

Senate Executive Committee Minutes

August 28, 2008

3:00 – 5:00, Sue Jameson Room

Present: Scott Miller, Sam Brannen, Terry Lease, Susan Moulton, Sunil Tiwari, Tim Wandling, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Catherine Nelson, Deb Kindy, Karen Thompson, Art Warmoth, Eduardo Ochoa, Carmen Works, Ruben Armiñana

Guests: Steve Wilson, Tristan Kelly, Laurel McCabe

Approval of Agenda – The Chair suggested time certains for the agenda items. New Diversity Council item was added. *Approved.*

Minutes of 5/15/08 – Approved.

Chair's Report – S. Miller

S. Miller asked everyone to introduce themselves as there were many new people on the committee this year. The Chair talked about things he was tracking and interested in. They were the campus re-accreditation effort; the formation of the Joint Committee on Academic Planning (JCAP); APC's work around the university's mission; the Green Music Center and recently released business plan; the Athletics program and its move to A&F; the issues remaining from the No Confidence vote such as shared governance and issues of academic quality. He suggested the Executive Committee talk about the status of the Senate's Ad-Hoc committee. He discussed possible changes to the Senate process including ensuring Senate body understanding of motions and resolutions prior to voting on them, and introducing a more structured process for voicing pro and con positions for motions and resolutions.

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana reported that there was still no budget from the legislature and very little movement toward resolution. He provided a few more details about how the current budget affects the CSU and some background on the political situation. He also reported on enrollment. The CSU as a system was over enrolled by 9300 and he discussed the related budget impacts. He noted that the CSU is doing better at retention efforts. He noted that the State would run out of money next month and then discussed the borrowing issues for the State. The CSU has money enough through December. A member asked the President about consultation with faculty governance regarding the change of Athletics to administration by A&F and student fees being used for operation of the Green Music Center. The member was generally more interested in the consultation process. The President responded that the executives did not have a clear understanding of Athletics and an audit showed significant issues in the financial management of Athletics. He said in order to fix that it would take hiring three or four people for Athletics and people with that expertise already are working in another division. The President also noted the increased costs for Athletics. Where Athletics has been housed has changed over the years. The President said the change was an administrative decision, not an academic decision. He did note that a call to Scott would have been advisable, but at the time he was indisposed.

Time certain reached.

Accreditation Review Steering Committee – Selection of two faculty reps – E. Ochoa

E. Ochoa reported that two faculty members are needed for the ARSC and previously the Senate had appointed them. The chair of Structure and Functions asked for a clear description of the positions. The chair of APC suggested that someone on that committee be a person well versed in GE since WASC is concerned with our GE reform process.

President report continued

R. Armiñana said originally the decision to move Athletics was to be done when the budget was signed. The head of Athletics said they needed the help sooner. A member asked if there were union related issues in the move. The Provost said the coaches will remain in unit 3. A member asked about the fundraising needs reported in the Press Democrat article on the Green Music Center business plan. The President said it is an operations plan, not a business plan. The Provost provided background on why and how the operations plan was developed. He discussed some of the details of the operations plan, including financial information.

Recommendation for revision to Non-Discrimination Policy – T. Lease

T. Lease introduced the item that R. Luttmann proposed on Senate-Talk, to change wording in the Non-Discrimination policy to exclude the term “unlawful.” The reason for the proposal was that the Senate had passed a resolution requesting Blood Banks be barred from campus due to violating the Non-Discrimination policy. The President did not approve the resolution on the grounds of what is “lawful.” The committee discussed readiness of the document. L. Furukawa-Schlereth said that CRC could take up the issue if the Executive Committee asked for that. T. Wandling asked L. Furukawa-Schlereth to put this on the CRC agenda. CRC’s response could then come back and go to FSAC. **The Chair requested a vote from the body about T. Wandling’s request. There was no objection.** It was also recommended that R. Luttmann be advised of the Executive Committee’s decision.

Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status – S. Miller

There was a short discussion about the giving of emeritus status. The faculty eligible for emeritus status were approved to go forward to the Senate. They were:

Eleanor Criswell, Psychology
Mark Doolittle, Counseling
Saul Eisen, Psychology
Velma Guillory-Taylor, AMCS
William Guynn, Art
William Johnson, Music
Virginia Lea, LSEE
Richard Marks, Jr., CSSE
Charles Merrill, Psychology
Dale Trowbridge, Chemistry
Sandra Zimmerman, Counseling

Return to President's Report

A member asked the Chair what he would have done if notified of the change of the reporting of Athletics. The Chair said he would have attempted to gather a group of interested colleagues to consult with.

President's Response to Senate Resolutions – S. Miller

There were three responses to Senate resolutions in the packet. They concerned the Blood Bank resolution, the response to the “remedies” resolution of 3/6/08 and revision to the consultation policy. The President had opposed all these resolutions and provided written responses as designated by the Senate’s Constitution. The Chair asked the committee to discuss a plan for dealing with the responses in the Senate. A member asked that the responses be discussed individually. The committee began discussing the response to the “remedies” document. The committee decided to charge the Standing Committees to look at the response document and report back to the Executive Committee in two weeks with what sections they might want to comment on and provide a sense of a time frame. There was no objection.

Discussion of Diversity Council – E. Ochoa

E. Ochoa noted that one of the WASC issues brought out by the Capacity and Preparatory Review was diversity. He discussed the idea of the Diversity Council as having prestige and weight and that it would oversee all the diversity efforts on campus. He asked the Executive Committee for input on the membership of the Council. He listed the ideas so far about the composition of the membership and resource people to the committee. The discussion turned to the relationship between the Senate’s Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity created at the end of last Spring and the Diversity Council.

Time certain reached

Art Therapy Discontinuance – C. Works

C. Works provided a history of the item. It had been approved unanimously by EPC and the Graduate Studies Subcommittee last year, but the item did not make it to the Executive Committee last year. She had some procedural questions about the item. There was no objection for the item to be on the Senate agenda.

Discussion of Diversity Council continued

The Chair of Structure and Functions offered to look at the how the two committees might interface. There was considerable discussion, and a general sense that the Chair and the Provost would work together on the membership and report back to the Executive Committee in two weeks.

Chair Elect Report – S. Moulton

S. Moulton reported on the Constitutional vote and there was a discussion about extending the voting period.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Senate - Scott Miller

Correspondences

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes – 5/22/08 emailed

Faculty Eligible for Emeritus Status - attachment

End of Year reports: Senate

➤ Update on WASC

BUSINESS

1. Crash Course in Robert's Rules
2. Role of Ad Hoc Committee – S. Miller - attachment
3. Art Therapy Discontinuance – First Reading – C. Works – attachment T. C. 4:15
4. Group Photo – T. C. 4:45 or sooner

REPORTS 3:20 – 3:50

Approved.

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström