

Academic Senate Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 2006
Library Collaboratory-BT 1302
Minutes

Attendance: Virgil Adams, Simone Aloisio, Sean Anderson, Harley Baker, Julia Balen, Terry Ballman, Frank Barajas, Anna Bieszczad, A.J. Bieszczad, Bob Bleicher, Marilyn Buchanan, Bill Cordeiro, Manuel Correia, Irina Costache, Amy Denton, Beatrice de Oca, Jesse Elliott, Scott Frisch, Ivona Grzegorzcyk, Blake Gillespie, Jeanne Grier, Phil Hampton, Beth Hartung, Peggy Hinz, Tiina Itkonen, Joan Karp, Jacque Kilpatrick, Jill Leafstedt, Steve Lefevre, Ted Lucas, Phil McGough, Brad Monsma, Nancy Mozingo, Dennis Muraoka, Joan Peters, Jack Reilly, Don Rodriguez, Tom Schmidhauser, Peter Smith, Steve Stratton, Lillian Vega-Castaneda, Kevin Volkan, Dan Wakelee, Amy Wallace, Ching-Hua Wang, Bill Wolfe, Gregory Wood, Cindy Wyels.

Call to order

-2:35 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

-Bleicher moved to add an Agenda item: Academic Affairs structure. Grzegorzcyk seconded.

Vote taken on the motion:

Yes: 27

No: 0

Abstention: 3

-Agenda approved as amended.

Approval of the Minutes from the last (April 25) Senate meeting

-approved unanimously

Report from the President

-The President thanked everyone for all their hard work throughout the year. He then read excerpts from the WASC report which praise the campus along with its faculty, staff and students. The WASC visiting committee reported they were “in awe” of all the work we have accomplished here thus far and were surprised they did not hear “any complaints, whining, lamenting or transferring of responsibility” from anyone here, nor a single request for money.

-We were also recently visited by a group looking at Facilitating Graduation, with this group commenting that CSUCI was very admirable and the group was impressed with the campus.

-We have had three CSU Trustee visits in recent weeks and they too have expressed how impressed they were with our campus and the outstanding staff and faculty employed here.

-The President reported that he had met with Chancellor Reed and Richard West, earlier that same morning and had requested additional funds for much needed classroom and

office space and additional staffing. The meeting seemed to have been very positive and he hopes they will be able to help us in the very near future.

-Human Resources will be bringing in a group to conduct stress management workshops in the Fall. Please take advantage and participate in these workshops.

-President Rush invited all faculty to attend a Bar-B-Q being held at his house after the commencement ceremony. There will be live music provided for all those who wish to show off their newly acquired dance steps and the President himself will be offering dance lessons on that day. Don't miss it, folks!

Report from the Provost

-Provost Lucas will be resuming his "rumor busting" sessions in the Fall so that any rumors can be explained, confirmed, or denied before they travel throughout the campus.

-He stated that he gave Dean Vaidya a charge to review Program Chair assignments and see if there were areas that could be condensed or combined in order to save money in Academic Affairs.

Report from the Chair

-Chair Ballman recognized two task forces (Representative Senate and SETEs/SPOTs) who will continue their work into the early fall and thanked them all for their hard work.

-King presented, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, the new e-voting system that would be used to elect committee members beginning Thursday, 5/11.

Academic Affairs Structure

-Bleicher inquired why more lead time for discussion was not given prior to decisions being made about the new Academic structure.

-Grzegorzczuk said she thought our campus was supposed to discuss decisions like this with the faculty and elicit input prior to making the final decisions.

-There was much discussion about the process used to make the final decision and the appearance the decisions will now be made in a more hierarchical manner.

-Frisch agreed with Grzegorzczuk, for the first time ever. He reminded everyone that entire semesters were previously spent on structure discussions and now decisions were being made based on budget issues.

-Grzegorzczuk made a motion to send a resolution to the Dean's office and administration, on behalf of the Senate, which requests the Dean's office consult with faculty prior to making decisions such as these in the future, Barajas seconded. Grzegorzczuk drafted a resolution and requested word smithing assistance from other faculty.

-Volkan offered that maybe an informal dialog would be more appropriate versus a formal resolution.

-Cordeiro recommended holding an additional Senate meeting next week, 5/16, to discuss the changes.

-There was discussion about the budgetary issues associated with the proposed changes.

-Wood requested a straw poll to see how many people would actually attend an additional meeting, so that a quorum would be assured 35 faculty members indicated they would attend.

-Reilly shared his experience with re-structuring at CSUN, indicating that this decision would not have been unusual there.

Old Business

SP 05-29 RTP document (amended)

-There was discussion about the need to have more time to address the proposed changes to the RTP document, especially with the upcoming changes to the Academic structure which might affect a faculty member's RTP.

- Grzegorzczuk made a motion to table the policy until next Fall, seconded by A.J. Bieszczad.

Vote taken by show of hands:

Yes: 32

No: 3

Abstain: 3

Motion passes

SP 05-30 Proposal for Temporary Reduction of Senate Quorum

-Grzegorzczuk spoke against the proposal because she believes 40% of faculty is not sufficient to make decisions for the remaining faculty members.

-Wyels reminds everyone that all faculty are still invited to and welcome to attend the meetings.

-Muraoka reminds everyone that it is a problem when there are non-controversial items and attendance is too low to conduct business.

Vote taken by show of hands:

Yes: 24

No: 5

Abstain: 3

Policy passes

SP 05-31 Policy on Temporary Faculty Evaluation

-V. Adams indicated changes had been made to the language of the policy and explained the reasons.

Vote taken on policy:

Yes: 32

No: 0

Abstain: 1

Policy passes

SP 05-32 Policy on Lecturer Range Elevation

-Anna Bieszczad proposed a friendly amendment to the section on eligibility, Muraoka seconded, the amendment was accepted.

Vote taken on policy:

Yes: 27

No: 1

Abstain: 2

Policy passes as amended

SP 05-33 Policy on Sabbatical Leave

-Grzegorzczuk made an amendment to strike out sections “a,b,c” on page 3, A.J. Bieszczad seconded.

-There was discussion about the point system incorporated in the policy and its pros and cons.

-Stratton called the question

-it was unanimous agreement that discussion should end and a vote should be taken.

Vote on Grzegorzczuk’s amendment:

Yes: 4

No: 22

Abstain: 4

Motion fails

-Vote taken by show of hands on policy:

Yes: 27

No: 4

Abstain: 0

Policy passes

New Business

SP 05-34 Policy on Difference in Pay Leave

-m/s-Cordeiro, Bleicher.

-Muraoka explained what “difference in pay” was and explained the difference between it and a Sabbatical.

-Smith moved to waive the first reading, seconded by Muraoka.

Vote on waiving the first reading:

Yes: 22

No: 3

Abstain: 3

Motion passes, making this a second reading item.

Vote taken on the policy:

-Unanimous approval

Policy passes

Adjournment

4:32 p.m.