

Academic Senate
Tuesday, February 28, 2012
Minutes

Attendance

Virgil Adams, Simone Aloisio, Julia Balén, Terry Ballman, AJ Bieszczad, Bob Bleicher, Marilyn Buchanan, Geof Buhl, Catherine Burriss, Minder Chen, Renny Christopher, Stephen Clark, Matt Cook, Manuel Correia, Nancy Deans, Colleen Delaney-Rivera, Beatrice de Oca, Jesse Elliott, Therese Eyer mann, Marie Francois, Scott Frisch, Jeanne Grier, Andrea Grove, Philip Hampton, Elizabeth Hartung, Gary Kinsey, Jill Leafstedt, Dulce Lopez, Dawn Newman, Claudio Paiva, Luda Popenhagen, Michael Powelson, Elizabeth Quintero, Sadiq Shah, Peter Smith, Jane Sweetland, Elnora Tayag, Kaia Tollefson, Dan Wakelee, Greg Wood, Cindy Wyels.

Approval of the Agenda

-m/s- A. Grove, L. Popenhagen, approved.

Approval of the Minutes of February 7, 2012

-m/s, V. Adams, G. Wood, approved.

Intent to Raise Questions

-In response to Beatrice de Oca's question about student parking on Sundays:

"With the growing demand for services and the new parking lot, were not in a position to lower any of our parking fees. This is a great opportunity for you to direct the students to our Alternative Transportation Options link which is provided below. You can also have them contact Deanne Ellison at 805-437-3151 or her email at deanne.ellison@csuci.edu. She's currently working on improving and adding carpool and vanpool opportunities for students and employees.

<http://www.csuci.edu/parking/alternativetransportationresources.htm>

*Thank you,
Ray Porras
Director of Transportation & Parking Services"*

In response to S. Anderson's question about how long to store student work:

The rule of thumb is to keep student work for one semester after grades are issued.

New Questions

-S. Kelly would like to know how much money they make on Sundays from selling parking passes and how does that affect your plans to build a new parking lot?

-J. Elliott would like to know what the SRT campus response rates are? What is the overall faculty satisfaction and effectiveness? Chair Meriwether replied that FAC is currently reviewing the SRT and hope to have information at a later date.

- AJ Bieszczad would like to know what is the measure of effectiveness?
- C. Paiva opined that our parking policy is ineffective. He had attempted to pay more money in order to assure a parking space in the Town Center but his request was dismissed. He has received the run around about who he needs to talk to regarding his suggestion to allow for parking at the Town Center.

Time Certain 2:35: Susan Arias, Leah Alarcon: Student Support Services

-The Student Support Services program is an academic retention program that works with disadvantaged, first generation, low income, and disabled students. They are only funded to serve 160 students out of approximately 1200 students that have applied to the program.

Report from the Senate Chair

- Thank you to Joan Peters and Colleen Delaney-Rivera for stepping up and volunteering to serve on the General Education Committee.
- Chair Meriwether attending a Senate Chairs meeting last week and the main topic of discussion was the budget at the various campuses, currently there are 20 out of the 23 campuses running at a deficit. The Chancellor spoke to them about his budget plans which do not include closing campuses nor raising tuition.
- There was also discussion about funding for students in graduate programs.
- Other topics of discussion were the CSU Online Initiative and campus consolidations.

Report from the Provost

- Provost Neuman updated everyone on the status of the searches, she also gave a breakdown of the hiring budget.
- J. Grier informed everyone that a survey would be distributed with open ended questions and then there will be a meeting to discuss the survey results and may revise the hiring resolution based on the results and meeting.
- AJ Bieszczad inquired about the unfilled positions, will those be retained by the programs? Provost replied the positions would go back for each AVP to decide.
- K. Carey added that she would be asking every program to give her a rationale on what positions they need next year.
- R. Christopher added that rejection letters have been sent to all applicants except the finalists.

Report from CFA President

-S. Kelly reported that an email would be distributed with information about a possible strike vote in April. Everyone is invited to a CFA lunch on April 17th.

Second Reading Item

SP 11-04 Administrator Review Policy

- B. Hartung inquired about the reasoning for the three year review, versus another timeline.
- D. Lee spoke on behalf of faculty affairs committee, says different timelines were considered but it was decided that three years would be best.

-J. Grier brought up some concerns about the Evaluation committee, would that be a standing committee, what would be the office terms, and would it be added to the By-Laws.

-There was discussion about adding the committee to the By-Laws.

-P. Hampton added that it could be viewed as an Ad Hoc committee.

-Motion made to add the term "each year" to the Evaluation Committee election process.

Vote taken on the motion:

-approved unanimously

-K. Carey pointed out that the recommendation is to elect five tenured faculty members but does not designate what areas they should be from, which might result in administrators being evaluated by faculty outside their respective areas.

-There was discussion about why only tenured faculty can be on the committee, the response was that it was for the protection of untenured faculty.

-C. Wyels offered an amendment that would allow for the participation of lecturer faculty.

-R. Christopher informed everyone that the CBA contract only allows for tenured faculty to review each other and most administrators are tenured faculty.

- AJ Bieszczad made a motion to remove the term "tenured" seconded by C. Wyels.

-There was discussion about allowing lecturers to participate in Administrator reviews.

Vote on motion taken by use of clickers:

Yes: 9

No: 22

Abstain: 1

Amendment Fails

-G. Wood made a friendly amendment to add the term "one-year term" to the Evaluation election process.

-Several grammar recommendations were made, the one accepted will read "one-year term" after Evaluation Committee.

Vote on policy taken by use of clickers:

Yes: 24

No: 2

Abstain: 3

Policy passes

SP 11-05 Grade Appeals Policy

-S. Clark made a friendly amendment to add "grades cannot be appealed after a degree or credential has been granted."

-B. Hartung raised some concerns about the definitions and grading criteria on behalf of Claudio Paiva.

-G. Wood made a friendly amendment to add "in the class in question" to the document, amendment was accepted.

Vote on policy taken by use of clickers:

Yes: 23

No: 0

Abstain: 3

Policy Passes

Reports from Standing Committees

Faculty Affairs

-D. Lee reported they are working on the Mini Grant policy.

Fiscal Policies

-No Report

Student Academic Policies and Procedures

-S. Clark reported they are working on several policies.

Curriculum Committee

-V. Adams reported they were working on GWAR

General Education

-G. Buhl is pleased to welcome his two new colleagues to the committee.

Committee on Committees

-J. Grier reported they are working on timelines for the upcoming elections.

Committee on Centers and Institutes

-No Report

Professional Leave Committee

-J. Grier reported they would be meeting soon to update the Senate policy.

Reports from other Committees/Centers on Campus

-J. Balén invited everyone to view the website which will list upcoming events.

Announcements

-S. Carswell invited faculty to apply for the Roving Rhetorician program in which he works directly with three faculty members each semester.

-E. Tayag reminded faculty to submit their accomplishments by Friday.

Adjourned

-4:11 pm