

ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, May 6, 2008
John Spoor Broome Library, rm 1360
Minutes

Attendance

Virgil Adams, Mary Adler, Simone Aloisio, Harley Baker, Julia Balén, Terry Ballman, Frank Barajas, A.J. Bieszczad, Anna Bieszczad, Robert Bleicher, Merilyn Buchanan, Geoffrey Buhl, Catherine Burriss, Lillian Castaneda, Renny Christopher, Stephen Clark, Tracylee Clarke, Christopher Cogan, Bill Cordeiro, Manuel Correia, Beatrice de Oca, Amy Denton, Dennis Downey, Therese Eyer mann, Jorge Garcia, Blake Gillespie, Jeanne Grier, Phil Hampton, Beth Hartung, Debi Hoffmann, Tiina Itkonen, Karen Jensen, Jacque Kilpatrick, Liz King, Kristen LaBonte, Daniel Lee, Steve Lefevre, Kathryn Leonard, Alex McNeill, Trudy Milburn, Brad Monsma, Nancy Mozingo, Ed Nuhfer, Joan Peters, Luda Popenhagen, Paul Rivera, Richard Rush, Sue Saunders, Tom Schmidhauser, Peter Smith, Steve Stratton, Maria Tauber, Kaia Tollefson, Eric Toshalis, Ashish Vaidya, Daniel Wakelee, Amy Wallace, Bill Wolfe, Cindy Wyels.

Call to order

-2:33 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

-approved unanimously

Approval of the Minutes from the last (April 29) Senate meeting

-approved unanimously

Report from President Rush

- President Rush updated everyone on how his visit with the Chinese delegation was going adding that we are the only national university the delegation is visiting. The President is working on creating an exchange program with this group to add to the exchange program that Daniel Lee has already created with Germany and in the Fall the president plans to travel to Chile to hopefully arrange our third exchange program there.
- The President traveled to Sacramento and met with legislators there to discuss the budget situation, he does not believe we will receive any support from them.
- We have received approval from the State department of Parks and the National Parks and Services to proceed with our plans for the 368 acres. The Costal Conservatory has agreed to help with developing that area. We have recently found that the previous landowner had put tiles in to drain water to our property and was still using the property for rubbish disposal, this will be taken care of shortly.
- We have received a million dollar endowment for scholarships designated for transfer students which should be available for Fall 2009.
- We will have an image/brand maker on campus in the next few weeks who will help us with our image and getting the word out about our campus, he may be asking to speak with some of you so be expecting him.

-The President thanked Provost Ted Lucas for his efforts and service to this university, he is very grateful to him.

Report from the Provost

-no report

Report from the Chair

-Chair Ballman summarized the report submitted by the GE task force.

-Chair Ballman thanked everyone for their support during her tenure as Senate Chair.

-Chair Ballman provided an overview slideshow of the history of the SETE and its development at this campus. She then proceeded to lay out the new option which would allow the new form to be piloted in the Fall along with the current Washington form while data is collected to create procedures for the Spring.

Old Business

SP 07-19 Student Ratings Form

-V. Adams motioned to accept the changes made to the form since the last meeting, seconded by D. Lee.

-The revised form was unanimously accepted.

-P. Hampton thanked the task force for listening to the revisions suggested.

-Ed Nuhfer summarized the few changes made to the form since the previous meeting. He added that this was the only form in the country that had been created around the university mission.

-H. Baker has volunteered to do a study on this instrument to see if it is better than what we are currently using. He will make sure the sample is representative of what we teach.

-R. Christopher explained the current evaluations process and indicated it costs approximately \$5000 to do. She went on to explain how the piloting process would work. Vote taken by show of hands to “approve, not adopt” this document:

Yes: 46

No: 0

Abstain: 5

Policy passes

SP 07-21 Revisions to RTP

-B. Gillespie spoke to the changes indicating that most of the changes were contractually obligated. One of the changes was the term Division Chair being changed to Division head.

