

Academic Senate Meeting Minutes
Martin V. Smith Decision-Making Center
Tuesday, November 13, 2012, 2:30-4:30

Attendance

Virgil Adams, Mary Adler, Simone Aloisio, Julia Balén, Terry Ballman, Frank Barajas, Gary Berg, Michael Berman, Marilyn Buchanan, Geoffrey Buhl, Catherine Burriss, Karen Carey, Minder Chen, Renny Christopher, Stephen Clark, Matt Cook, Manuel Correia, Kaleen Cullen, Amy Denton, Nancy Deans, Dennis Downey, Therese Eyer mann, Marie Francois, Scott Frisch, Jeanne Grier, Philip Hampton, Elizabeth Hartung, Debi Hoffmann, Pauline Hunter, Tiina Itkonen, Karen Jensen, Antonio Jiménez-Jiménez, Kathleen Klompien, Daniel Lee, Kathryn Leonard, Carola Matera, Chris Mattia, Jim Meriwether, Brad Monsma, J. Andrew Morris, Beatrice de Oca, Alison Perchuk, Monica Pereira, Jennifer Perry, Janet Pinkley, Christina Smith, Peter Smith, Stephen Stratton, Elnora Tayag, Genevieve Evans Taylor, Kaia Tollefson, Dan Wakelee, Cindy Wyels.

I. Approval of the Agenda

2:36pm

II. Approval of the Minutes of October 23, 2012

2:37pm

III. Intent to Raise Questions

Chair Meriwether went over questions and answers from last Senate meeting 10/23/12.

G. Buhl asked new question: Is there any campus-wide effort to adhere to normal class size guidelines, especially with respect to upper division General Education / writing courses? K. Klompien added a comment on the campus writing retreat: she reminded everyone of the deadline to turn in their surveys by end of day 11/13.

IV. Report from the Senate Chair (Meriwether)

Chair welcomed new secretary Jeanne Grier & acknowledged/thanked former secretary Daniel Lee. Chair offered a thought: Would Academic Senate be the forum for open and deeper discussion of large campuswide issues? Would require a condensation of time spent on policy crafting. Send an email with your thoughts to Chair Meriwether.

V. Report from the Provost (Neuman)

Provost absent today.

VI. Report from Statewide Senators (Aloisio and Castaneda)

S. Aloisio gave an update on the budget situation and new budget request from Chancellor's office. Tuition rollbacks now that Prop 30 passed will cost CSU \$132 million this year. Legislature has promised \$125 million; as such, the funding shortfall currently stands at approximately \$7 million. Since 2007, the CSU system has experienced a budget shortfall of approximately \$900 million. Chancellor's office is now asking the state for \$440 million in restorative funding for the entire CSU system.

Chancellor's office has already held back \$250 million for giving back to campuses. They will begin to distribute some of this money back in Spring.

Resolutions discussed at this ASCSU meeting:

- 1) Resolution in support of the \$440 million request for 2013-2014 year.
- 2) Resolution promoting faculty consultation. BOT plan may ask campuses to come up with plan to limit majors to 120 units- by end of this year or next year. Toolkit & PowerPoint are available; see Simone for details.
- 3) 3 fees proposed: a repeat fee; a 3rd tier of tuition; and a graduation incentive fee. ASCSU passed a resolution that opposed all three of these fees. BOT is supposed to vote today 11/13.

Governor attended the BOT meeting today and the BOT did not vote on these resolutions. See Simone for questions.

VII. Report from CFA President (Kelly)

N. Deans reported that Proposition 30 passed. Thanked volunteers who helped out with voting and publicizing the proposition.

VIII. Special Report: SCCUR

V. Adams gave a "thank you" for everyone who has helped out with SCCUR. Reported that there will be approximately 1100 people coming for 550 presentations. Announced that SCCUR still needs moderators to fill 4 or 5 slots. Please let Virgil know.

IX. Second Reading Items

- SP 12-01 Policy on Grade Point Average for Minors

Vote taken to approve the policy:

Approve: 39

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Policy passed.

