green Music Center – Second Reading – R. Luttmann – attachment
3. Priority Registration Policy – Second Reading - D. Jordan – attachment
4. Resolution on Faculty Workload – Second Reading - C. Ayala – attachment
5. Resolution on Dominguez Hills Censorship – First Reading - R. Luttmann – attachment
6. Resolution on Workload from Art History – First Reading – R. Coleman-Senghor - attachment
7. Faculty Recruitment Policy – First Reading – C. Ayala – attachment
8. Strategic Priorities Resolution –First Reading - Stanny, McDonald, Dreisbach, Warmoth - attachment

Chair-Elect Report – E. McDonald

E. McDonald said Structure and Functions is starting to begin working on recommendations from the Senate Self-Study. She encouraged other committees who had recommendations referred to begin work as well. They are looking at the role of the Chairs and Liaisons. They are considering APC's at-large position to be elected rather than appointed. They are also looking at the recommendation that the duties of grade appeals, student grievances and cheating and plagiarism charges be under the oversight of SAC. Also, they are looking at the size of the Senate and different ways they could cap the size. She reminded the body that voting for the Senate is over on Friday.

FSAC report – C. Ayala

C. Ayala asked about items that were referred to FSAC.

EPC report – P. Marker

P. Marker noted that EPC will have its first reading of the FYE pilot in ST3044. He said he would be sending out a motion passed by EPC on 4/14/05 to remind people

where we are. It was pointed out that that motion was declared invalid and another motion was passed at the subsequent meeting and was distributed at the Senate. Objection was voiced to sending out the motion from 4/14/05.

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom