

Senate Executive Committee
March 26, 2009
3:00 – 5:00, Sue Jameson Room

Present: Scott Miller, Art Warmoth, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Catherine Nelson, Andy Merrifield, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Sam Brannen, Ruben Armiñana, Tim Wandling, Susan Moulton, Thaine Stearns, Terry Lease, Eduardo Ochoa

Absent: Karen Thompson, Sunil Tiwari

Guests: Steve Wilson, Bruce Peterson, Steve Orlick, Andy Wallace, Dean Saeid Rahimi

Approval of Agenda – Academic Affairs Strategic Plan and Managing the Crisis items added to the agenda. *No objection.*

Minutes were delayed.

Chair Report – S. Miller

S. Miller reminded the body that R. Train would like time at the Senate before the end of the year to report on the ACIP activities. He reported that Bernie and Estelle Goldstein have offered two \$1000 grants for professional development to be managed in some form through faculty governance. He said he is still in conversation with the Goldsteins. He announced the Retreat on Inclusive Excellence on April 3rd. He noted the Open Forums organized by the Ad-Hoc Diversity Committee and how much he got out of them.

Presentation to the Senate on EOP Academy – B. Peterson

B. Peterson said that this year was the 40th anniversary of EOP and noted it was initiated by students at Cal State LA involved with the BSU and MECHA. He thought this was a good time to bring a presentation to the Senate about our EOP Academy. He said he had a PowerPoint presentation of about 15 minutes. The Chair said the request would be considered during the Senate agenda item.

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana reported that at the CSU Trustees meeting, Trustee Herb Carter made a statement that he will bring to the May meeting of the Board, a resolution mandating that all students who are due for remediation should get remediated during the summer prior to their enrollment in the CSU. Enrollment would be conditional upon completing their remediation. It will be the student's responsibility. The University will not be conducting not-for-credit remediation courses. This was a surprise. The initial response from the Board was positive, but there are lots of implications. We would have to work very closely with already admitted students who need remediation. He

discussed further implications. He then discussed enrollment. The CSU has overenrolled by 15,704 students. For SSU, our target was 7500, and our overage is 207.3. This is 2.8% above target. This year the target leeway is 2%. As of this Fall, if the university goes over the 2%, we will have to pay back half the university fees from the students comprising the over enrollment above 2%. The same will happen in the Spring. He offered figures of over enrollments from other campuses. There were some questions.

Statewide Senator Report – C. Nelson

C. Nelson reported that the CLA task force will recommend to the President's Accountability Council to continue to use the CLA, to convene a system wide task force of test administrators (with faculty) to implement test protocols; to delay the CLA for one year; after that require the campuses to administer it every three years; to characterize it as an accountability instrument, not an assessment instrument and to have representatives from the CSU meet with the creators of the CLA to talk about tailoring it to the CSU. She noted resolutions passed by the Statewide Senate. Two nominees were sent to the Governor for the Faculty Trustee position. They heard a report about the over enrollment in the system. She noted that CFA is being very active in the legislature regarding the budget. There was a question about the CLA task force.

Chair-Elect Report – S. Moulton

S. Moulton reported that S&F has agreed to be an elected committee and may recommend that the Chair-Elect not be the chair of S&F. The Chair of EPC asked if S&F had looked at the definition of faculty in the by-laws. S. Moulton said she would agendize it. She said the by-laws revision would proceed in phases.

Clarification of Philosophy curriculum revisions and new concentration – T. Stearns and A. Wallace

T. Stearns introduced the item and A. Wallace noted that the department had made some other changes since the last Executive Committee and passed out materials for the concentration in Pre-Law and Applied Ethics, for the overall curriculum revision and a new advising sheet for the department. He discussed the changes based on the Executive Committee's feedback regarding their 204 and 304 courses. He then discussed the changes to the pre-law concentration. There was some discussion. **Motion to agendize for the Senate's consent calendar. Second. *Approved.***

S. Orlick's Request for Senate Agenda Time – S. Orlick

S. Orlick requested a discussion in the Senate or a Senator sponsored discussion regarding the "dire straits" on the campus. He discussed his ideas about the lack of accountability and oversight, budget transparency and great weakness in the campus' shared governance structures. He argued for the

need for independent oversight, particularly of budget decisions. He gave examples. There was a suggestion that the Senate appoint an ad-hoc committee to address the academic potential of the Green Music Center. There was more discussion.

