

Senate Executive Committee Minutes
August 23, 2012
3:00 – 4:30, Academic Affairs Conference room

Abstract

Approval of Agenda. Approval of Minutes of 5/3/12 and 6/14/12. Correspondence received. Chair Report. President Report. Provost Report. Suggestion to charge Senate Diversity Subcommittee with oversight GSSEW recommendations – item referred to SDS. Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status approved for Senate consent calendar. Statewide Senator Report. Endorsement of ASCSU's Resolution on Prop. 30 – approved for Senate agenda. Vice Chair Report. Vice President of Administrative and Finance Report. APC Report. EPC Report. FSAC Report. SAC Report. Associated Students Report. Senate agenda approved.

Present: Margaret Purser, Ben Ford, Richard Senghas, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Armand Gilinsky, Viki Montera, Andrew Rogerson, Sam Brannen, Terry Lease, Catherine Nelson, Deborah Roberts, Maria Hess, Karen Thompson, Ruben Armiñana

Absent: Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Andy Merrifield

Guest: Anthony Gallino

Approval of Agenda – Approved.

Approval of Minutes 5/3 and 6/14 – 5/3 amended and approved, 6/14 approved.

Correspondence Received

The Chair reported on correspondence she had received and called the committee's attention to the faculty development needs assessment survey that had been forward to the faculty from the Teaching and Learning Center of the Chancellor's office. She encouraged everyone to participate in the survey, even with the short time frame, so that the Chancellor's office would have a good amount of data. She noted that information was going out about CSU Online and that the Statewide Chairs would talk about that at their December meeting.

Chair's Report – M. Purser

M. Purser welcomed everyone to the Executive Committee. She asked everyone to introduce himself or herself. A member asked that it be noted in the record that the Past Chair sounded particularly happy when he introduced himself. The Chair reviewed the duties and processes of the Executive Committee. She said she would use "Bob's" Rules of Order to facilitate discussions. She asked the Standing Committee Chairs to let the Ex Com know what was coming for the committee as well as what was completed, so that other committees could weigh in, if needed. The Chair noted she had lunch with the Mayor of Rohnert Park the past week and would

invite the Mayor of Rohnert Park and the Mayor of Cotati to attend the Senate on 9/13/12.

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana thought there would be recommendations at the Board of Trustees meeting in September about how to cover the possible budget reduction to the CSU if the November ballot initiative fails. He thought the recommendations would cover two years. He thought there would be cruel choices. He said everyone is trying to be engaged as appropriate to help the passage of Proposition 30. He noted that looking closely at Prop 30, it might be helpful in the short run, but perhaps not in the long run. He reminded the committee that Prop 30 does not send money to the CSU directly, there were just “promises.” A member asked what the recommendations would be to the Board in September. The President thought there would be a “trigger” on the “trigger” regarding student fees that could start in January. If that happened, they would not hold back any money for financial aid. He thought the recommendations did not include enrollment reductions or salary reductions. In the second year, though, there might be change to the health care cost sharing. He thought there would be a significant reduction in sabbaticals and release time. He said those were system reductions and would cover about half of the reduction. The individual campuses would have to come up with the rest of the reduction. He said the budget picture was changing very dramatically, even within 24 hours.

Provost Report – A. Rogerson

A. Rogerson reported that the merger of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs was going well. He reminded the committee about the reason for the merger – to help with the structural deficit and to improve communication between the two divisions. He noted that there was still a unit of Student Affairs and a Chief Student Affairs officer. He said the reporting lines have changed and that they did not want to be the “campus without Student Affairs.” He noted that two key positions in Academic Affairs had been filled via the merger – the Director of Institutional Research and the Director of Grants and Contracts. A member asked how much money the campus thought would be saved. The Provost said approximately \$800,000, most of that being positions that would not be filled. He announced that the Dean of Education search would be going forward in the Fall. He announced that the campus had a record headcount of 9054. The President noted the figure was not annualized. The average unit load was 12.94. He said they were opening up more classes and hoped to reach the average unit load goal of 13.5. A member asked if the average unit load included part time students. The Provost responded yes.