X. First Reading Items

- Forgiveness of Previously Earned Grade Policy (SAPP)

S. Clark introduced policy. K. Leonard asked as to what is the evidence that this is a beneficial policy? What is the motivation? S. Aloisio indicated that there are 44,000 repeat seats in CSU system.

T. Itkonen and M. Pereira mentioned the needs of students with disabilities; T. Itkonen added that some campuses have upper limits of 9 units.

K. Jensen suggested add "NC" under #3. A. Perchuk suggested wording of "replacement grade" or "subsequent grade" instead of "replaced grade". This item will reappear as a Second Reading item at next Senate meeting.

- BA in Global Studies Short Form (Curriculum/APC)

T. Ballman introduced the short form. A. Jiménez-Jiménez noted that this course only requires adding 1 new course; other courses are already being taught. M. Francois commented that it supports pillars.

J. Balén commented that English is not included on the short form. T. Ballman clarified that it exists under the language and literature portion.

J. Elliott asked if this B.A. is on the Master Plan? Chair reminded attendees that the AMP has been distributed and is on the agenda for today.

- M.A. in Digitally Integrated Media Short Form (Curriculum/APC)

G. Berg gave background. A. Jiménez-Jiménez commented that more information is needed on elements of program and expressed concern about losing faculty resources & expertise from undergraduate teaching toward Extended Education programs. Also commented that it is important for the campus to retain a beneficial faculty-student ratio.

K. Leonard inquired about a possible collaboration with Computer Science.

B. Hartung commented about MFA in Art is on Master Plan and mentioned that it seems that multiple Master's degrees are coming forward on already strained resources.

C. Burriss wondered how much of current tenure-track faculty resources are going to be used. What kind of faculty- and to what extent? Graduate faculty could be industry experts. A. Perchuk commented that course instructors are often brought in from outside areas.

G. Berg clarified that for special sessions faculty generally teach overload; therefore does not constitute a buyout. For this specific M.A., the plan is to rely greatly on those in industry. Discussion as to whether this would be overload only, not buyout. G. Berg clarified that other campuses have used similar formulas of overload only and that there is no CSU policy on this specific issue. B. Monsma commented that overload does have impact on faculty.

M. Adler said there was missing information on how degree is different from existing programs, and that there is some information on the short form.

G. Buhl remarked that it is difficult to answer questions since the proposers weren't in attendance. Discussion as to missing information, and whether to let short form proceed to second reading, postpone discussion, table discussion, or refer to committee.

M. Adler suggested conveying concerns back to proposers before next meeting. A. Jiménez-Jiménez would like to see a revised version of document. P. Hampton reminded of past practices and recommended that Art Program hold Q&A session prior to next Senate meeting. Reminded of past Senate Resolution SR-01-24. Item moves forward to second reading.

- Academic Master Plan for 2012-13 (Curriculum/APC)

Chair Meriwether gave introduction. Several faculty members expressed concerns about proposed program degrees (including minors and master's degrees) being pushed back, and what is the process as to how new graduate degrees are coming forward and "jumping the queue". J. Elliott gave the example of a Philosophy minor in the waiting stage for seven years. S. Stratton asked why the Ed.D. has moved forward to be sooner than other degrees that were proposed earlier. It was stated by K. Tollefson that the Ed.D was moved to 2014 due to an opportunity to do a joint online Ed. D with Fresno.

B. Monsma commented English MA pushed back due to inability to hire new faculty, but that now it has been pushed to 2016 and key approvals expire in 2015.

R. Christopher asked how it was decided what our current FTE target is for purpose of this chart? Questioned why is official FTE listed as 4218 when official Fall 2012 target was 4000.

P. Hampton remarked that more openness and transparency is needed with regard to process of new items getting inserted in the AMP from year to year. Chair Meriwether mentioned that Academic Planning Committee is a majority faculty committee meetings are open to the campus -- although are not advertised for people to know.

M. Adler noted that the past practice of APC was to invite program representatives to participate in conversations & decision-making, and that program should continue to be involved. J. Grier commented that past practice was brown bag prior to Senate.

