

Senate Executive Committee, April 9, 2013

Present: Jim Meriwether, Frank Barajas, Mary Adler, Claudio Paiva, Simone Aloisio, Antonio Jimenez, Beth Hartung, Therese Eyer mann

Note: with Lisa Ayre-Smith out sick, Beth Hartung kindly and valiantly took the minutes and discussed brilliantly.

- 1) The Meeting was called to order at 2:30.
- 2) Academic Year 2015-2016 Proposed Calendars. Three possible calendars were generated. After much discussion, Senate Exec will bring option #1 (the 'hanging Monday' option) to the Senate Floor. Option #2 with a break for the entire week of Thanksgiving shortened the Christmas break and could set some precedent for following years. Option #3 had little support. This will be a Consent Calendar item.
- 3) Second reading items under consideration are the Long Form for the Global Studies Major and the proposed joint doctorate in Educational Leadership.
- 4) First reading items:
 - a) From FAC: Policy on Teaching Evaluations. This policy speaks to the new CBA (which stipulates wider evaluation of all courses taught) with the possibility of a waiver from evaluation of one class per semester as outlined in the policy. Policy goes forward.
 - b) From SAPP: Policy on Internships. The policy results from a CO Executive Order and stipulates an evaluation process for internship sites, risk management procedures, among others. After discussion, policy goes forward.
 - c) From SAPP: Policy on adding or changing majors. The policy restricts students with high numbers of units from changing or adding majors late in their academic careers. Senate Exec did not see a reason (yet) to implement such a policy without a clearer demonstrated need.
 - d) From Committee on Centers and Institutes: Center for Civic Engagement revised Charter. The CCI has vetted this document from the Center for Civic Engagement. Senate Exec brings it forward in first reading. The document updates the charter to reflect what the Center's work is now.
 - e) From Senate Exec: Policy on Electronic Communication. This results from a series of parallel policies coming forward from different divisions. It simply states that students are responsible to respond for 'official' (that is, CI) electronic communication. This is not a policy that restates as much as excerpts the portion on communication that affects faculty. The policy moves forward.
 - f) From the Student Research Steering Committee (SRSC), an ad-hoc group of interested faculty: Resolution on defining student research. After discussion, Senate Exec wishes to return this document to the group for clarification of the definition (the proposed definition is more restrictive than that posed by the Center for Undergraduate Research) and rationale.
 - g) From Senate Exec: Resolution Reaffirming our Institutional Commitment to Learning Outcomes. The resolution restates (revised by consent calendar) SP 06-06 in

preparation for the WASC visit. No one had particularly strong feelings about this one, although all present recognize the difficult task of coordinating all things WASC and if this is helpful, that's a good thing. This first reading item will come near the end of the agenda.

- h) From the Faculty Affairs Committee: Field Trip Policy. Another policy spurred by an Executive Order. This one may overstep what is actually needed in terms of stipulating site visits, accommodation so that all students can participate, etc. Senate Exec will not forward this in its current incarnation since handling the risk management side appears to be a work in process.
- i) From interested faculty: Resolution on Environment. The President's Commission on Climate Control is a document that has been discussed in prior years on the Senate floor. This resolution goes forward.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.