

Senate Executive Committee
February 18, 2010
3:00 – 5:00, Sue Jameson Room

Abstract

Approval of Agenda. Minutes delayed. President Report. Provost Report. CFA Report. APC Report. Resolution in Support of Santa Rosa City School District's Librarians approved for Senate agenda. Revision to Existing Program: Engineering Science MA referred back to J. Agrawal. EPC Report. Question for Chair-Elect. Associated Students Report. Vice President of SAEM Report. Excellence in Teaching Award Committee. Update of FSAC charge in by-laws approved for Senate agenda approved. Good of the Order.

Present: John Wingard, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Margie Purser, Sam Brannen, Deb Kindy, Richard Senghas, Carmen Works, Derek Girman, Robert McNamara, Scott Miller, Eduardo Ochoa, Art Warmoth, Ruben Armiñana, Andy Merrifield

Guests: Jenny Tice, Steve Wilson, Rick Robison,

J. Wingard chaired the meeting as S. Moulton was attending a meeting of all the Senate Chair's statewide.

Approval of Agenda – two items added: Resolution in Support of Santa Rosa City School District's Librarians and Naming of Copeland Creek Bridge. **Approved.**

Minutes were delayed.

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana reported on the joint task force of the Sonoma County District Attorney, Department of Justice and the Department of Health and Human Services' presence on campus. They arrived with a search warrant early that morning. The warrant listed 20 grants that were awarded to and administered by CIHS beginning in the year 2000. He said they had collected about five file drawers of documents. The campus was surprised by the search warrant. The President reviewed the issues surrounding CIHS and noted the campus was fully cooperating. He said most employees in A&F were asked to go home as they could not return to their offices. Payroll was able to go back to work. He had the warrant and offered it for review. A member asked about students being turned away for Salazar Hall. The President said students were only turned away from the Administration and Finance area.

Provost Report – E. Ochoa

E. Ochoa reported on the meeting he and the President had with the WASC accreditation team that was part of the normal process. He did not note anything of concern during the meeting. They expected to hear from WASC in about three weeks.

CFA Report – A. Merrifield

A. Merrifield reported on the fact-finding process of the 2008-2009 compensation portion of the collective bargaining agreement. Summary briefs had been filed. He summarized the remainder of the process and what possibilities he saw in the future. There was some discussion about how a fact-finder was found.

APC Report – A. Warmoth

A. Warmoth reported on the JCAP meeting. They had a good discussion of the issues regarding the graduation initiative. They hope to focus on quality and have more consultation on the campus plan for the graduation initiative. They hoped to have a plan for the Senate in the near future. A. Warmoth noted he would also share information with other faculty governance committees. A member asked if the graduation initiative was just for undergraduate programs or for all programs. A. Warmoth said he read it as just for undergraduate programs. A member asked about GE reform and the graduation initiative. The Provost noted that there was nothing in the campus plan about changing GE. He thought the plan was a framework that now needed to be fleshed out. Concern was expressed about the idea of eliminating the 9 units of upper division GE coming down as an executive order. A. Warmoth noted a shift in focus of APC from restructuring and prioritizing to a greater concern about curricular quality. There was some discussion about “irreversibility” in the graduation initiative.

Resolution in Support of Santa Rosa City School District’s Librarians – R. Robison

R. Robison described the reasons for the Senate to make a comment about the importance of School librarians. He passed out a short bibliography showing the research about the value of school librarians. There was some discussion of content. **The resolution was approved for the Senate agenda.**

Revision to Existing Program: Engineering Science MA – C. Works & J. Agrawal

C. Works introduced the item. She noted three changes being proposed for curricular changes. Two additional units would be added to the MA. She asked for the item to be added to Senate agenda as consent item as it had been unanimously approved by all levels. It was noted that the change helped the Master’s program to apply for NSF funding. There was further discussion. The President said he did not think the increase in the program would be approved at the Chancellor’s office and encouraged J. Agrawal to put the two units within the 2-year period. **Motion to refer the item back to J. Agrawal for clarification that the 2 units will fall within a 2-year period. Second. Approved.**

EPC Report – C. Works

C. Works noted that the GE reform from A&H looked like it was coming forward. She thought the Solano program coming through had some issues that should be referred to FSAC. She noted issues with the curriculum committee to oversee the Solano curriculum and the hiring of faculty for the program. She noted the issues with the Solano program were causing EPC to rethink their relationship with Extended Education.

