

Academic Senate Meeting Minutes
Martin V. Smith Decision-Making Center
Tuesday, February 5th, 2013, 2:30pm-4:30pm

Attendance

Virgil Adams III, Simone Aloisio, David Ashley, Julia Balén, Terry Ballman, Frank Barajas, Bob Bleicher, Gary Berg, Michael Berman, Geoffrey Buhl, Catherine Burriss, Karen Carey, Minder Chen, Renny Christopher, Stephen Clark, William Cordeiro, Kaleen Cullen, Nancy Deans, Amy Denton, Therese Eyer mann, Marie Francois, Scott Frisch, Jeanne Grier, Phil Hampton, Elizabeth Hartung, Pauline Hunter, Debra Hoffman, Tiina Itkonen, Dax Jacobson, Karen Jensen, Antonio Jiménez-Jiménez, Gary Kinsey, Kathleen Klompier, Jill Leafstedt, Daniel Lee, Kathryn Leonard, Chris Mattia, Rian Medlin, James Meriwether, Bradley Monsma, J. Andrew Morris, Nancy Mazingo, Claudio Paiva, Nitika Parmar, Alison Perchuk, Janet Pinkley, Luda Popenhagen, Christina Smith, Peter Smith, Elnora Tayag, Kaia Tollefson, Ysabel Trinidad, Billy Wagner, Daniel Wakelee, Greg Wood.

I. Meeting called to order

2:35pm.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve by B. Bleicher. Motion seconded by N. Parmar. Agenda approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes of December 4th, 2012

Motion to approve by M. Francois. Motion seconded by K. Leonard. Minutes approved.

IV. Intent to Raise Questions.

M. Francois asked if it's possible to get a building/faculty office index in Madera, as well as signage for restrooms. N. Deans asked a similar question about getting signage for the Nursing program and other offices in Manzanita.

J. Grier asked if there are plans to create teaching awards for post baccalaureate or graduate teaching equivalent to the recent Presidential calls for CI President's Award for Innovations in Teaching and Learning. There are faculty who do not teach undergraduate courses and are not eligible to apply for those awards. R. Christopher responded that those existing awards and fellowships are defined that way as a screening process toward funneling campus nominations for the U.S. Professors of the Year award (sponsored by CASE and the Carnegie Foundation).

C. Burriss noted that she is in one of the academic programs starting the review process (Performing Arts). Commented that they could use some support for videotaped programs as a means of assessment. That would require data storage support and HR support. How could they go about getting that?

W. Wagner asked what is the background to the current policy of limiting faculty in number of courses for summer terms.

V. Time Certain – Cal State Online

Gary Berg and Gary Kinsey talked about the mission & background of Cal State Online. They explained that Title V was amended to include Article 40203 authorizing Cal State Online to support and supplement the delivery of online curricula.

They noted the increasingly competitive environment among public universities online and talked about general matters pertaining to Cal State Online, such as governance, as well as faculty & campus control. They added that any program that goes to 50% online content or more requires WASC Substantive Change approval. Discussed possible portal offering collaboration between campuses, and partners for Cal State Online.

M. Pereira asked about current CI infrastructure for supporting online courses. M. Berman answered that current resources include Blackboard, IT/ tech support, Blackboard Collaborate.

A. Morris asked about how efficient would the process be in having content being campus-specific/ local, and control centralized. G. Berg answered that maintaining the flavor and integrity of individual campuses was important to CSU. With the opportunity to share courses between campuses, how would campuses determine where to list the source campus of the degree? G. Berg answered it would be up to individual campuses. Chair added that each degree on Cal State Online will be “owned” by a specific campus. A. Jiménez-Jiménez and C. Burriss asked if the portal would offer only CSU degrees and remain completely online and separate from other CSU course offerings. G. Berg maintained that thus far, portal is separate and has no blended content, and mentioned the CSU policy that campuses can accept units from other campuses as their own.

G. Kinsey wrapped up by announcing workshops about developing Cal State Online programs, occurring in February, March, April, and May.

VI. Report from the Senate Chair (Meriwether)

Chair noted that he wished to keep his report brief. Announced that information on the Channel Islands CSU campus is absent on the ASCSU whitepaper on Cal State Online because the campus has almost no policies when it comes to online and blended learning.

Chair added that one can send feedback on the 2014-2019 Campus Strategic Plan to 3 faculty members including himself, Jill Leafstedt & Nancy Mozingo, but that it is preferred to reply via the survey that was emailed. Also mentioned membership of the new Fiscal Resources campus budget committee.

