

Executive Committee Minutes
September 22, 2005
3:00 – 5:00, Sue Jameson Room

Present: Elizabeth Stanny, Art Warmouth, Edith Mendez, Elizabeth Martínez, Melanie Dreisbach, Robert McNamara, Eduardo Ochoa, Ruben Armiñana, Perry Marker, John Wingard, Carlos Ayala, Elaine McDonald, Doug Jordan

Guest: Steve Wilson

Approval of the Agenda – Honoring of Red Thomas added. Committee nominations from Structure and Functions added. Referral of Associated Student resolution on Student Suffrage added. *Approved*.

Approval of Minutes – 9/8/05 emailed – minor grammatical changes made by Secretary to the Senate. *Approved*.

Correspondence Received – None.

REPORTS

Chair of the Faculty - (E. Stanny)

No report.

Nominations to Committees from Structure and Functions – E. McDonald

E. McDonald reported that Structure and Functions recommends Carlos Benito for the Enterprises Board and Jim Christmann for the Space Committee.

President of the University - (R. Armiñana)

The President reported that the Governor signed the Joint Doctorate in Education. On an emergency basis, the CSU will accept students affected by Hurricane Katrina and they will only need to pay the state rate. A similar agreement was attempted with CFA to take in displaced faculty, but an agreement was not reached. The Board of Trustees made a statement about making a plan to close the salary gap of all employees within a five year period. It is a very high priority for them. It would cost \$300 million dollars to close the salary gap. There is no feeling that the legislature will provide that money. The state has a structural deficit of about \$6 million dollars. It means that we will have to figure out a way to generate that \$300 million. He noted that recently it was printed that he appropriated \$30,000 to his salary and he stated he does not have the authority to do that. University Presidents' salaries are determined by the Board of Trustees and are paid from Long Beach, not the local campus.

Course Outline Policy – C. Ayala

C. Ayala introduced the item. He noted that FSAC conducted a survey to find out what elements students and faculty thought were important for a course outline. He reviewed the results and how they effected the changes FSAC made to the document.

Discussion ensued.

Approved to send forward to the Senate.

Provost/Vice President (E. Ochoa)

The Provost gave a progress report on the FYE design team composition so far: Sarah Baker, Melinda Barnard, James Behuniak, Michael Ezra, Tom Shaw, John Sullins, Greta Vollmer, Tim Wandling, and John Wingard. One alternate that is confirmed is Peter Hoffman-Kipp. He reported that the external GMC advisory board has meet and discussed other committees associated with the GMC project. He asked the Executive Committee for recommendations for the joint subcommittee. He thought one faculty member per School would be a good approach and was open to other ideas about how to structure the membership.

The Provost was asked how the alumni would be represented in the GMC project. He responded that it depended on what role we would want the alumni to play. The Chair recommended that the faculty in the Schools be elected, that there be some kind of charge and that Structure and Functions could send out the call for elections.

Excellence in Teaching Award – C. Ayala – attachment

C. Ayala introduced the changes to the Award concerning the composition of the award committee and the funding sources.

Approved to send forward to the Senate.

Statewide Senator - (R. McNamara)

R. McNamara reported on the recent Statewide Senate meeting. The Statewide Academic Senate is in deficit by \$38,000. Academic Affairs is going to look at oversight for quality of the Joint Doctorate. There was more talk about systemwide GE reviewing. Concern was raised from the different campuses that reviewing GE units does not impinge on individual campuses yet it was noted that some kind of coordination was desired. There was discussion about assumptions that lowering the number of GE units would translate into higher graduation rates as on some campuses lowering GE units would raise electives. He discussed three resolutions from the Statewide Senate – Settling the Contract Negotiations, Merit Pay and Prop. 76.

Moved and Second to send resolution of endorsement by SSU's Senate of the Statewide Senate opposition to Prop. 76.

Discussion. *Approved.*

Program Review Policy – P. Marker – attachment

P. Marker introduced the item. He noted that the contention concerning this policy centered around one paragraph concerning resources. Alternative language for this section was proposed in EPC and comes forward now for the Senate. The vote in EPC was 8 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions which is unanimous.

Discussion.

Approved to send forward to the Senate.

Background Check Guidelines – attachment – E. Stanny

E. Stanny said that this was presented at the Campus Reengineering Committee and was asked for feedback from the Senate. The Chair recommended it be referred to FSAC to determine how it affects faculty.

It was clarified that some of the context in the guidelines was mandated by law. Also, that there was interest in the legislature to have background checks more strongly enforced.

The Chair asked FSAC to note the concerns raised by the Statewide Senate on this issue.

MSP to refer to FSAC.

Provost report on case law regarding the Periodic Review of Administrators

E. Ochoa reported that he talked with legal counsel and Jackie McClain in the Chancellor's office who said that yes, such case law does exist and they will send it to him.

Recognition of Red Thomas – M. Dreisbach

M. Dreisbach said she receive an email from Dean Leeder asking for recognition of Red Thomas who was one of the founders of the university. She was approached to have the recognition be a part of commencement.

There was a general consensus to table the item for another Executive Committee meeting.

Personal Confidential Information policy – attachment – E. Stanny

E. Stanny stated that this policy also came from the Campus Re-engineering Committee and thought that a Senate subcommittee should look at it. She thought FSAC would be appropriate.

MSP to refer to FSAC.

Associated Students Resolution for Student Suffrage on Senate committees – E. Stanny

E. Stanny recommended that this be referred to Structure and Functions and thought they might look at what's done on other campuses.

The President said the thought the resolution deals with a fundamental change in the nature of the Senate. Is it an Academic Senate or a University Senate?

The Chair-Elect reminded the body that the issue is already before Structure and Functions.

Motion to send the resolution to Structure and Functions to add to their deliberations on this issue. Second. Approved.

Computer and Network Usage policy – attachment – E. Stanny

E. Stanny said that this also came forward from the Campus Reengineering Committee. She was concerned about III A. 2b. If this is passed, it would create an unfunded mandate for departments.

There was a wide-ranging conversation regarding this policy.

Motion to request the budget advisory committees in the schools and AABAC consider the policy for feedback to the Executive Committee. Second. Approved.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Senate - Elizabeth Stanny

Correspondences

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes - 9/15/05 emailed

● Ongoing report: Update on WASC

BUSINESS

1. Periodic Review of Administrators - Second Reading - E. McDonald - attachments (**please bring agenda from 9/15 for attachments**)
2. Excellence in Teaching Award policy – First Reading – C. Ayala - attachment
3. Program Review Policy – First Reading – P. Marker – attachment
4. Resolution endorsing Statewide Senate Resolution: Proposition 76: State Spending and School Funding Limits – First Reading – attachments – R. McNamara

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmstrom