

Academic Senate Meeting Minutes
Martin V. Smith Decision-Making Center
October 2, 2012, 2:30PM-4:30PM

Attendance

Virgil Adams, Simone Aloisio, David Ashley, Julia Balén, Frank Barajas, AJ Bieszczad, Bob Bleicher, Geoffrey Buhl, Catherine Burris, Karen Carey, Minder Chen, Renny Christopher, Stephen Clark, Manuel Correia, Kaleen Cullen, Tiina Itkonen, Nancy Deans, Colleen Delaney, Dennis Downey, Jesse Elliott, Therese Eyer mann, Marie Francois, Scott Frisch, Jeanne Grier, Ivona Grzegorzcyk, Elizabeth Hartung, Debi Hoffmann, Pauline Hunter, Karen Jensen, Antonio Jiménez-Jiménez, Kathleen Klompfen, Liz King, Gary Kinsey, Kathryn Leonard, Carola Matera, Jim Meriwether, Brad Monsma, Nancy Mazingo, Andrew Morris, Dawn Neuman, Beatrice de Oca, Nitika Parmar, Alison Perchuk, Monica Pereira, Claudio Paiva, Jenn Perry, Elizabeth Quintero, Christina Smith, Peter Smith, Stephen Stratton, Amy Wallace, Cindy Wyels.

2:38PM

Approval of the Agenda

J. Balén made a motion to approve the agenda.

K. Leonard seconded the motion.

Approved.

Approval of the Minutes of September 11, 2012

G. Buhl made motion to approve.

Motion seconded by D. Hoffman.

Approved.

Report from Terry Ballman and Damien Peña, Student Success Week

T. Ballman. & D. Peña presented an overview of activities for Student Success Week from 10/8-10-12. Postcard surveys were emailed or mailed to students asking, “We define success as...” Results were composed into the “Wordle” that displays on Student Success Week T-shirts. Other activities to include: poster campaign; resource list; campus presentations. A 92-second PowerPoint promos for faculty to use in class to remind student of resources available will be distributed at a later date.

\$5 coupons will be available for faculty to take students to coffee. Also a “Picture with the President” event for students will take place from 11am-12:30pm Tuesday Oct 9th in front of Broome Library in conjunction with the Annual Majors Fair.

Report from the Senate Chair

Chair Meriwether announced that two more members are needed for the General Education Committee. Some more updates from Campus Wide Committees will be coming out this week. Adding Academic Freedom to the ASCSU Constitution (ASCSU 3076) is back because last time it went to Chancellor’s Office there was a concern at Legal Affairs. The wording now includes the phrase: “When faculty carry out their responsibilities.” This matter will be handled by online ballot. This wording of the proposed resolution has slightly different language than two years ago. This matter has caused some similar discussion on other campuses.

Report from the Provost

Provost Neuman announced that there is discussion about the Strategic Budget Committee being reformed. Discussed possibility of town halls or alternative structures for feedback and input. She will continue to work with Fiscal Policies to determine areas of need. For those who want periodic updates, Fiscal Policies will have current information.

There will be input solicited on the campus-wide strategic plan. The process will start with a survey (such as on a web-based platform) rather than a town hall.

Report from Statewide Senators:

S. Aloisio reported that the upper division GE requirement agenda item was pulled off the Board of Trustees agenda.

Cal State Online (via Extended Education) is currently soliciting programs for Cal State Online. All campuses can submit programs.

Six candidates are interviewing this week in Long Beach for the Chancellor's position.

Proposition 30 will be coming up at the November election. If this proposition fails, there will be a fee increase of \$150 per student, effective this spring. However, if Proposition 30 passes, there will be a \$500 tuition rollback for each student.

Other potential fee increases may include: A 3rd tier for student taking more than 16 units – creating a fee of about \$100 per unit that they go over; a repeat fee; or graduation incentives– such as students taking 150/160 units plus would be paying more for tuition.

I. Grzegorzczuk expressed concern for students taking more than 16 units. A. Jiménez-Jiménez asked about how fee increases would affect international students and those studying abroad. Based on these concerns, S. Aloisio said he'd check the details of the proposal and report back

Representatives will be here Tues, 10/23 about how to propose a program for Cal State Online. Gary Kinsey is campus contact. Ruth Claire Black is in charge of Cal State Online and will be here on that day.

Report from CFA President

N. Deans encouraged those present to vote Yes on 30, and No on 32.

On 10/23 after Academic Senate meeting, there will be a CFA all-faculty mixer. Sean Kelly will send out a reminder email.

Report from Commencement Task Force

B. Hartung reported on the outcome of the special task force for commencement ceremonies. The Commencement plan draft for May 18th, 2013 proposes that ceremonies be split in half according to discipline, thereby approximately splitting numbers of total attendees (guests and students) in half for each time slot. Ceremonies will retain interdisciplinary flavor, and include

graduate degree conferred at both ceremonies. The morning ceremonies will wrap up at 10:30. Faculty who decide to stay for both will be given lunch. Following meeting to discuss proposal will be October 18th. Send comments to Nancy Gills or Beth Hartung.

A. Bieszczad asked about the intent of splitting the ceremonies. B. Hartung said intent is to reduce costs and retain interdisciplinary flavor.