VII. Report from the Provost

Michael Berman gave the Provost’s report in light of Provost Neuman’s absence. M. Berman gave overviews on the Strategic Planning and Strategic Resource Budget Committees. Encouraged responses to the All Campus Survey on the Strategic Plan and will remain open until February 13. Discussed timeline for Strategic Planning. Announced strategy, process and membership for Steering Council. The Provost’s office will finalize members, host brown bags and produce workgroup reports.

G. Wood added that there is research available on best practices and M. Berman commented that Provost is already familiar with much of the existing research. J. Balén asked if it's possible to stop while taking the survey and pick it up again at a later time. M. Francois commented that is normally the default with Qualtrics surveys.

VIII. Report from Statewide Senators (Aloisio and Castaneda)

S. Aloisio reported that the Statewide Senate met in January and passed several resolutions: one resolution in support of maintaining upper division General Education Requirements; another resolution in support of a smoke-free CSU; and another resolution commending Chancellor Tim White's requesting a 10% salary reduction upon his hire. EVP Smith (Chief Academic Officer) presented on the CSU graduation initiative and voiced the predicted graduation rate of 54%. The report from Ben Quillian presented a budget with \$113 million in additional funding for this year, and an ongoing percentage for the next 4 years. Governor Brown has taking active role at BOT meetings. Some of his explicit expectations include a tuition freeze, with the exception of students who are over 150% of their units (180 units); those students are expected to pay the full cost of their own tuition.

IX. Report from CFA President

N. Deans reported that on 2/26 after next Senate meeting, CFA will have another "happy hour". Location TBA.

X. VPAA/Provost Search Committee:

T. Ballman announced that five Provost candidate finalists have been invited to interview at the CI campus on Feb 18, 19, 20, 21, 26. There will be all faculty meetings on those days from 11am-12 noon. Campus/community reception will be from 5pm-6:30pm each day. Names, CV's and links to provide feedback will be emailed on 2/14.

XI. Search Coordinating Committee

V. Adams announced on behalf of the SCC that Performing Arts, History, and Sociology faculty interviews will take place 2/13, 2/14, and 2/15. Please email Debi Hoffman to sign up for Interdisciplinary Sessions with the candidates.

XII. Second Reading Items

• Proposed Revisions to Academic Senate By-Laws

M. Francois showed concerns regarding the elimination of FDAC (on page 17 of the By-Laws revisions) and the potential bad timing of eliminating the only committee that is centrally charged with faculty development. N. Mozingo replied that one of the task force's express charges was to reduce or eliminate Senate committees. T. Itkonen commented that in light of more content on Cal State Online there will be a greater need for faculty development. J. Balén mentioned how development grants have heretofore served as *de facto* faculty development, but with less explicit responsibility than FDAC. J. Grier commented that FDAC was not a stand-alone committee and that perhaps a Faculty Development Committee could be revisited in the future. M. Francois commented that a Needs Assessment / survey will be going out regarding faculty development.

J. Balén motioned to make a friendly amendment to leave in the section about FDAC on page 17, but to cut number members down to 5. Motion seconded by M. Francois. Discussion. G. Wood advised that this change would involve changing the charge; Senate Bylaws 5.16.A.

V. Adams motioned to make a friendly amendment and leave the FDAC wording/structure as it is for now. J. Balén seconded the motion. Discussion. G. Wood and others offered a suggestion that under the “membership” section put that the committee has no membership at the moment, but may go into existence in the future. N. Mozingo suggested that Senate vote to eliminate committee for now- and then bring FDAC back later. Discussion about leadership of FDAC group and faculty development in general.

R. Christopher wanted to remind everyone that Dan Wakelee is leading a task force process on faculty development and that we could add to the charge of that task force to come back with charge for FDAC for the Senate By-Laws. J. Balén made a motion to leave the By-Laws as they are in regards to FDAC. Motion was seconded by M. Francois.

Vote taken to keep FDAC language as is in the revised bylaws:

Approve: 25

Oppose: 17

Abstain: 0

Motion passed.

A couple of members commented on minor grammatical errors.

Vote taken whether to approve/deny the Proposed Revisions to the Senate By-Laws:

Approve: 40

Oppose: 1

Abstain: 2

Motion passed.

XIII. First Reading Items

• SAPP- Policy on Grades (amendment to SP 01-38)

S. Clark motioned to discuss. Motion seconded by G. Wood. S. Clark introduced the policy.

A. Perchuk asked whether or not there is a conflict if NC is D or lower, but there is credit for D level work for other requirements. Discussion of “CR” definition. C. Burriss suggested “CR” mention “students met objectives”. G. Buhl suggested looking at phrasing for CR/NC that doesn’t rely on letter grades.

