

Senate Executive Committee Minutes

November 1, 2007

3:00 – 5:00, Sue Jameson Room

Present: Maria Hess, Edith Mendez, John Wingard, Susan Moulton, Tim Wandling, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Art Warmoth, Scott Miller, Eduardo Ochoa, Karen Thompson, Ruben Armiñana, Elaine McDonald

Absent: Robert McNamara

Guests: Steve Wilson, Whitney McClure, Tania de Miguel Magro, Richard Senghas

Approval of Agenda – Ad-Hoc committee report added. *Approved.*

Approval of Minutes 9/6/07 – *Approved.*

Chair Report – T. Wandling

T. Wandling talked about the President's decision to give back the money from the Army for the Basketball Tournament and to look for other funding. He commended the President and Provost for this action. The President said he has also received concerned and angry responses from outside the university. The Chair then reported on Strategic Planning and his concerns about it. His experience as a faculty member does not seem to be reflected in the planning. He echoed the President's words that looking at the document, one would not know it was Sonoma State. He encouraged the members of the body to read the strategic planning document. (<http://www.sonoma.edu/uaffairs/strategicplan/>) He said that his experience in FYE showed him how hard it is to plan on the campus and that crisis areas on the campus were not reflected in the plan, such as diversity, academic advising, and funding for core academic priorities. He asked the body for its opinion on what the role of the Academic Senate is on that committee. His understanding is that the University Strategic Plan would not come back to the Senate. The Provost said that it will go out to the whole campus for review and feedback. Ultimately, the committee will complete the plan and send it to the President. The Chair said he wanted to see the Senate endorse it or not endorse it.

Time certain reached.

MA in Spanish – T. de Miguel Magro

The Chair read the cover letter from EPC as the Chair of EPC was absent. A member noted that the reference to the TOFL could also address taking it on the Internet.

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Chair report continued – questions and comments

A member agreed that the Strategic Plan should go before the Senate. Another member noted that the campus has a Long Range Academic Plan and asked what the relationship of this was to the Strategic Plan. She also asked about the status of the Academic Affairs Strategic Plan. The Provost said the focus had shifted to the

University Strategic Plan. When that was completed, he would return to the Academic Affairs plan as resources became available. The Provost also said he understood the Chair's concerns and described what he thought was the difference between the strategic plan and crisis management. A member argued that diversity and advising were both crisis areas and long range planning items and asked the Provost to comment on those. The Chair said that he didn't see any support for planning and we're supposed to be creating a culture of planning on campus. The Chair-Elect thought that [this](#) was a good time for the whole Strategic Planning committee to think about how the document will be used and whether we will go on to create initiatives or create a document that moves us more toward distinctiveness. He also said he was unclear about his role there and wanted a history of the process. A member argued for a record of initiatives to draw from in the future. The Chair then said this was the subtext of the emails between himself and the Provost that he copied to the committee. He asked the members to review the charge of the University Strategic Planning committee and the Core Academic Priorities document from the last Executive Committee packet to advise the Senate Chairs about how to be representatives to the USPC.

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Revised Linguistic Minor – R. Senghas

The Chair read the cover memo from the Chair of EPC and introduced R. Senghas who could speak to the revision. R. Senghas said that the revision was just a re-focus of the program to more of a straight linguistics program and reaching out to other linguists in other programs. A member asked about dropping TESL and R. Senghas responded that the discontinuance of that program is being brought forward separately.

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Provost Report – E. Ochoa

The Provost spoke about a task force at the system level being created to look at a plan for academic technology support. He said that the WASC visit coming in March is based on the institutional proposal (<http://www.sonoma.edu/aa/portfolio/proposal.shtml>) and not on issues raised in 2004. Those have been dealt with to WASC's satisfaction. WASC will not be following up on them, but if they surface [WASC](#) will take note. He encouraged the body to familiarize themselves with the proposal. He further noted that the Chair of the team is a Provost with expertise in GE reform and thought that was very significant. He talked about campus meetings around WASC that would be held this semester. The Chair asked if GE reform was part of the Strategic Planning process. He didn't see how the work for WASC and Strategic Planning were dovetailing together in terms of resource allocation. The Provost argued that resource allocation comes after we've agreed on a plan. The Chair asked if GE reform was included in Strategic Planning in a way that would satisfy WASC. The Provost responded that our strategic planning process was deemed not ready to be used as a template for WASC, so we are using the theme approach and created two committees almost simultaneously. Eventually, both committees will merge together. A member argued that there should be more of an alignment between the strategic planning process

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and what WASC wants from the campus. The Provost said he thought they were there, but perhaps not as transparent. A member asked what we have to show for GE reform up to this point. The Provost said that the FYE program is now in its second year. He had a meeting with the GE subcommittee to talk to them about getting on with the reform package and hopes they do so quickly. He said that Arts and Humanities has a total number of units that divides by 3 or 4, so they could move to four unit GE courses and not disturb the rest of the GE curriculum. They are moving in that direction. A member suggested that a GE assessment has never been done and that was needed. A member noted the GE subcommittee was working on an assessment, but was concerned there were no resources to implement it. The GE subcommittee is also looking at working with faculty in departments to get buy-in, so it doesn't feel like a top down decision. Both APC and GE have discussed how to get grassroots input efficiently. The Chair-Elect said from his experience, GE reform is not moving. He thought the GE subcommittee was working on assessment.