A. Morris commented as to process of economic viability. Reaffirmed that APC meetings are open to everybody. Commented on hardships of long-term planning in an unstable environment. Cost-benefits analyses are performed for new degree track proposed. J. Balén commented that some of these processes disappeared during furlough years - such as opening up cost-benefits analyses from past and that more players should be involved, and follow as Senate policy.

A. Jiménez-Jiménez asked whether there was a short form on the Ed. D. R. Christopher added that there was no short form for Ed.D., and that this item was placed on AMP by Chancellor's Office. Noted that short form is in Senate Exec, didn't make it through there yet.

M. Adler asked if there would be an APC meeting opportunity? A. Morris answered that there can be. K. Carey commented that current programs need to stay strong in terms of faculty. Chair Meriwether will make sure this item goes back to appropriate committees. Send your comments. The AMP will reappear at the next Senate meeting.

XI. Reports from Standing Committees

- Faculty Affairs Committee

B. de Oca reported that the committee is working on policy regarding student evaluations. M. Pereira announced that the committee is also working on policy to comply with CBA on number of courses evaluated; this policy is currently in Senate Exec.

R. Christopher added this policy won't be congruent with the necessary timeline; therefore Provost Neuman has corresponded with President on behalf of Senate Exec asking for his approval to continue current practice through Spring Semesters. President has agreed and the policy of evaluating a minimum of two courses will stay in place for Spring Semester 2013. Commented that the policy needs to get in place by Spring to take effect by Fall 2013.

- Fiscal Policies

S. Frisch reported that recommendations are due to Provost by Dec 1st and that the committee will have something to report thereafter.

- Student Academic Policies and Procedures

S. Clark reported that the Committee is working on policy on internships & policy on grades.

- Curriculum Committee

A. Morris reported that course modifications and new courses were submitted on 10/15. He & A. Perchuk reminded everyone to be diligent in acquiring needed signatures before Dec 15th.

- General Education

C. Burriss commented that the committee is meeting weekly to get through business before the Curriculum Committee deadlines. Encouraged fast & responsive communication with G.E. members when asked, in order to move items on to the Curriculum Committee in a timely manner.

- Committee on Committees

J. Grier noted that a vote about academic freedom is being created. Chair Meriwether commented that an email vote will be sent around.

- Committee on Centers and Institutes

Chair Meriwether announced that he is facilitating their next meeting in order to help them to determine who will be their chair.

- Search Coordinating Committee

V. Adams commented that this is last week for fall searches. Thank you to everyone.

- Faculty Development Affairs Committee

D. Wakelee reported that Greg Wood is now the Chair of the committee and they will be managing the minigrant process this year. K. Klompien will coordinate the writer's retreat.

XII. Reports from Other Committees/Centers on Campus

- Project ISLAS

M. Francois announced that the high- impact classroom practices workshop is on the website. They are having a breakfast to present it. Will have additional workshop presentations next semester.

- Project VISTA
K. Tollefson: On 11/28 at 3:30pm & 11/29 at 8am in Broome 1360, Project VISTA will be holding community sessions to report findings on their Child & Family Care Needs assessment.
- Center for Integrative Studies
K. Leonard reminded everyone that minigrants applications are due next week. Also announced that a survey will be coming out asking for input on interdisciplinary themes for the upcoming faculty retreat.
- Center for Multicultural Engagement
J. Balén issued a call for proposals for integrating multicultural perspectives into curriculum. Proposals are due Dec 1st. Come Monday 11/19 at 2pm to Broome 1350 for more information.
- Center for International Affairs
A. Jiménez-Jiménez announced that this week is International Week. He has flyers of the schedule of events along with regular class sessions incorporating International Week themes and flavors embedded in curriculum. Refer students with questions to CIA.
- Center for Community Engagement
D. Downey reported that a survey went out regarding the President's honor roll. Return your completed survey to Pilar Pacheco.

XIII. Announcements

- Student Research Steering Committee
C. Wyels announced that the Student Research Steering Committee still has funding available. Talk to Cindy Wyels or Kimmy Kee-Rose.

XIV. Adjourn

4:06pm