-There was discussion about adding an additional level of review for some people. R. Christopher said the CBA specified that the chair may or may not serve as a second level of review.

-A.J. Bieszczad motioned to remove #4 completely, seconded, approved unanimously.

Vote taken by show of hands:

Yes: 43

No: 0

Abstain: 1

Policy passed

SP 07-22 Revisions to the Senate Bylaws

-Chair Ballman gave an overview of the past history with quorum issues.

-There was discussion about how to improve attendance at Senate.

-A. McNeill called for the question, unanimous approval.

-J. Elliott opposed to voting by show of hands.

Vote taken by clickers:

Yes: 23

No: 16

Abstain: 3

Quorum changes did not pass by 2/3 vote

-N. Mozingo suggests these changes be made in the Fall not at the last Senate meeting.

-Changes to Bylaws regarding composition and charge for centers and institutes and center for community engagement.

Vote by show of hands:

-Unanimous approval

Policy passes

Intent to raise questions

M. Correia asked

-On behalf of the Library Advisory Committee, who will be the interim Dean of the Library and how will we know? When will the search committee for a new Dean be formed? When will we know?

-“Provost Neuman will begin the search for a new Dean of the Library after she arrives on campus in July. In the meantime, the Library has recommended that Amy Wallace be appointed Interim Dean of the Library, and discussions are currently underway between Amy and Ted regarding that recommendation. The campus community will be notified as soon as an Interim Dean is appointed.

Ted Lucas”

Cindy Wyels asked

-What means – other than use of my personal credit card – are there for me to pay for airline tickets, train tickets, etc. when I am arranging travel for university business? Note that if I wish to keep costs low, I must purchase airline tickets (for example) several weeks before the actual travel occurs.

-“There are three ways to retain airline/train tickets for business travel. The first is to complete a travel authorization retrieve a CIT number from Brian Berry and contact Santa Barbara travel. They will make all the arrangements and the campus will be billed. The traveler must have a CIT or the travel agency will not be able to charge us directly. The second option is the traveler can obtain an American Express Travel Card through the campus; however the traveler is still responsible for this bill until the travel has been completed at which time they can be reimbursed and the third is what you mentioned below, in that they can use their own personal CC, but again this can't be reimbursed until the travel occurs. The

last two aren't the most optimal options as the traveler often will have to front their funds to pay the bill by the due date. The first option is really the best choice.

If you have any other questions, please let me know.

Missy Klep, Director, Budget, Procurement & Support Services

Joan Peters asked

-Are the lawns around campus treated with pesticides and weed killers?

-“Pesticides are not used on any lawn areas. We use very limited amounts of pesticide on hard surface areas side walks and parking lots. This is applied in very early hours on week ends. Adjacent to student housing we use the AQUACIDE Environmental Weed Control System. Its a process in which water is super heated on-demand (up to 280 degrees F) under a very low pressure. The extreme heat of the water immediately destroys the cellular (molecular) structure in the vegetation, and leaves no residue.”

Blake Gillespie asked

-Will bike racks be added near the library?

Per Ray Porras-

“David Carlson called me today and we went to the Library to identify two locations for approval. I should know by next week.”

Mary Adler asked

-Can the ringing of the Bell Tower bells be altered so that they ring just once an hour instead of several times per hour?

Per Ted Lucas

“Yes, the bells can be programmed to ring at different intervals, however, they will be left as they are for now. “

Announcements

-T. Milburn announced award recipients including Beth Hartung who will be receiving an award for Community Engagement.

-C. Wyels shared that 178 students would be presenting at the *Celebration of Student Research* scheduled for Friday, May 9th.

-J. Garcia invited everyone to attend the Anti-talent show organized by the Math program.

-C. Burriss invited everyone to view the Performing Arts Showcases this week.

Adjournment

-4:02 p.m.-Chair Ballman passed the gavel to the new 08-09 Chair, Beth Hartung.