Motion to add time certain to business item one. Second. No objection.

A member noted that there were interesting GE programs that were created by the faculty that are languishing because of the need for resources for a capstone course. The Provost said he told the GE subcommittee they could have a bit of the \$200,000 in faculty development money for GE curriculum development. If they come up with a framework, then people could respond to it. The Provost then reported on meeting with Santa Rosa Junior College to improve the transfer rate between the schools, particularly for first generation students. The Chair said the faculty would be willing to help with that if the Provost could make it happen and invited them.

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

L. Furukawa-Schlereth said in the budget cycle in our policy on Consultation in Budgetary Matters, it is time to do Budget 101. He said he would send out an email to Senate-Talk inviting anyone interested to come to a presentation rather than present it at the Senate or other committees. He reported that he and the Provost will make a recommendation to the President that the monies from the over enrollment will be allocated to direct instruction. He said the sustainability measure will also go before the PBAC. He reported on the status of classroom renovations and asked to make these reports at the Senate.

Time certain reached.

Two new Statistics Majors from Math – E. McDonald

The Chair read the cover letter from the Chair of EPC and noted how impressed EPC was with the Math department's proposal. E. McDonald described the proposals.

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APC Recommendation: Schools to Colleges – A. Warmoth

A. Warmoth said APC thought the item was ready to go to the Senate for debate. He noted other materials added to show the history of the item. There was some discussion. **Approved to go on the Senate agenda.**

Return to Vice President of Administration and Finance - L. Furukawa-Schlereth

L. Furukawa-Schlereth spoke about the faculty transition group that has come out of the Faculty/Staff Housing committee. This faculty transition group will look at how to ease the transition of new faculty who do not receive a paycheck until October. He then turned to grants and contracts. They are developing procedures to help facilitate the grants and contracts process and to orient primary investigators about their responsibilities. He also talked about meeting with the Schools and other aspects of the university around financial matters to “help repair the base,” after which they will prepare a plan for funding the most crucial priorities.

The Chair-Elect suggested that issues that transcend the Schools also be put into the mix, such as GE reform. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said that point was well taken. The Chair asked how growth money has been allocated in the past and how that relates to targets. The CFO and Provost described how the growth money and targets relate. A member suggested having the “repairing the base” discussions with Standing Committees and particular subcommittees. It was noted that “repairing the base” is now in the University Strategic Plan.

Associated Students Emergency Resolution – W. McClure

W. McClure passed around an emergency resolution on funding for the Athletics Basketball Tournament. The Chair noted that he thought there was a commitment to find other funding on campus. W. McClure said the Associated Students just don’t want it to come from Student Affairs.

Ad-Hoc Committee report – S. Moulton

S. Moulton reported that the Ad-Hoc committee met for the first time. It was the desire of the committee to bring up CIHS at the Senate next time. They also want to have noontime gatherings for the campus community to talk about whatever issues they are bringing to the Senate. Obtaining a room for this was in process. She invited L. Furukawa-Schlereth to address the administrative side of the issue. They would invite Bob Karlsrud and Nate Johnson. She asked for the Ad-Hoc committee to present at 4:30 at the Senate meetings so people could stay after to talk more. She relayed that they want to do CIHS, diversity and shared governance this semester. She requested that a web page be set up for documents relevant to the issues. (now set up: <http://www.sonoma.edu/senate/AdHoc/Ad-Hocmaterials.html>) She said they wanted 5 minute presentations at the Senate, as the time was limited. There was more discussion about how the Ad-Hoc committee would organize sessions in the future. The Chair asked who would someone talk to for information from our police services since our Police Chief is not elected. The President said to ask the Chief of Police. The Chair said the Chief of Police was not answering his questions. The Chair-Elect asked that the issue of CIHS be clearly linked to the vote of no

confidence. A member offered that the CIHS issue relates to issues of transparency and communication.

FSAC report – M. Hess

M. Hess noted that the Senate referred the policy on Faculty Emeritus status to FSAC. The referral was brought on by the asterisk beside the name of a Student Services Professionals name. She said after consideration of this, FSAC found that it might have to do with the **definition of faculty** and that was not in their purview. She thought that would be under Structure and Functions. **The body referred the issue of the definition of faculty to Structure and Functions.** She also reported that FSAC hoped to have the URTP policy to the Executive Committee by the 15th, if all goes well.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Senate - Tim Wandling

Correspondences

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes – delayed

Revision to the Linguistics Minor – attached

Two New Statistics Majors (Math) – attached

MA in Spanish – attached

➤ Update on WASC

BUSINESS

1. Revision to Student Grievance Procedures – Second Reading – K. Thompson – (10/25 agenda) - T. C. 3:40

2. APC recommendation: Schools to Colleges – First Reading – A. Warmoth - attachment - T. C. 4:00

3. Ad-Hoc Committee: CIHS - T. C. 4:30

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström