

Senate Executive Committee Minutes
September 5, 2013
3:00 – 4:00, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Abstract

Agenda approved. Minutes of 5/2 and 8/22 approved. Chair Report. President Report. Question for Provost. Question for the Statewide Senator. Vice Chair Report. Vice President of Administration and Finance Report. Chief Student Affairs Officer Report. EPC Report. FSAC Report. CFA Report. Revision to ENSP Water Resource Management BS and BA approved for Senate consent calendar. SAC Report. Associated Students Report. Sustainability Executive Committee Report. Senate Agenda approved.

Present: Margaret Purser, Richard Senghas, Melinda Milligan, Maria Hess, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Andrew Rogerson, Andy Merrifield, Richard Whitkus, Ruben Armiñana, Catherine Nelson, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Terry Lease, Karen Thompson

Absent: Deborah Roberts, Jennifer Mahdavi

Guests: Anthony Gallino, Laura Watt

Approval of Agenda – Approved.

Minutes of 5/2 and 8/22 – Approved.

Correspondence – The Chair noted that the Mayor of Rohnert Park was available for the October 10th Senate meeting.

Chair Report – M. Purser

M. Purser reported on the success of the first University Governance Social. She was particularly pleased at the student governance turnout and said the event would be held again in the Spring.

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana reported that tentatively the Chancellor was scheduled to have lunch with the Executive Committee between 12 and 1:30. The Chancellor would meet with the AS at 3:00 and the open forum would happen at 4:00. They were trying to build in a half hour with the labor council. He asked the Ex Com to pencil in this time on Oct. 9th.

Question for Provost

A member asked if the Provost had received any responses to the call for proposals for integrative projects between academics and the GMC. The Provost said he had not gotten any response so far.

Question for the Statewide Senator

The President noted that the UC also had 5 positions unfilled from the Governor's office. This remark was in reference to no appointment of a faculty trustee from the Governor's office to the CSU Board of Trustees.

Vice Chair Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas said S&F was not getting enough responses for the calls that were out now. He said S&F would be talking about this at their next meeting. He also reported that the GMC University Affairs Committee was meeting the next week and he asked for input and feedback from folks, if they had any.

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

L. Furukawa-Schlereth said that they would be re-opening the Artistic Director of the GMC search and wondered if the faculty elected for the previous search could serve on this committee. He thought they had all agreed to serve again and did bring some experience now. He asked Structure and Functions to let him know how to proceed. A member asked about an email from Facilities Services about protective floor coverings for floors containing asbestos tiles and asked who was supposed to pay for the floor mats. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said he would be happy to resolve the issue of who pays and if there was any deadline.

Chief Student Affairs Officer Report – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips reported on the progress of the Bias Incident Team. They had their first meeting the previous day and it was very productive. The group consisted of student, administrators and staff. He reported that a student had passed away who had been attending the Hutchins program.

EPC Report – M. Milligan

M. Milligan reported that EPC met for the first time last week. One item they would hear about at the 3:30 time certain. The other main item was about how to deal with certificate programs that were coming forward. EPC had decided, for the interim, that they would use the suggested format in APC's draft report and ask proposers to include letters of support from the appropriate departments discussing budgets and review. This would allow the two certificate programs currently being proposed to come through EPC. She said the certificate programs were Tourism and Hospitality Management and Professional Social Media. She said a large revision was coming from the Mathematics and Statistics program that might take them a while to go through. A member asked what department the Professional Social Media certificate was aligned with. M. Milligan said that was under Hutchins. She said even non-credit programs were expected to be associated with departments. It was clarified that no general fund resources were used for non-credit certificate programs.

FSAC Report – R. Whitkus

R. Whitkus reported that FSAC sent the DRB's request about timely feedback from instructors to SAC and also to AFS for input before they discuss it. He reported on the electronic SETE's and said they had been asked for help with details about the implementation of SETEs.

CFA Report – A. Merrifield

A. Merrifield reported that on September 9th CAF would be holding their meeting for Department Chairs to educate them about aspects of the contract they need to know. On September 11, there would be general membership meeting to discuss the upcoming successor contract. He reported that J. Kramer of the Political Science department was very ill and asked if the Senate could send him a get well card.

Revision to ENSP Water Resource Management BS and BA – M. Milligan, L. Watt

M. Milligan introduced the item noting that EPC had unanimously approved the revision. It was clarified that it had been unanimously approved at all levels so far. L. Watt described the revision that was started by S. Norwick, but not completed due to various factors. She had volunteered to lead the revision, even though water management was not her specialty. She noted support letters from other departments and said this track was inherently interdisciplinary. The changes had to do with bottlenecks appearing for their students that they had no control over and they had also wanted to broaden the track anyway. It had been focused on water quality and students wanted more variety in water resources management. They also wanted to provide more flexibility in the upper division courses so students could follow their interests. They were hoping to have a water specialist hire in the near future who could further revise this program. She described more details about the revision. A member noted that it was an impressive amount of work and that it was tragic that the campus still did not have the resources that were necessary to do what the department wanted to be done for a great feature program for SSU. He noted the lack of courses in GIS, for example, as evidence of this. He argued that it was important to rethink the priorities since there were faculty that were willing to do these kinds of program. There were questions. **It was approved for the Senate consent calendar.**

SAC Report – K. Thompson

K. Thompson reported that N. Markley and P. Neville would be visiting SAC at 10:30 at their next meeting to talk about the re-organization of students affairs areas in A&F. They would also be talking about the recommendation from the DRB about timely return of assignments to get feedback from students. L. Wyatt was coming to talk to them about CAPS.

Associated Students Report – A. Gallino

A. Gallino said the AS was working on getting a student for SAC. He noted the Student Senate would also hear from N. Markley and P. Neville. They would be

talking about their previous resolution regarding an EOP Director, reviewing their elections code and revising officer responsibilities. They would also have a conversation about Residential Life quiet hours. He announced an event that evening with Cheryl Strayed who wrote "Wild." All freshman had been assigned that book to read.

Sustainability Executive Committee Report – A. Rogerson

A. Rogerson reported for J. Mahdavi. He said there were two applications for the Director position. They talked about "branding" sustainability on campus, perhaps using the Water Works theme and expand that to SSU Works, meaning SSU works for sustainability, with various types of focus, such as Earth Works. They talked about teaching sustainability using the preserves as demonstration sites.

The CFA rep noted that the STAR had printed the amount of the faculty compensation increase incorrectly. The STAR reporter said she had tried to send a correction to the Senate listserv, but it hadn't worked. It was clarified that she could send it to the Senate office for help.

Senate Agenda

The Chair noted that CAPS had two reports: one on a Veteran's training and one on the Crisis Advocate and CAPS. The Chair preferred that the Crisis Advocate report go to SAC before it went to the Senate.

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Margaret Purser

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes --8/29 - emailed

Correspondences

Consent Items: End of Year Reports – SAC; ENSP BA and BS Water Management Revision – emailed

Special Report: From CAPS – Dr. Lisa Wyatt T.C. 3:40

Approved.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom-Keyes