

Academic Senate
Tuesday, March 16th, 2010
Minutes

Attendance

Virgil Adams, Mary Adler, Julia Balén, Terry Ballman, A.J. Bieszczad, Bob Bleicher, Damon Blue, Marilyn Buchanan, Geoffrey Buhl, Catherine Burriss, Renny Christopher, Stephen Clark, Tracylee Clarke, Chris Cogan, Manuel Correia, Beatrice de Oca, Colleen Delaney-Rivera, Therese Eyer mann, Jeanne Grier, Andrea Grove, Ivona Grzegorzcyk, Debi Hoffmann, Karen Jensen, Liz King, Daniel Lee, Alex McNeill, Jim Meriwether, Michelle Moon, Andrew Morris, Dennis Muraoka, Dawn Neuman, Laura Newton, Luda Popenhagen, Ron Rieger, Tom Schmidhauser, Sadiq Shah, Peter Smith, Stephen Stratton, Elnora Tayag, Kaia Tollefson, Ashish Vaidya, Billy Wagner, Amy Wallace, Dan Wakelee, Greg Wood, Cindy Wyels.

Approval of Agenda

-m/s-approved

Approval of the Minutes of the February 2, 2010

-m/s-approved

Intent to Raise Questions

-Response to question previously raised by T. Ballman regarding IRA committee.

-Provost Neuman gave the following response: *During the fall semester, the Cabinet examined all campus level committees to see if they might be reconsidered to reduce redundancies and size while still allowing for wide input. The intent was to make an effort to sustain our most valued resource, personnel, by reducing extreme participation in committee work. Additionally, WASC recommended that the campus reduce the number of our committees so as to run a more efficient campus. The decision was made to eliminate some committees, combine the work of similar committees, and reduce memberships in others. Taken together, eight committees were completely eliminated and nine were combined into four. As a result 142 committee positions of which 103 are staff, 30 faculty and 9 students were removed. This was a very complex job and as a result we did not complete the reorganization until much later than planned. This caused the IRA process to be late. While the campus committee structure is now stabilized, we apologize for the interruption and will work to be certain that future applications for IRA funding are not delayed.*

New Questions

-J. Elliott submitted a question via email, he would like to know what will happen to Sodexho's current 30 employees when Sodexho leaves?

-V. Adams would like to know if it is possible to get the bushes trimmed along university drive just north of the bridge at the edge of central campus (if you are standing on the north end of the bridge with your back to campus they are the bushes that stick just as you begin the turn to the

right)? This will enable people walking along the right side to do so without entering the road way.

-A. Grove is concerned about the lack of security when she works in her office on weekends and evenings, is there a way to get additional security at those times?

Report from the Provost

-Provost Neuman reported that the Institute for Social Business, in conjunction with the Yunus Family Creative Lab, will be offering training on campus.

-She also requests that you notify the campus Advancement Office prior to requesting donations from anyone in order to avoid duplicating efforts. Also if you have someone you'd like to request donations from, please contact their office for assistance.

-The *Graduation Initiative* committee is beginning to meet and looking to strengthen what we already have in place, they will be submitting monthly reports to the Chancellor's Office.

-She has received two requests for a policy on how to use the campus while conducting sustainment research.

-In support of campus sustainability, we will be hiring a sustainability gardener with expertise in this area.

Report from the Senate Chair

-Chair Hartung attended a Statewide Chairs meeting where events for March 4th were discussed as well as furloughs for next year. The Chancellor attended the meeting and when asked about the furloughs, he stated he did not like them and deferred the question as a collective bargaining issue. The campuses also discussed the Graduation Initiative.

-She reported on the break down, by campus, of those who participated in the letter writing campaign and sent letters to their local representatives via the website that she forwarded to everyone. Legislators received a little less than 2000 letters from across the CSU system.

Report from ASCSU

-B. Wagner reported that a major topic of discussion, at a recent Statewide meeting, was the fact there is still no Faculty Trustee for the first time since 1960's. The Board of Trustees has continued to do work without faculty, however, two students have been appointed during the same time frame.

