Academic Senate
Tuesday, September 13, 2011
Minutes

Attendance

Approval of the Agenda
-2:31 p.m.
-m/s, approved.

Approval of the Minutes of May 10, 2011
-m/s, approved
-Cotton candy was provided compliments of the Student Affairs Division.

Report from the Provost
-The Provost has already received the funding for the positions advertised so please go out and recruit applicants.
-J. Kilpatrick invited everyone to attend the first meeting of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) meeting scheduled for October 11th. The group will be sponsoring a series of workshops throughout the year.

Report from the Senate Chair
-Chair Meriwether asked if anyone was interested in serving as a Parliamentarian for this academic year.
-He plans to meet with the various standing committees to discuss the issues that each committee is tackling.

Report from the Statewide Senators
-K. Tollefson was elected to the three year position and Ching-Hua Wang will be finishing out Jim Meriwether’s final year on his term as Statewide Senator.
-K. Tollefson reported there is now a Faculty Trustee, Bernadette Cheyne from CSU Humboldt, she will be the second woman to serve in that position.
First reading items: SR 11-01 CSU Presidential Search Policy
-C. Wyels introduced the Resolution indicating that the current proposed policy is scheduled to be voted on at the end of September, and the major change is the elimination of the campus visits by prospective Presidential candidates. There is also an issue with internal candidates, as currently written, the Board of Trustees and the advisory committee could hire internal candidates without searching for outside candidates.
-m/s, C. Wyels and S. Stratton.
-S. Anderson asked about the motivation behind this policy. The Provost replied that part of changes were in response to a recent President search at San Diego State where the candidate was offered a higher salary than others. The second part has to do with confidentiality of internal candidates, in case they do not get the position, it will not undercut their efficacy.
-B. Hartung motioned to move it to a second reading, m/s. A. Grove supports the motion because the resolution needs to be expedited in order to be ready for the Board of Trustees meeting next week.
Vote taken on motion to move it to a second reading
Yes: 38
No:  3
Abstain: 1
Motion passed
Vote taken on Resolution
Yes:  39
No:   0
Abstain:  2
Resolution passed

Reports from Standing Committees
Faculty Affairs Committee
-Daniel Lee will be chairing the committee this year. They are already working on a Management Personnel Evaluation policy. They also plan to revisit the Reassignment of Faculty policy, address the increasing role of self-support programs on campus, and look into evaluating the SRT process.
Fiscal Policies
- Have not met yet.
Student Academic Policies and Procedures
- Have not met yet.
Curriculum Committee
-Will be co-chaired by Terry Ballman and Virgil Adams. The deadline to submit new degrees, minors and credentials is October 1. Deadline to submit new courses and modifications is October 15th.
General Education
-The responsibilities for the chair of this committee have been divided into three areas, one person will be attending Curriculum meetings, another will deal with the GE petitions submitted, and a third will create Agendas for the meetings and work with faculty who submit courses for GE approval.
The deadline to submit courses for GE approval is October 8th.

Committee on Committees
-J. Grier reported that Senate elections have been completed, thank you to all who nominated themselves, you have all been elected. Please submit feedback to the committee on the new election system, they were no longer able to use Blackboard for elections. The bulk of their work is completed for now, they will have additional work in the Spring.

Committee on Centers and Institutes
-Will have their first meeting in two weeks.

Professional Leave Committee
-J. Grier reported that the deadline for applying for Sabbatical is October 7th, there are 54 eligible faculty and there are seven sabbatical positions available.

Reports from other Committees/Centers on Campus

Center for International Affairs
-A. Jimenez-Jimenez congratulated Irina Costache, she will be a resident director in Florence next year, this is the biggest center the CSU has overseas, she will be responsible for over 100 students.

-He added that if you are planning to travel internationally, you need to acquire travel insurance. Contact the Risk Management office at least two weeks prior to traveling so they can arrange the insurance for you.

-A new, more comprehensive, form has been created for the University 392 courses, please fill it out and submit by October 14th, even if you have applied in the past, you will need to do it again.

-If you are interested in serving as a Resident Director, contact him, there are positions available in Italy, Spain, and France amongst other countries. You will need to know the language and have prior experience traveling in that country.

Search Coordinating Committee
-J. Grier reported the available positions have been posted online and announced in the Chronicle of Higher Education. They are anticipating three weeks of searches beginning before the first week of classes. They are planning to send out invites to prospective applicants before leaving for winter break.

-R. Christopher confirmed that they have been given the go ahead to fill all the positions being advertised.

Center for Community Engagement
-A. Grove reported that in conjunction with the Political Science Program, they will be celebrating Constitution Day on Friday. This wouldn't be possible without the efforts of Catherine Burriss in Performing Arts.

Center for Integrative Studies
-B. Monsma and K. Leonard will send out a link to the new website which will include opportunities for funding.

Announcements
-M. Francois, Project ISLAS will be sending out a call for faculty fellows.
J. Kilpatrick reminded everyone that this year’s campus reading celebration book is Life on the Color Line by Gregory H. Williams. He will be here on October 3rd and 4th, please encourage your students to attend.

S. Kelly invited everyone to listen to a CFA webcast on the current state of faculty bargaining, on September 20th at noon in Broome 1360.

K. Tollefson, Project VISTA has awarded over $20,000 in scholarships this year. They will be moving to El Dorado Hall (previously known as The Hub) this semester.

R. Christopher reminded everyone that the RTP election was currently going on as well, they currently have a 50% response rate, which mirrors our 51% SRT response rate.

Chair Meriwether welcomed Nancy Deans and Michael Powelson as the lecturer representatives to the Academic Senate and thank you to the Provost for providing the goodies for the meeting.

Adjourn

-3:29 p.m.