

Academic Senate
Martin V. Smith Decision-Making Center
Tuesday, April 16th, 2:30pm-4:30pm
Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Virgil Adams III, Mary Adler, José Alamillo, Simone Aloisio, Julia Balén, Terry Ballman, Frank Barajas, Michael Berman, A.J. Bieszczad, Bob Bleicher, Marilyn Buchanan, Geoffrey Buhl, Karen Carey, Minder Chen, Stephen Clark, Tracylee Clarke, Matt Cook, Nancy Deans, Amy Denton, Dennis Downey, Therese Eyermann, Marie Francois, Jeanne Grier, Debi Hoffman, Dax Jacobson, Karen Jensen, Antonio Jiménez-Jiménez, Gary Kinsey, Kathryn Leonard, James Meriwether, Jason Miller, Brad Monsma, Dawn Neuman, Beatrice de Oca, Claudio Paiva, Nitika Parmar, Monica Pereira, Janet Pinkley, Luda Popenhagen, Elizabeth Quintero, Christina Smith, Peter Smith, Steve Stratton, Genevieve Evans Taylor, Kaia Tollefson, Dan Wakelee

I. Chair Welcome

Meeting was called to order at 2:39pm.

II. Jay Derrico, Veterans Affairs Program Coordinator

Jim introduced Jay Derrico, who gave an overview of the CI Veterans Affairs program. Eighty-six veterans are currently being served. Mr. Derrico presented on the free 30-minute “Veterans on Campus software training program that is available to help educate faculty and staff about interacting with veterans on campus.

III. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve by G. Buhl. Motion was seconded by M. Cook. Consent Calendar items SP 12-12 and SP 12-13 were approved.

IV. Approval of the Minutes of March 26, 2013

D. Hoffman motioned to approve. M. Francois seconded the motion. Some spelling corrections & name additions were noted.

V. Intent to Raise Questions

Nitika Parmar asked: Can the Disability Resource Program offer alternate testing services in the evening after 5pm? Dennis Downey expanded on N. Parmar’s question and commented on the possible need for the University to have a place for students to take assigned makeup exams.

N. Parmar asked a second question regarding the asbestos map that was distributed via email. Do we need to be concerned? What do we do with this information? She would like some context around that information.

Catherine Burriss asked: Those of us who live in University Glen learned through Housing Advisory Committee meetings that dorms will not be finished in 2015, and that the University Town Center is becoming student housing and current residents are being asked to leave. Commented on communication and construction schedule of Master Plan.

Report from the Senate Chair

Chair announced that committee nominations are currently open and everyone will be receiving an email. Also noted Assemblyperson Das Williams, Chair of Assembly Committee on Higher Education, will have an upcoming visit to CI on Friday- which will include a faculty conversation from 1-2pm in Broome 1360, plus sessions with students. Strategic Budget Planning Committee meets Friday.

Report from the Provost

The Provost talked about budget projections in advance of the so-called "May Revise". Talked about overall CSU system growth of 1.2%, with three or four of the smaller campuses (including Channel Islands) receiving a few more FTES. D. Neuman talked about potential hiring of faculty, past growth, and impact of base budget on potential hiring, as well as application windows and processes. Named priorities of students and hiring, and talked about challenges of funding that does not match growth numbers. Discussion of lecturer to tenure track faculty ratio, including attrition factor. K. Leonard asked if we hired 17 people per year and the Provost answered we've hired 21 or 22 people in the last two years. Extended discussion of need to hire new faculty. Discussions of salaries of assistant, associate, and full professors. Provost also added that the group working on Strategic Plan will be shared with Campus- themes are Access, Retention, High Quality Graduates. Theme of Sustainability retained for 5 years. G. Wood asked where does discussion take place about such things? Provost answered Cabinet meetings.

Report from Statewide Senators

No report.

Report from CFA President

N. Deans mentioned Das Williams visit as well as concern about the rider language on budget bill that requires CSU to require faculty paying more for their own benefits.

Second Reading Items

- SP 12-14 B.A. in Global Studies Long Form
- T. Ballman spoke to the benefits of the degree.

Vote taken on SP 12-14.

Approve: 28

Oppose: 10

Abstain: 3

Motion passed. SP 12-14 approved.

- SP 12-15 Ed.D. (Joint) in Educational Leadership Short Form

Chair opened floor for discussion. T. Clarke asked if program is self-sustaining? K. Tollefson indicated that it will be a revenue-generating program. K. Carey guaranteed that it would be a money-maker. N. Deans asked if the program would use graduate teaching students to teach classes. K. Carey answered that they would not be T.A.'s, but rather industry professionals, etc.

Approve: 29
Oppose: 8
Abstain: 5

Motion passed. SP 12-15 approved.

First Reading Items

- Student Evaluations of Teaching Policy (FAC)

Motion to discuss by A. Jiménez-Jiménez, seconded by K. Leonard. Chair gave background on this policy and the context of the policy within the new CBA. Discussion of whether all courses should be evaluated and benefits; A. Jiménez-Jiménez raised dissatisfaction with current instrument and whether it applies.