Time certain reached.

Dean Rahimi's request for campus to observe Nowrooz – S. Rahimi

S. Rahimi introduced his item by explaining the historical basis of Nowrooz – “New Day” for the Arab and other communities. He stressed that the observance of New Day was not a religious holiday, although it is celebrated in many religions. He asked to simply recognize this day as “New Day” since it is not linked to any particular ideology. **Motion to refer to EPC to include Nowrooz on the academic calendar. Second. This motion was further clarified that EPC discuss including Nowrooz on the academic calendar with helpful commentary by T. Wandling.** There was discussion. Question called. *No objection.*

Academic Affairs Strategic Plan – A. Warmoth

A. Warmoth introduced the item and asked that it be put on the Senate agenda. He noted that the plan addresses more long-term issues rather than the current situation. There was discussion about creating a process to deal with the current crisis. It was noted that planning was an on-going process. A. Warmoth noted APC wanted the Senate to endorse the plan and that the Senate is welcome to make amendments. The process for Standing Committees to provide feedback or amendments was discussed. S. Orlick asked about the association between the Senate's Long Range Academic Plan and this newest Academic Affairs Strategic Plan. A. Warmoth said that the AA Strategic Plan was almost entirely derived from the Long Range Academic Plan and the Core Academic Priorities Report.

Senate Agenda

The Statewide Senator requested a five-minute time certain at the Senate.

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Senate - Scott Miller

Correspondences

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Philosophy revision and new concentration – emailed

➤ Update on WASC

Special Presentation: Our EOP Academy – Bruce Peterson T. C. 3:15

BUSINESS

1. New concentration in ENSP- Second Reading - emailed – T. Stearns
2. Revision to Faculty Representation on Administrative Search Committees policy – Second Reading – S. Moulton (3/5 agenda)
3. Revision to the RTP Policy – S. Tiwari – Second Reading – (3/19 agenda)
4. Academic Affairs Strategic Plan – First Reading – A. Warmoth – attachment T. C. 4:30

Approved.

Vice President of SAEM – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips thanked everyone for their help with Seawolf Day. It was very successful. He noted the second annual Latino/a Family Day for recruitment is coming up which is done in Spanish.

EPC Report – T. Stearns

T. Stearns reported on the GE subcommittee progress in their self-study. He noted that the Saturday University proposal is up for a second reading. He thought there were components of that proposal that other governance committees might want to weigh in on.

CFA report - A. Merrifield

A. Merrifield noted that CFA will be asking people to contact their federal legislators regarding the Federal stimulus package to California asking legislators to recognize that the package was not meant to lay off nurses or teachers. CFA is working on a resolution tied to legislation regarding the inequity of the taxation of benefits for domestic partners.

Managing the Crisis – T. Wandling

T. Wandling described his experiences with issues brought on by the current economic crisis and argued that the Executive Committee should begin triaging these issues. He argued that heroic measures were needed now, not later. The President said that at some point, the answers are going to have to come from outside campus. He discussed the budget situation of the state and how that affects the CSU. He said the campus is unable to provide solutions, rather they will have to come from the System. He noted that it might result in work force decrease. He discussed various possible actions that are not under the control of the campus.

Motion to extend by five minutes. Second. *No objection.*

A member argued for more Executive Committee conversation about the limits on campus. The President noted that the Executive Committee could not talk about labor negotiations. The CFA rep said that it is almost impossible to shrink financially without there being more hostility, however we can minimize the distrust and find solutions. S. Orlick suggested not spending any money on the GMC restaurant or the north entrance signs. He also suggested that A&F be audited for their hiring practices and they should have a hiring freeze. The Chair of EPC suggested that the Ex Com parse out the issues being brought up. T. Wandling questioned the implications for tenure-track faculty if the crisis results in a freeze on hiring lecturers. The Provost noted that this discussion was on-going in the Dean's Council. The Chair offered to have some more time spent on this at the next Ex Com meeting.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström Vega