Suggestion to charge Senate Diversity Subcommittee with oversight GSSEW recommendations – M. Purser

M. Purser provided an overview of the item and why it was before the committee. There was discussion about how to deal with the item procedurally. The AS representative brought up concerns the Associated Students had with the recommendations – they had a series of concerns about moving the money from the

Heritage Lectures Series to the Multi Cultural Center and why the growth position in recommendation #3 was a faculty member and not an SSP. The President thought some of the language was not accurate. **Motion to refer item to the Senate Diversity Subcommittee to make recommendations to the Senate about how the Senate could follow up on the report. Second. Approved.**

Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status – M. Purser

The list of faculty eligible for emeritus status as of Fall 2012 was approved for the Senate's consent calendar.

Statewide Senator Report – C. Nelson

C. Nelson reported that the Executive Committee of the ASCSU approved a resolution supporting Proposition 30. They were closely following the search for a new Chancellor. She noted the Executive Committee was contacted in July for input on the search, but there had not been any follow up. She said the ASCSU was discussing the possibility of reductions to assigned time in terms of what would not get done if assigned time were reduced. She noted that the Board of Trustees could not decide reductions in CSU contribution to health benefits. It was a state law. She said the ASCSU was trying to come up with priorities for curriculum and faculty governance this year. She encouraged everyone to vote on the ratification of the CFA/CSU contract. She noted that in discussions about budgets it was important to talk about priorities since where dollars are spent implies a priority. The President clarified that the state law would have to change in order to change how the costs of benefits were shared.

Endorsement of ASCSU's Resolution on Prop. 30 – M. Purser

M. Purser introduced the item. **Motion to put the endorsement on the Senate agenda and C. Nelson would write a resolution to accompany it. Second. Approved.**

Vice Chair Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas noted that a few announcements for service had come out from Structure and Functions.

Vice President of Administrative and Finance Report – L. Furukawa-Schlereth

L. Furukawa-Schlereth noted searches upcoming that required faculty. The Chief of Police search was put on hold and would now commence. He also asked for faculty for the Manager of the Seawolf Services, the GMC Director of Development and the GMC Manager of Marketing. He discussed the Allison Krause concert and noted that a message would go out to the university community for the free tickets for the lawn area. He noted employees would get a 20% discount for outdoor table seating. He said the lawn was going in this week. A member expressed concern about how the bookstore was handling her book orders for the past six years and asked L.

Furukawa-Schlereth who now to talk to. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said he would look into it.

APC Report – D. Roberts

D. Roberts asked if any other committee besides EPC needed a liaison from APC. There was discussion about this issue. She thought the committee would split up into two groups again to work on the Online Education Policy and the MOU with Extended Education. She invited any committee that wanted to give input on these items to let her know.

Schedule Dr. Merickel report to the Senate

M. Purser said Dr. Merickel asked at the end of the Spring semester to report to the Senate early this Fall. She suggested that Dr. Merickel visit the Ex Com first so that his report was more prepared for the Senate. There was no objection.

EPC Report – A. Gilinsky

A. Gilinsky said that they would invite the Provost to their first meeting. He noted they had a request from the Athletic Advisory Council to review a policy about off campus proctoring of tests for athletes.

FSAC Report – V. Montera

V. Montera noted that FSAC would be continuing to work on the SETE project that might dovetail into online evaluations. They would also be looking at the new contract to see if any policy changes were needed. A member asked FSAC to remove “not applicable” from the scale on the SETEs.

SAC Report – K. Thompson

K. Thompson said they were anticipating slight changes to the Formal Dispute Resolution procedures. They would be monitoring the changes in SAEM as the merger continues. She thought SAC would also be participating in the GSSEW recommendations.

Associated Students Report – A. Gallino

A. Gallino reported that the AS had restructured all their internal committees and would be sending students to faculty governance committees soon. They have some special projects upcoming, such as Prop. 30 and voter registration.

A member asked about the process of the search for the Artistic Director for the GMC. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said that the search continues, but it was possible that they might need to extend the search.

The Chair noted to A. Gallino that Vice Chair, Richard Senghas would be the rep to the Student Senate for this year.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Margaret Purser

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes – emailed

Correspondences

Consent Items: Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status – attached

Information Item: Crash Course in Robert's Rules

BUSINESS

1. Resolution Endorsing Academic Senate CSU (ASCSU)
Resolution aS-3009-12/EX Support of Proposition 30 on
November 2012 ballot – First Reading – attached
2. Group Photo

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by L. Holmstrom