

# *California State University Channel Islands*

President's Planning & Policy Council

Monday, November 16, 2010

The President's Council met on Monday, November 16, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held in the Broome Library at California State University Channel Islands, One University Drive, Camarillo.

**In attendance:** Richard Rush, Michael Berman, Tristan Cassell, Renny Christopher, Theresa Cilley, Joanne Coville, Therese Eyermann, Tom Froelich, Jerry Garcia, Beth Hartung, Chris Jetton, Jacque Kilpatrick, Bonnie Lanthier, Lori MacDonald, Dennis Muraoka, Stacy Roscoe, Greg Sawyer, Kevin Schallert, Steve Stratton, Eric Toshalis, Jim Walker, Julia Wilson, John Yudelson.

**Absent:** Bill Cordeiro, Joe Dobzynski, Effie Karacali, Sandra Kornuc, Dawn Neuman, Rachel Tafoya

**Others in attendance:** Cindy Derrico, Genevieve Evans-Taylor, Pilar Pacheco, Carl Reed, John Reid, Melissa Remotti, Jan Sweetland, Chung-Hua Wang, Deborah Wylie

## **Welcome and Charge**

Dr. Rush welcomed the group and noted that due to furlough related work reductions the Cabinet eliminated some committees, combined others, and reduced committee membership where appropriate. The Strategic Initiatives implementation work of the University Planning and Coordination Council was merged with the President's Council to create the President's Policy and Planning Council. Its charge is to continue to identify needed policies and put them forward for consideration and recommendation to the President. In addition the group will monitor the campus two and five year goals to implement the Strategic Initiatives and the creation of data analysis and support tools like the Dashboard.

## **Bracero Project**

Pilar Pacheco told the group that CSU Channel Islands was selected as part of the Smithsonian's Bracero Project exhibit and the national exhibit would be coming to CI in August and September 2010. The Center for Community Engagement is looking for partnerships with Osher, Student Affairs, and Academic Affairs programs to highlight the exhibit. She encouraged faculty to apply for IRA funding to create projects related to the exhibit. A web site has been developed which offers 6 – 12 curriculum and lesson plans. These will be shared with local schools and teachers. CI students will be trained as docents to lead school groups around the exhibit.

## **Student Union Opening**

Deborah Wylie announced that the Student Union open Spring 2010, with the ribbon cutting event held March 18. Groundbreaking for the Student Union was November 6, 2008 marking a fast construction schedule. The Student Union was sited at the heart of campus, reflective of our mission to put students at the center of the educational experience. It was designed to be accessible for all students both on and off campus. The building will house a food service area, convenience store, game area, multipurpose lounge and performance area on the first floor. The second floor will hold meeting spaces and ASI offices, and a large work area and lounge for other campus clubs to use. Seventeen mature trees were retained in the courtyard and drought resistant plants will be used. Dave Nirenberg will oversee the food operations there as well as for the rest of campus. Genevieve Evans-Taylor is the newly hired director of the Student

Union. She comes from the University of South Dakota with 14 years experience in student union management. Work is continuing on a draft mission statement.

### **President's Report**

Dr. Rush reported that the Board of Trustees meeting did not reveal much information about the budget. The campus is allowed to have a flat enrollment for Fall 2010. This puts the campus in the category of "ok" as opposed to other CSU campuses who have been asked to cut enrollment. Furloughs continue to affect the campus with the University closed the week of Thanksgiving.

### **Policies for Discussion**

*Policy on Smoking On Campus.* Cindy Derrico presented the policy. The proposed policy is expanded from the Smoking Statement that the campus currently uses. In response to questions Cindy noted that locations for placing the smoking urns have not yet been decided. Additionally there is no smoking allowed in the residence halls, but student roommates are matched on smoking preferences. Dr. Rush asked that Council members discuss the policy broadly among their colleagues and co-workers in preparation for a vote at the next meeting.

*Policy on Animal Control.* John Reid introduced the proposed policy by noting that CSU policy prohibits animals on campus except as directed by the president. Channel Islands currently has no such directive. The president may elect to make Ventura County ordinances operative on campus. This includes leash laws, animals at large, and animal nuisances. Discussion ensued about:

- the use of animals research projects – their use is excluded from this policy and is addressed by a senate policy;
- the geographic scope of the policy – University Glen is excluded from this policy;
- the use of service animals – service animals and birds are excluded from the policy yet there was a question about the mechanism that could be used to make this identification.

Additional questions were asked about the definition of the term "animal" and "pests," the importance of bringing Disability Resource Programs into the discussion; and how feral animals should be treated on campus. Dr. Rush asked that Chief Reid bring the policy back after thoroughly vetting this on campus, not necessarily at the next Council meeting.

*Policy on Telecommuting.* Renny Christopher informed the Council that the CSUEU requires a policy on telecommuting if any one employee telecommutes. San Jose State's policy was used as a model for the draft of the CI policy. There was discussion about how the campus would determine the safety of the home work space and the responsibility for maintaining a safe environment, parameters of responsibility on damage to University computers/property, and the working rights of the telecommuting employee. Dr. Rush encouraged Council members to solicit feedback from others and share any suggestions with Dr. Christopher.

*Policy on the Composition of MPP Search Committees.* Therese Eyermann explained that during the accreditation process WASC commended the campus practice of broad, cross-campus inclusion in decision-making in general and specifically in the hiring process for upper-level administrators. To insure this innovative aspect of the campus was institutionalized and not subject to subsequent changes in campus leadership they recommended creating a policy that formalized this cross-campus collaboration. Discussion centered on the following issues:

- Some areas have stronger working relationships with another unit than others. How can that be taken into account?
- Should this be for all Level III and IV MPP positions or only for those positions that interact broadly across campus?

- Should the policy include language about ensuring gender and ethnic diversity of the search committee?
- How can we ensure the policy also considers a cost effective use of employees' time?
- Should a student representative be required on all of these committees or only for those positions that directly interact with students?

Renny Christopher noted that the Senate Academic Affairs committee was considering a similar policy and their input should be solicited before bringing this policy back to the Council. Dr. Rush asked that Council members consider the ramifications of this type of policy and submit suggestions to Dr. Eyermann.

Respectfully Submitted,

Therese S. Eyermann