

Senate Executive Committee Minutes
March 1, 2012
3:00 – 4:30, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Abstract

Agenda approved. Minutes of 2/16/12 approved. Chair Report/Provost Report. Recommendation from Structure & Functions: ACIP representative approved. Faculty Governance Assigned Time request approved. Replacement Sabbatical and Difference In Pay Policies approved for Senate agenda. Chair-Elect Report. Vice President of SAEM Report. CFA Report. APC Report. FSAC Report. SAC Report. Associated Students Report. Good of the Order. Senate Agenda approved.

Present: Maria Hess, Ben Ford, Deborah Roberts, Jennifer Mahdavi, Margaret Purser, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, John Wingard, Sam Brannen, Richard Senghas, Andrew Rogerson, Brian Wilson

Absent: Ruben Armiñana, Larry Furukawa-Schlereth, Andy Merrifield, Terry Lease, Armand Gilinsky

Guests: Steve Wilson, Paul Ramey

Approval of Agenda – Approved.

Approval of Minutes of 2/16/12 – Approved.

Chair Report/Provost Report – B. Ford/A. Rogerson

B. Ford mentioned that the Green Music Center Advisory Committee would be meeting the next week and they had asked to have on the fundraising agenda money to support an enhanced music program. A member asked about a report from the Senate Budget Subcommittee. B. Ford said the SBS augmented by two department chairs had been tasked by the Provost to craft a set of guiding principles for budget decisions in Academic Affairs. He noted that some faculty feared the task was given so that administrators could make cuts and point to faculty approval. They had some input from one of the department chairs, which was helpful for their thinking about the principles. He said one or more of the lunches with the Provost would address these questions. The Provost had charged SBS with the question: given the budget realities, what do you want the university to look like in 5 years? The Chair-Elect asked the Provost if he could supply information to SBS about how much revenue is increased by increased enrollment. The Provost said he could provide that. The Chair-Elect also said questions were arising about looking 5 years ahead when, if the cut were \$9 million dollars, the decisions that might have to be made by December 31st would render 5 year planning moot. The Provost said he thought that SBS could be a conduit for getting the discussion about the budget priorities out to the rest of the campus. He thought the whole campus should be part of the discussions. He noted a statement had come out of the Chancellor's office that split the reductions in to two parts. It gave the campus "marching orders" to deal with the structural deficit (approximately \$4 million) by July 1. Also, the

Chancellor's office asked for campuses to put plans together to deal with the potential cuts if the tax measures in November did not pass. He thought the "catastrophic plans" the Chancellor was asking for were ammunition that he could use to take to the Board of Trustees and the Legislature. He said that, despite this, campuses still had to come up with plans for another \$4.6 million cut, which was "nasty" and that's what he wanted faculty input on. He noted he would go to the next SBS meeting with some examples of what other universities were doing since what SSU was facing was a national issue. The student rep thought it was essential to have a student rep on SBS. There was discussion about what SBS thought they were doing. The Provost emphasized that a discussion needs to start happening among the faculty and that the "nasty" plan had to be well thought out and solid, in case it had to be implemented. The Chair thought a student rep would be appropriate to sit on SBS. The Chair noted that when the Provost gave examples of directions the university could go based on other universities, people had a tendency to believe that was what the Provost wanted to do. The Provost understood, but thought examples were useful to start discussion. The Chair said he thought people were taking the issue very seriously and were panicked. He thought they did not think they could do anything about it and perhaps SBS could help with that. The Provost thought there should be open forums across the university. Discussion continued on these themes.

Recommendation from Structure & Functions: ACIP representative – M. Purser

M. Purser reported that S&F recommended Theresa Alfaro-Velcamp from the History Department as the new Academic Council on International Programs representative. **Approved.**

Faculty Governance Assigned Time request for 2012-2013 – B. Ford

B. Ford noted this was the time of year that the Executive Committee requested of the Provost the amount of assigned time for the next year. There were no changes from the previous year. **Approved.**

Replacement Sabbatical and Difference In Pay Policies – R. Senghas

R. Senghas noted that these policies were not revisions to existing policy. They had created new policies that aligned with the CBA. He noted that the current policy and practice were out of compliance with the CBA. He said the CBA actually identified two separate workflows for Sabbatical and Difference In Pay (DIP), so they had created two policies. He noted the new policies did not discuss changes to merit or criteria in the policies. He said that was a different conversation and that is was important to come in to compliance as soon as possible. He highlighted the advantages of the new policies and recommendations from FSAC and URTP. He described the differences between the policies. There was discussion. A member noted that she was disappointed that SSU Hogwarts was eliminated by the new DIP policy and that DIP applications would no longer "magically" appear. **Approved for Senate agenda.**

Chair-Elect Report – M. Purser

M. Purser reported that the candidate and constitutional voting was underway and encouraged everyone to vote.

Vice President of SAEM Report – M. Lopez-Phillips

M. Lopez-Phillips said there had been a verbal offer and acceptance for the Director of the MCC, so the search had been successful. He could not announce the name at that time as he was awaiting sign off from all administrators. The Chair asked for an admissions report. M. Lopez-Phillips said it was still a little early to know. He said they were working with impacted programs and he provided an update on deposits. He said they were still holding to 3200 or higher for admissions. He discussed out of state admissions and other targeted areas. The Provost said the enrollment cap had been lowered to 1314, which was 2% points down. He said that created some logistical issues to deal with. The APC Chair asked about a program of western states that have agreements that out of state students pay 1 ½ times the tuition instead of double. M. Lopez-Phillips said he would look into it.

CFA Report – J. Wingard

J. Wingard reported for CFA and said that mediation was on-going to arrive at a good contract for the faculty.

APC Report – D. Roberts

D. Roberts reported that APC had split into two committees, one working on the MOU with Extended Ed and one working on an Online Learning Policy. She said they would be vetting them by all involved before bringing them forward and thought they were almost finished.

FSAC Report – R. Senghas

R. Senghas reported that FSAC was working on the Instructional Materials policy and was in the fact-gathering phase. He said the Grants and Contracts policy needs to come into compliance with new National Institution of Health conflict of interest policy and if it is not done, the campus would not be able receive grants from NIH. He anticipated bringing that revision forward this semester. He said the SETE group was going to meet with PDS to get feedback from them.

SAC Report – J. Mahdavi

J. Mahdavi said SAC was reviewing priority registration applications. She said she would be drafting a document about the procedures for reviewing these applications for the next Chair of SAC as she had been very confused. She reported that the Student Fee Referendum draft that SAC had worked on was going to the Associated Students to forward to the President and she would bring it to the Senate as an information item. She announced the new chair of SAC next year would be Karen Thompson. The Chair asked if SAC had ever discussed how registration

happened on the campus as he had heard about other campus practices. J. Mahdavi said they had not.

Associated Students Report – P. Ramey

P. Ramey reported that the event for March 1st had been rescheduled to March 7th due to the weather. He said that student candidate campaigns would start on Monday, March 5th. A member asked how much turnover there would be in student leadership. P. Ramey said it would be almost a complete turnover. The member expressed concern about a whole new group of students coming in to the budget discussions. P. Ramey thought it would go well as the students would bring in new ideas. There was discussion about how leadership transitions happen in the Associated Students.

Good of the Order

The Chair announced the new art exhibit in the Library about Women, Art and Science. J. Mahdavi announced that the School of Education accreditation visit would commence the coming Sunday through Tuesday. A member asked how the Bucks Start here campaign was going. P. Ramey said SSU had collected over 1000 stories. They would have the grand total by March 5th. The Chair announced that the Men's Basketball team had a recent big win.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Faculty – Ben Ford
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes – 2/23/12 emailed
Correspondences

Consent Items:

BUSINESS

1. Revision to the Excellence in Teaching Award policy – Second Reading – R. Senghas - attached
2. Replacement of existing policies with new Sabbatical & Difference in Pay (DIP) Policies – First Reading – R. Senghas

There was a request to have the Senate Budget Subcommittee report.

Approved.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström