

Senate Executive Committee Minutes

May 14, 2009

3:00 – 5:00, Sue Jameson Room

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

Guests: Derek Girman, Steve Wilson, Sharon Cabaniss, Barbara Lesch-McCaffry, Elisa Velasquez-Andrade

Approval of Agenda – *approved*.

Approval of Minutes 4/9/09 – *amended and approved*.

Correspondence – An email from CFA that a vote of no confidence in the President at Humboldt State was overwhelmingly successful and the Chancellor's letter regarding our President's performance review.

Chair Report – S. Miller

S. Miller thanked the Executive Committee for being the “dream team” during his term as Chair.

President Report – R. Armiñana

R. Armiñana reported that the Board of Trustees approved a 10% fee increase and a graduate business fee. Different from other years, there were very few students at the Board of Trustees meeting. Soon the Governor will be releasing two scenarios about the state budget. The first will be about a 15.5 billion dollars deficit. The other scenario is a 20.15 billion dollars deficit, if the May 19th propositions fail. May 28th the Governor will revise the budget. There is a special meeting of the Executive Council on June 1st and the Chancellor will probably announce a plan to deal with the reductions around June 7th. He described further details of the state finances impacting the CSU. He believed strongly that the remedies for the reductions were not to be found locally, but system-wide. He saw two options, increase revenues or a significant reduction in labor force. The Chancellor says he has two priorities as he makes his plan, the students and retaining as many jobs as possible. A member asked how the President decided on filling administrative positions. The President said faculty only have decisions over other faculty hiring. He described who makes decisions on administrative positions and noted faculty sit on those search committees. He said he was not in favor of creating permanent positions at this time. A member asked whether an SF Chronicle article about students not getting classes would be addressed. The President said it was correct that there were not enough classes for students. He said if things deteriorate, there could be fewer classes. He then discussed what the layoff process is for faculty in the CSU according to the CBA.

Statewide Senator Report – C. Nelson

C. Nelson reported on resolutions passed at the Statewide Senate: Concerns Related to the Migration of State-Supported Courses to Self-Supporting Special Sessions during Times of Budget Constraints; Support of SB 218 (Yee, D-San Francisco) Amendment to California Public Records Act, In Support of AB 656 (Torrico) California Higher Education Endowment Corporation: oil and gas severance tax, and Opposition to SB 386 (Runner): Faculty Justification for New Textbook Editions. She reported on the new Statewide Senate officers, herself being elected to the Executive Committee. The Chair thanked C. Nelson and R. McNamara for exemplary service to the Statewide Senate.

EPC Report – T. Stearns

T. Stearns reported that the Saturday University Proposal from Extended Education was tabled at the request of the Extended Education Dean. He discussed a proposal from English for remedial freshman writing and asked for advice from the Executive Committee since these kinds of proposals usually do not go past EPC. A member asked why the Saturday University was tabled. The EPC Chair said the Dean thought he had not communicated the goals of the program well to EPC.

New Bioengineering concentration in MSCES – T. Stearns

T. Stearns said EPC approved the bioengineering concentration in MSCES at their last meeting and asked for it to be on the consent calendar. **Motion to put the item on the consent calendar. Second. No objection.**

President Report continued

A member asked if there was a layoff process for MPPs. The President said there was a process. It was noted that no union contract included the notion of furloughs, so that would have to be negotiated with each union. A guest asked if the campus would be using “teaching service areas,” if layoffs were called for. The President said the contract has changed and thought some of those options were gone. The topic of the perception of the CSU in the media was brought up again. The President stressed that the State has no money and talked about the difficulty of lobbying in Sacramento.

Proposal to streamline Management Concentration – T. Stearns

T. Stearns introduced the item and noted it was not a program discontinuance, but a way of streamlining a concentration so that it is more efficient and effective for the department. He said there is no procedure in the curriculum guide for streamlining concentrations and asked the members for opinions on whether the item needed to go to the Senate at all. T. Lease, the Chair of Business and a member of the body noted that the former “tracks” in management were actually showing up as concentrations on degrees, so they were collapsing them all into one. **It was approved as a consent item for the Senate.**

Return to President's Report

A member discussed issues surrounding who would teach the classes if lecturers were not hired. A member said her understanding of the layoff process in the contract was that it was by department, so it could affect departments differently. A member asked about the Board of Trustees tabling a request from CFA to support the oil severance tax. The President responded with his understanding of the tax and how it is being proposed. He said the distribution was cumbersome.

EPC report continued

A member asked about the proposal to substantially change freshman English. T. Stearns responded that this was a proposal to change English 99 to a year long course - English 100A and 100B for students who do not test into freshman English. They would be credit bearing courses. A member noted that it is a pilot program. A member argued that the Senate should be kept informed.

Ad-Hoc Diversity Committee procedural questions and continuation – B. Lesch-McCaffry and E. Velasquez-Andrade

B. Lesch-McCaffry said the Ad-Hoc Diversity Committee wanted guidance from the Executive Committee about the nature of their report and if the committee should continue beyond its year charge. She noted the committee was not in consensus about these two issues. She discussed what reports were available currently and what still needed to be done. She asked if the Executive Committee wanted a partial report at the last Senate meeting and whether the group could continue to October 1st to finish their work. E. Velasquez-Andrade said she thought that all the charges of the Senate to the committee were met through the Open Forums process. The Chair discussed his conversations with the committee about continuation. There was discussion.

Request for Gustavo Flores to report to the Senate – K. Thompson

K. Thompson said that SAC was formally requesting a report on the recruitment plan of SSU to be given by Gustavo Flores at a Senate meeting in the Fall. She directed members attention to a copy of last years recruitment plan included in the packet to point out specific information about recruitment practices she thought would be of interest to the Senate. **She moved to have a standing special SAEM report on recruitment presented to the Senate once a year in the first half of the Fall semester. Second.** There was discussion. A member said he thought there should be a line of port-a-potty's outside the Senate if this item is discussed at the Senate. He specifically requested that this be recorded in the minutes. **Vote on the motion: Yes = 5; No = 5. The Chair did not vote and the motion died.** However, he encouraged SAC to bring it forward in the Fall.

Senate Agenda

AGENDA

Report of the Chair of the Senate - Scott Miller

Correspondences

Consent Items:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes 4/2/09 & 4/23/09 - emailed

New Bioengineering concentration in MSCSE - emailed

Proposal to streamline Management Concentration, Business Department -
emailed

Candidates for Graduation - emailed

Special Report: Robert Train & Marisa Thigpen, Annual Report on International
Programs

➤ Update on WASC

BUSINESS

1. Revision to academic policy: Course Repeat – Second Reading –
T. Stearns – attachments in 5/7 packet & new attachments
2. Revision to academic policy: Withdrawal - Second Reading –
T. Stearns – attachments in 5/7 packet & new attachments
3. Revision to academic policy: Academic Probation, Disqualification, and Progress
– Second Reading – T. Stearns – attachments in 5/7 packet & new attachments
4. Motion to endorse the University Strategic Plan – Second Reading – E. Ochoa –
attachments in 5/7 packet
5. Recommendation from Executive Committee: Motion to extend the work of the
Ad-Hoc Diversity Committee to October 1, 2009
6. Resolution congratulating Dr. Jeffrey Reeder's naming as Bike Commuter of the
Year – T. Lease – First Reading – attachment
7. Nomination and election of Senate members to the Executive Committee for
2009-2010
8. Changing of the Guard T.C. 4:45

There was extensive discussion about the continuation of the Ad-Hoc Diversity
Committee and its report. **Agenda approved.**

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Holmström Vega