-The Fiscal Affairs committee will be going to Sacramento to meet with Legislators in April, they will be talking about AB 2400 which would allow Community Colleges to offer Bachelor of Arts degrees.

New Business/first reading items

SP 09-06: Policy on Lecturer Faculty Evaluations

-m/s-I. Grzegorzcyk, C. Burriss. B. Bleicher spoke about the recommended changes to the policy, stating they are not substantive changes, the language changes will just put the policy in line with other campus policies.

-R. Christopher stated that most of the changes were for clarification purposes. The one substantive change, requires the Faculty Affairs office to set up a Schedule for lecturer evaluations instead of remaining vague and out of compliance as we are now.

-I. Grzegorzcyk is concerned about how this policy affects visiting faculty. R. Christopher responded that this policy does not apply to visiting faculty.

-C. Wyels offered a friendly amendment that added the same wording in line F2 as in E2, she will send FAC the friendly amendment.

-Chair Hartung recommended sending additional friendly amendments to FAC.

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SP 09-07: Policy on Shared Appointments

-m/s- I. Grzegorzcyk, G. Wood. B. Bleicher spoke about the policy saying it defines RTP and workload issues for faculty members who teach in two programs.

- I. Grzegorzcyk would like to know how “Centers and Institutes” can make faculty appointments? She would also like further definition on what constitutes a “Receiving unit?”

-M. Adler responded that the *receiving unit* was not the *home unit* and explained why.

-G.Wood made a friendly amendment to change the term *receiving unit* to *shared unit*.

- I. Grzegorzcyk wants to know what the process for “unsharing” a faculty member would be if the arrangement did not work out?

-J. Grier suggested adding a provision that allows for the switching of home units.

-A. Wallace inquired about those faculty that do not have WTU’s per year?

SP 09-08: Advancement to Candidacy

-m/s- I. Grzegorzcyk, J. Balen. B. de Oca spoke about the policy and how it applies to graduate students and helps them with their Thesis.

-G. Wood wondering if there is a reasonable time to finish recommendation? B. de Oca says the goal was to have a minimalist policy.

- I. Grzegorzcyk says that in the Math program, this would cause students to spend an additional year here because it precludes students from registering in classes.

-There is discussion about programs adding their own different timelines.

Reports from Standing Committees

Committee on Centers and Institutes

-No Report

Committee on Committees

-J. Grier requested everyone nominate themselves or others to serve on Senate committees for the Fall, nominations are due Friday, March 18th, please see Blackboard for more information.

Curriculum Committee

-No Report

Fiscal Policies

-L. King reported they had submitted their development recommendations to the Provost.

General Education

-No Report

Student Academic Policies and Procedures

-B. de Oca reported they would be meeting the following day at 11 a.m.

Professional Leave Committee

-No Report

Faculty Affairs Committee

-Will be meeting at 3p.m., please attend the meeting if you have concerns regarding the MOU.

Reports from Other Committees/Centers on Campus

- J. Balen reported that the President's Commission on Human Relations has partnered with H.E.R.I. and is currently conducting a campus climate survey and will be doing focus groups with faculty and students as well. Please encourage your students to participate in the survey.
- B. Monsma informed everyone about a conference in June on Integrative Studies, the *Center for Integrative Studies* has some money to support travel for those that might be interested in going.

Announcements

- A. Morris invited everyone to the Getty Museum on April 8th, our campus has been tasked with leading the College Night at the Getty event, which speaks highly of us and our campus.
- Everyone is invited to the 5th *Annual Library Celebration of Faculty Scholarly & Creative Activities* on Tuesday, March 30th, at 5:00 p.m.
- K. Tollefson invited everyone to the *Social Justice Conference* to be held on campus this Spring.
- J. Balen invited everyone to participate in the workshop for *Integrating Multicultural Perspectives* by Sylvia Hurtado on April 5th.

Adjourn

-3:41 p.m.