A series of polls were done on the fly:

What do you think of the current SRT instrument?

Yippee Love it: 10

Don't like it: 18

Don't Care: 14

Second question: Are you satisfied with the SRT response rates:

Yes: 6

No: 29

No opinion: 5

Do you believe the SRT measures teaching effectiveness:

Yes: 10

No: 28

Don't know/no opinion: 4

- Policy on Internships (SAPP)

Motion to discuss by S. Clark, motion seconded by G. Wood. S. Clark gave background on the relevant executive order and need to “maximize benefit” as well as minimize risk of internships to students and minimize liability to the University. C. Burriss asked to clarify who conducts the site visits. Item will move forward.

- CCE Revised Charter (CCE/CCI)

D. Downey motioned to discuss, seconded by G. Wood. D. Downey spoke to the charter and the purpose of having a charter. K. Jensen commended them on the definitions. Item will move forward.

- Resolution on Environmental Sustainability (Faculty Group)

S. Aloisio motioned to discuss, motion seconded by B. Bleicher. S. Aloisio spoke on the resolution's background. M. Pereira asked for the resolution could be sent out to all faculty. B. Hartung asked if climate commitment text has changed since 4 or 5 years ago; S. Aloisio answered no.

- Policy on Electronic Communication w/Students (Senate Exec)

Motion to discuss by J. Grier, motion seconded by B. de Oca. Discussed background & need for policy. J. Grier asked if faculty need to have signature line in their email; it was clarified that the policy only specifies that faculty provide “appropriate contact information”.

- Resolution Affirming CI Student Learning Outcomes (Senate Exec)

G. Buhl motioned to discuss; motion seconded by B. Hartung. A. Wallace gave background, including the need for WASC reaffirmation. G. Buhl commented that the learning outcomes listed mirror GE learning outcomes. C. Paiva asked about the existence of entrance and exit surveys, and on the need for survey data to be used practically & significantly. A. Wallace answered that within their program, faculty do conduct such surveys.

A. Jiménez-Jiménez asked about the last sentence of the resolution and asked if the intent was that program assessment should reside in the program; A. Wallace answered affirmatively. B. Bleicher commended the proposers on their significant work.

Reports from Standing Committees

- Faculty Affairs Committee

B. Bleicher commented that they are working on a field trip policy.

- Student Academic Policies and Procedures

S. Clark announced that the committee will be meeting next week.

- Curriculum Committee

M. Cook announced that the committee’s due date has closed and they are meeting next week for current business.

- Committee on Committees

J. Grier reminded everyone that elections are approaching, and asked everyone to nominate folks for membership in committees.

Reports from Other Committees/Centers on Campus

- Center for Multicultural Engagement

J. Balén announced that Thursday 4/18 is a day of silence for faculty and staff to call attention to LGBT bullying and harassment in schools. Silence will be broken at 4pm in Tree House Courtyard.

- Student Research Steering Committee

K. Leonard reported that the committee is taking applications for 11/5. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis after that.

- Student Health Services Fee Committee

S. Stratton reported on this year’s student-voted fee increases. He noted that all psychological counselors next year will be moved to the student fee budget, and that 95% of these newly-instituted student health fees will go to support new counselors.

- Project ISLAS

M. Francois announced the upcoming presentations of Sunghee Nam and Dennis Downey. Also noted that Community Colleges will be on campus on Friday morning 4/19 to present on transfer & readiness issues. Also- a survey has been sent out regarding the Transfer Academy.

- Project VISTA

K. Tollefson announced the 5th Annual Conference on Social Justice in Education this Saturday 4/20- theme is “Organizing for Sustainable Change”. Marcos Vargas will be keynote speaker. Conference begins at 8am.

- Writing Center

K. Klompfen announced that the Writing Center has moved and is now upstairs in Broome Library. The Center is recruiting new tutors and has forms for those who would like to recommend someone.

- Center for Community Engagement

D. Downey reported that on 5/3 in Petit Salon, the Center is hosting a celebration of service, with poster presentations followed by lunch, awards, and other activities.

Announcements

- A. Denton announced the campus spring science symposium/Poe Symposium starting on Friday 4/19 at 12:30 in Aliso Hall. Topic is Climate Change; event organized by Chris Wheeler.

- C. Burriss – announced student performing & visual arts event “Arts Under the Stars” starting at 6pm on 5/3.

- K. Carey announced the farewell reception for Callie Juarez on Monday 4/22 at 4:30pm in the Archives Courtyard.

- B. Hartung reminded everyone that the deadline to nominate for Lacayo internships is on Friday 4/19. Five undergraduate fellows will be presenting research on Wednesday 4/17 from 4-6pm in Archives Courtyard.

- J. Miller gave an announcement on behalf of Student Research Week at CI. Posters are up in Sage Hall and there will be presentations on Friday 4/19 from 10am-2pm of students taking part in the statewide Student Research competition.

- B. Monsma announced poster sessions for New Orleans & Costa Rica field/service learning trips Thursday in Library 4-7pm

- Chair Meriwether reminded everyone of upcoming Chancellor’s visit on Thursday 4/18.

Adjourn

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