Discussion about fractionated grades. K. Jensen commented that within the Nursing program, all courses must be completed at C or better. B. Hartung asked if CR/NC is set by Chancellor’s office. K. Cullen asked whether under fractionated grading if a C- is considered “satisfactory”? Discussion.

A. Jiménez-Jiménez asked about IP courses and B. de Oca asked about C- grades. S. Clark explained that A,B,C,D, & F are official grades at CI, but that professors can use fractions of grades if they deem it appropriate. J. Grier said that in the current system, student performance is wholly based on academic achievement; what about other factors such as discussion, attendance? C. Burriss commented that some classes have an academic credit core. Chair Meriwether said to send feedback to Stephen Clark or Jim Meriwether.

- Policy for Listing of Online Courses

T. Itkonen motioned to discuss. G. Wood seconded the motion. J. Leafstedt gave background. M. Chen described the purpose behind this policy was to find ways to list additional information about online course content. G. Buhl commented about language for synchronous vs. asynchronous meetings; said he would not go so far as to call asynchronous sessions a “meeting”, but rather “Course session” or “course interaction”. M. Chen replied that the word “meeting” was intended to be used in a broad sense. Discussion. K. Jensen asked a question: if program is 50-70% blended, do they have to go to WASC? General agreement that that change would amount to a substantive change.

- Proposed Minor in Freedom & Justice studies

M. Francois motioned to discuss. J. Balén seconded the motion. Discussion.

- Policy on Lecturer Evaluation

V. Adams motioned to discuss. G. Wood seconded the motion. N. Mozingo introduced the policy by explaining that the major changes have to do with compliance with the lecturer portion of the CBA. The changes including timing and a change in rating system of satisfactory vs. unsatisfactory. J. Balén commented under criteria for evaluations that implicit primacy is indicated by listing order; does that mean that student evaluations are prioritized/ emphasized? C. Burriss noted the lack of occurrences of “shall” or “may” as opposed to “will”/ “must”.

XIV. Reports from Standing Committees

- Faculty Affairs Committee

N. Mozingo announced that FAC is working on field trip policy and a post-tenure review policy. The Post-Tenure review policy will go to next Senate Executive meeting.

- Fiscal Policies

J. Leafstedt announced that the committee recommendations went to the Provost’s office. Committee is meeting next week on policy regarding course enrollment caps.

- SAPP

S. Clark announced that they are working on an internship policy; also a policy on whether students can change major after 90 units, and a policy on internship for pay/credit.

- Curriculum Committee

A. Perchuk described that the Committee has been meeting and working through their business.

- General Education

G. Buhl announced that the GE Committee passed everything last semester through Curriculum Committee. Current business includes creating memos of understanding with Records to limit number of petitions the Chair gets.

- Committee on Centers and Institutes

C. Burriss announced that a meeting is in the works.

- Minigrant Review Committee

There was a reminder that the application deadline for applying for mini-grants is midnight on February 8th.

XV. Reports from Other Committees/Centers on Campus

- Center for Multicultural Engagement

J. Balén- announced the vigil for Lawrence King & upcoming “Gender Bender” balls. Congratulated faculty who won awards for CME. Offering trainings for faculty on dealing with AV 540 status. Also mentioned the SAFE training coming up as part of ISLAS.

- Center for International Affairs

A. Jiménez-Jiménez announced the deadline of Friday 2/15 for responding to the Center’s call for proposals for UNIV 392 courses for winter 2013-14, and spring 2014. Reported that the Center received 20 applications for students to study abroad for the 2013-14 academic year.

XVI. Announcements

B. Cordeiro announced that at noon on Friday the 15th there is a School of Business speaker series. Speaker for this occurrence is a software development company involved with the entertainment industry.

K. Tollefson announced that on Friday 2/8 starting at 10am there is a speaker series on faculty mentoring in El Dorado Hall.

C. Burriss announced that on March 1st at 8pm Tim Miller will be performing “Sex Body Self” in Malibu 100 as part of the Thresholds Spring production.

M. Pereira announced that on Wednesday, February 13th from 6:30-7:30 there will be a multilingual reading of love poetry in Broome. Desserts & chocolate will be provided. She asked that faculty please inform students. Event will also accept faculty & staff submissions.

S. Aloisio announced on behalf of the IRA committee that the new application deadline is March 1st for the Fall 2013 semester and 2013-2014 academic year, and added that over \$400,000 in projects were funded this past year.

J. Meriwether announced for Andrea Grove that the Mortarboard faculty appreciation event will take place on Feb 13th during the day.

XVII. Adjourn

4:17pm