Question for Chair-Elect

A member asked the Chair-Elect about a report he had heard the Structure and Functions was discussing the merits of the Diversity Committee proposal instead of what the Senate charge it to do. The Chair-Elect responded that he thought part of their charge was to determine where in governance the committee should be placed and did not think that was discussing the merits. He also noted that visitors to the committee had not allowed them to take up the discussion the Senate requested and they would do that at the next meeting.

Associated Students Report – J. Tice

J. Tice reported that at the first furlough Friday, students were seen studying in the Recreation Center. It was the largest attendance for a Friday in the history of the Rec Center.

Vice President of SAEM Report – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips reported that the Black History Month event that evening was cancelled due to the performers being caught in a snowstorm. He also noted the students studying in the Rec Center and was working with them to find a better solution.

Excellence in Teaching Award Committee – L. Holmström-Vega

L. Holmström-Vega announced the membership for the Excellence in Teaching Award, Susan Herring and Patricia Kim-Rajal. The Associated Students had been contacted for a student member.

Update of FSAC charge in by-laws – R. Senghas

R. Senghas introduced the item and did an overview of the changes. There was a short discussion about the Faculty Status Grievance Committee. **Motion to put the item on the Senate agenda. Second. Approved.** There was a suggestion to have the membership language regarding SSP's mirror the recent updated SAC charge.

Periodic Review of Temporary Faculty policy – R. Senghas

R. Senghas noted that the changes to the policy were attempting to make the policy in compliance with the collective bargaining agreement. They were also trying to simplify it. They were providing, as an example, a form that departments might use. He reviewed all the changes. A member asked if temporary faculty were consulted during the revision. R. Senghas answered yes. **It was approved for the Senate agenda.**

FSAC/URTP response to department RTP deadlines not met – R. Senghas

R. Senghas noted that it was brought to FSAC's attention that some departments were not meeting their RTP deadlines and some departments were working really hard to meet their deadlines. FSAC wanted to disarticulate two issues: faculty meeting their deadlines and the role of staff in the work of the RTP process. There

were disagreements in some departments and between Administrative Managers about what work staff should do for the RTP process. He asked the committee for feedback from the Executive Committee about the language they were considering. There was considerable discussion.

Copeland Creek bridge naming – R. Senghas

R. Senghas reported that FSAC had been contacted for faculty consultation on the naming of the Copeland Creek bridge. He noted that he didn't know of anything on campus named after a staff member and a subcommittee of the Campus Planning committee working on this issue had proposed naming the bridge after Bruce Walker, the former architect and planner who has had a major impact on the campus. He asked if there were any concerns. No concerns were expressed.

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AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Senate - Susan Moulton

Correspondences

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Special Visit: Dean Merickel of Extended Education – T. C. 3:30

BUSINESS

1. Resolution from SBC: Spending a minimum of 50% of state budget in Academic Schools – Second Reading – T. Wandling – attached T. C. 4:15
2. Resolution in Support for the Retention of Santa Rosa City School District's Librarians – First Reading – R. Robison - attached
3. Periodic Review of Temporary Faculty Policy – First Reading – R. Senghas – attached
4. Update of FSAC portion of By-Laws – First Reading - R. Senghas – attached

Approved.

Good of the Order

The Past Chair encouraged people to consider running for Chair or asking others to run. He was encouraged to send a message out on Senate-Talk.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström Vega