

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, STANISLAUS**

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES  
May 14, 2002

**PRESENT:** Almy, Bargetto-Andres, Blodgett, Buell, Christopher, Farrar, Filling, Floyd C., Floyd R., Gackowski, Harris, MacDonald, Manrique, Mayer J., Morgan-Foster, Nagel, Potter, Rhodes, Russ, Sarraille, Sereno, Shipley, Thompson, Towell, Yang, Zarling

**PROXIES:** Sumers (Burroughs), Royer (Carroll), Floyd C. (Sivak), McLaughlin (Luo)

**ABSENT:** Afonso, Akwabi-Ameyaw, Clark, Fazal, Ferriz, Johnson, Kimyai, Kobus, Mayer M., Robbin, Peterson, Tan, VanRuiten

**GUESTS:** Bowers D., Demetrulias, Durbin, Klein, Morgan, Navarro (Modesto Bee), Stephens, Young T.

**Recording Secretary:** Diana Saugstad

9/AS/02/COC--ACIP Representative,  
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

6/AS/02/SEC--Resolution on Academic  
Freedom, UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

7/AS/02/UEPC--Removal of Two-Course  
Per Discipline Cap for Upper-Division GE,  
APPROVED

8/AS/02/UEPC--Policy and Procedures for  
Academic Certificates, APPROVED

SABBATICAL CRITERIA UPDATE

ADMINISTRATIVE SEARCH  
COMMITTEE POLICY UPDATE

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Next Academic Senate Meeting:

Tuesday, September 24, 2002  
2:30-4:30 p.m., South Dining Room

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Minutes submitted by:

Barbara Manrique, Clerk

Speaker Russ called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. Blodgett requested that discussion item 7.c. (Guidelines for Teaching Associates) be withdrawn since the Graduate Council will study it further and present a resolution in the fall. The agenda was approved as amended (MSP Filling/Thompson). The minutes of April 30, 2002 were approved as printed (MSP Filling/Thompson).

## REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### a) Speaker/SEC (Russ)

Russ reminded senators of the annual faculty barbecue on Saturday, May 18.

She then announced that Renny Christopher has accepted a position at CSU Channel Islands. Christopher explained that this campus in Camarillo, Ventura County, was the largest population center in the state not served by the CSU. She also noted that only 25 people were hired of 4,200 who applied. T. Young remarked that this was the most competitive job market he had seen. The Senate gave Christopher their congratulations and best wishes for the future.

Russ also said that an ad hoc committee consisting of M. Aronson, Wendy Miller, R. Brown, S. Filling, A. Young, and A. Schulz will develop an approval process for use of alternate assessment instruments that could be used in the retention, promotion and tenure process. The committee will report to the Senate by January 28, 2003, so that the approved guidelines may be used in the fall semester, 2003.

#### **b) University Educational Policies Committee (Floyd)**

Floyd referred to the detailed report he will give at the General Faculty Meeting on Thursday, May 16, mentioning briefly his appreciation for the work of the Academic Technology subcommittee and the Title VI grant received for development of the cross-cultural competency certificate that he hopes will be approved.

#### **c) Faculty Affairs Committee (Towell)**

R. Brown reported that the committee has prepared draft recommendations for the composition of administrative search committees and criteria for sabbaticals which will be discussed later in the meeting.

#### **d) Faculty Budget Advisory Committee (Filling)**

Filling stated that the committee was continuing to work on the publication costs report and waiting for a response by the President to the DUR recommendations. Forty percent of departments replied to the request for information about financial transactions and sixty-five percent admitted keeping their own set of books. Business and Finance will review this information and work to streamline the process. He mentioned the budget hearings on Friday, 9:00-1:00, and then asked VP Stephens to speak about the May revise details.

Stephens distributed a detailed financial review of the 2001/02 budget with an additional column indicating "Projected Carry-Forward for Expenditures Planned in FY 02/03" and a balance remaining of \$1,380, 911 (line 126). The sheet included specific figures for University Wide, Academic Affairs, Business and Finance, and Student Affairs.

Stephens then spoke of the May revision of the state's 2002/03 budget, which provides for a general fund support budget of \$2.758 billion for the California State University (CSU). The May revise increases the Governor's January budget for the CSU by \$19.5 million for enrollment growth, but it reduces the base budget support by \$43 million in one-time cuts for long-term needs such as technology, libraries, maintenance, and equipment.

T. Young pointed out that this budget reflects a "rosy scenario" like the early 90s and said that he is not sanguine about early passage of the budget because of the two-thirds requirement. Final passage may not occur until late August or September.

Klein, Farrar, T. Young, and Russ commended Stephens for providing such detailed financial information.

**e) Graduate Council (Blodgett)**

Blodgett said that Jim Burns will be the new graduate director and that the guidelines for TAs need more work; therefore, discussion item 7.c. has been tabled. She will speak of specific achievements during the General Faculty Meeting.

**f) Statewide Academic Senate (Sarraille/Thompson)**

Sarraille distributed a summary of SWAS actions and noted that a copy is available on email. Thompson added one item: the discussion of online degree programs. Filling pointed out that NYU's website includes some negative results of such programs.

**g) Provost/VPAA (Rhodes)**

No report.

**h) Associated Students (Johnson/VanRuiten)**

No report.

**i) Other**

Morgan-Foster advised that the Student Fee Advisory Committee has drafted guidelines on how the student fee process will work on campus. She asked for faculty input and stated this item will be brought forward in the fall. She thanked Speaker Russ for her work this year.

Russ noted the presence of Alejandra Navarro, reporter for The Modesto Bee.

**CONSENT ITEM**

**a) 9/AS/02/COC-ACIP Representative**

Russ introduced the resolution recommending that Akwabi-Ameyaw be appointed as campus representative on the Academic Council for International Programs (ACIP) effective July 2002 through July 2003. Since there were no objections, Russ declared that the resolution was approved.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**a) 6/AS/02/SEC-Resolution on Academic Freedom**

The discussion began with a request by Regalado, read by Royer, that faculty be provided with directives concerning the right of faculty to seek information about any academic matter from an outside institution since a faculty member recently was admonished by the President. T. Young noted that the President has received many complaints from outraged citizens calling for action to be taken against faculty members for making comments for which they disagree. In each instance, the President has responded to the citizens

supporting the faculty member's right to academic freedom and/or the first amendment. Young believes that the President agrees with academic freedom and due process and would say so if she were able to be here.

Russ called for the question and the resolution was approved without dissent. Resolution reads:

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of California State University, Stanislaus declare and defend the right of the Faculty to express their opinions on academic matters publicly without fear of administrative reprisal, and be it, further,

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate urge the President to affirm publicly her commitment to academic freedom.

#### **b) 7/AS/02/UEPC-Removal of Two-Course Per Discipline Cap for Upper-Division GE**

Floyd asked Klein to speak about the impact if some departments have more "clout." Klein explained that departments are funded by enrollment targets. He does not believe that there is a problem and that the removal of the cap gives faculty more options. Sarraille asked if any department chairs had expressed concerns. Klein said they had not.

Russ called for a vote. The resolution passed with one abstention. Resolution reads:

RESOLVED: That the two-course per discipline cap for upper-division general education courses be removed effective fall 2002.

#### **c. 8/AS/02/UEPC-Policy and Procedures for Academic Certificates**

Floyd explained that the resolution clarifies the language and would make it more like the procedure for all programs. It also integrates policies for competency- and course-based certificates. AVP Demetrulias explained that the earlier policy dealt with only course-based certificates. This one adds competency-based and hybrid certificates, such as Teaching Theatre in Secondary Schools and Community College Leadership. It also adds information about assessing competency, with fourteen items listed for integrated certificates. Farrar asked if a department may be pressured into giving a program. AVP Demetrulias responded that all certificate programs must come from departments, then go to the colleges, and up the chain. They carry academic credit and are not Extended Education programs. Floyd noted that the community college leadership program was called a "blended" program. AVP Demetrulias explained that "blended" meant that the support came from the State, fees, and departmental resources.

The resolution passed with one abstention. Resolution reads:

RESOLVED: That the attached Policy and Procedures for Academic Certificates replace 6/AS/83/EPC (Academic Certificates)

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **a) Sabbatical Criteria Update**

Towell reported consultation with the Leaves and Awards about this issue. FAC cannot tell this committee

what to consider, but did suggest some changes in wording that Leaves and Awards has approved and will pursue in the fall if the Senate approves this resolution. Russ noted that the policy must be consistent with the MOU.

Christopher said the changes do not address the issue of reasons for the ranking of candidates. Towell said that there are so many variables to consider and that "quality" has different meanings. Filling suggested that FAC ask the administration to explain the decisions. Russ noted that faculty would not volunteer for this committee if they were open to grievances.

#### **b) Administrative Search Committee Policy Update**

Towell explained that the material provided is a draft and that T. Young is working with FAC on it. Revisions will come in the fall. The purpose is to have more faculty involvement; therefore, we need a policy. Russ explained that the recent Provost search illustrated a problem. After more discussion of some details, Russ urged faculty to study the draft, an item that will be on the fall agenda.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

Almy expressed his appreciation for the great effort, wisdom, and balance of Speaker Russ.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.