A. Morris asked: How do two separate ceremonies reduce costs? N. Gill advised that it reduces amount of chairs needed at one time.

C. Burriss asked how speakers will be handled- if they will need to speak twice. B. Hartung responded that speakers will indeed speak twice, and also all honorary doctorates will be announced at both ceremonies.

T. Itkonen asked if there will be separate Master's student cohorts, and how they will be hooded? B. Hartung responded that all cohorts will be together.

I. Grzegorzyc inquired if ceremonies and speakers could be separated by discipline. B. Hartung said that keeping the same speaker for both ceremonies will help preserve interdisciplinary flavor.

Intent to Raise Questions from 9/11/12

Chair Meriwether gave a general overview of responses to questions brought up at last Senate meeting. Responses to questions will be sent out by email. Questions can be directed to the Chair, or directly to those who answered the questions.

1. J.Elliott.: Spoke to concerns of University Glen being the next "Isla Vista". How will this be prevented? Said we need full disclosure on future plans for housing students, and a guarantee that University Glen won't be overflow student housing.

- A.J. Bieszczad expressed concern about security issue of students knowing where faculty live.

- T. Itkonen announced that U. Glen Homeowner's advisory council meets the third Thursday of month. Student Services was present last time for questions. Meetings are open to the whole community.

2. A. Jimenez.: Asked if wireless printing in library is available.

3. N. Deans.: Said that faculty parking spots have been removed since beginning of semester. Asked if there is any intent to increase # of faculty? Commented that availability is significantly impacting part-time lecturers.

4. A Perchik, J. Grier asked regarding getting a robust copy machine in Madera Hall.

5. J. Elliott questioned the fire safety of classroom buildings such as Bell Tower, specifically with respect to the bars on the window and nonoperable windows. In the event of a fire, how would occupants get out, except for doors? He also asked if fire extinguishers are available.

First Reading Item- Resolution in Support of Proposition 30

B. Hartung motioned to discuss. Motion was seconded by T. Ballman.

B. Hartung gave background on the resolution. Several academic senates have passed a similar resolution and student government passed a version of it. She will put resolution before the body to gauge sentiment before election.

I. Grzegorzcyk. expressed concern about “telling” people how to vote. Said we can support a resolution, but not how to vote. Suggested we take out “Yes” wording.

It was suggested she talk to Chair Meriwether.

D. Ashley recommended changing the wording “by Associated Students, Inc. at CI” to “CI Student Government.”

Discussion about wording: “support a vote of yes”. Should wording be changed to reflect endorsement of the proposition, instead of “support a vote of yes”?

C. Paiva commented.

Reports from Standing Committees

Faculty Affairs Committee

N. Mozingo reporting. Committee is aiming to set up second meeting for week of 10/8.

Student Academic Policies and Procedures

S. Clark reporting. Two proposals have been submitted to Senate Executive Committee regarding clarification of grade symbols, and a proposal for a minimum GPA for minors. They are also working on a policy on internships.

Curriculum Committee

A. Morris reporting. The Committee has met once. Next meeting scheduled for 10/3. Deadline is 10/15 for modifications & additions.

General Education Committee

G. Buhl: The Committee will meet for 1st time on 10/3. Since they are missing 40% of their body, all business will be prioritized. He asked for new members to join. The Committee needs to create plan program review for next year.. Offered a reminder of 10/1 deadline that has now been pushed back to Friday 10/5. The Committee passed goals and outcomes as a body. Suggested folks look at outcomes and strongly consider incorporating goals and outcomes in GE classes for program review purposes.

Committee on Committees

C. Delaney: Announced that there are two vacant positions left for the G.E. committee.

Reports from Other Committees/Centers on Campus

1) Center for International Affairs : A. Jiménez-Jiménez reported they are recruiting students for yearlong programs for international affairs.. Last Friday was the deadline for UNIV 392, and they received a record high number of proposals (10 for next year).

2) Center for Community Engagement: D. Downey reported they are discussing strategic documents. More information to follow.

3) Center for Multicultural Engagement: J. Balén announced that Sukihari is their film series ending week of 10/8. Next semester, check in with the Center for resources to integrate into classroom activities.

4) Center for Integrative Studies: K. Leonard reported that they have only received 12 responses to survey and are seeking more responses. Survey asks, “What do you want from CIS?”

Announcements

5) Chair Meriwether reminded everyone about SCURR.

Project Islas- G. Buhl promoted “Folio CI” -- an electronic portfolio system. There will be a workshop on techniques as well as designing assignments that incorporate use of the online portfolio on Thursday 10/3, 12 noon-1:30PM in Broome 1756.

Everybody is invited to the Spanish program open house on 10/3 in Broome 1360 at 5:30PM.

R. Christopher made an announcement for Junot Diaz Reading Celebration event on Thursday 10/11. Author presentation will be at 6:30pm. See Matt Cook for questions. All Reading Celebration book supplies in the library are currently depleted. A panel of faculty discussing the work of Mr. Diaz will also occur on Thursday.

Lincoln Civil War Exhibit at Broome Library commences 10/11.

Adjourn

4:09PM