

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, STANISLAUS**ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES**

September 30, 2003

PRESENT: A.Andres, Aronson, Bettencourt, Brown, Carroll, Cunha, Dauwalder, Everett, Ferriz, Filling, Floyd, Gackowski, Garcia, Harvey, Helzer, Jensen, Katsma, Myers, Nagel, Nelson, Neufeld, Oppenheim, Peterson, Poole, Riedmann, Rios-Bustamante, Sarraille, Shipley, Stessman, Tan, Thompson, Watkins, Weddle, Young, Youngblom, Zarling

PROXIES: Foreman (Paterson)

ABSENT: C.Andres, Feldman, Morgan-Foster, O'Brien, Senior, Rumayor

GUESTS: Cherukuri, Hilpert, Jaasma, Stephens, Stone, Turner (Modesto Bee) Wendt, Youngblom, Signal

Recording Secretary: Diana Bowman

14/AS/03/SEC--2003/2004 Standing Rules of the Academic Senate, ACCEPTED

15/AS/03/FAC--Amendment to Article IV, Section 1.1 a) of the URPTC and Article V. B. of the General Faculty Constitution, FIRST READING

SENATOR ORIENTATION

Next Academic Senate Meeting:

Tuesday, October 14, 2003
2:30-4:30 p.m., JSRFDC Reference Room

Minutes submitted by:

John Sarraille, Clerk

Speaker Aronson called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm. It was MSP Sarraille/Garcia to approve the agenda as submitted. It was MSP Sarraille/Thompson to approve the minutes of May 13, 2003 as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Senators introduced themselves.
- b. Speaker Aronson thanked Provost Dauwalder for the refreshments.
- c. The LAC calendar has been distributed. Please note, nominations for Outstanding Professor, Outstanding Researcher and Outstanding Community Service Professor are due in the Academic Senate Office October 17.
- d. Request for Proposals systemwide or multi campus disciplines announced by the CSU Institute for Teaching and Learning, CSU Conference on Student Success: Facilitating Transfer and Degree Completion

to be December 4-6 in Los Angeles, development of RFP for a food service provider ongoing. ACIP and the Wang Family have established a scholarship to provide an opportunity to faculty and students who will profit from an international learning experience. Information available in the Senate Office. Dynamic Diversity Conference is September 25-26 in southern California.

QUESTIONS ABOUT REPORTS

Aronson explained committee chairs will send their report out over Asnet the Friday before the Senate meeting. Questions about the reports can be raised at the Senate meeting. Please send Diana your email address.

FOUNDATION REPORT (Cherukuri)

Cherukuri advised he is one of four faculty representatives on the CSUS Foundation Board. Other faculty members are Sara Garfield, Stephen Thomas and Melissa Aronson. The ASI President is also a member. There are about 30 business men and women and community leaders that also make up the Board, for a total of 48 trustees. Trustees contribute in cash and in kind, lobby for the University with elected officials, bond propositions, write support letters to legislators, news media and the like. The Foundation conducts 4 quarterly meetings and an annual retreat each year. An agenda book is sent to the trustees before each meeting. He recommended one be placed on reserve in the Library for viewing. A faculty member is invited to make a brief presentation of her/his work to the Board at these meetings. President Hughes also reports at each meeting covering important aspects impacting the University. Vice Presidents and other university officials and various committee chairs also present brief reports.

CONSENT ITEM

a. 14/AS/03/SEC—2003/2004 Standing Rules of the Academic Senate

It was MS Thompson/Oppenheim to approve the consent agenda. There was no objection.

FIRST READING ITEM

a. 15/AS/03/FAC—Amendment to the URPT Procedures, Article IV. Section 1.1 a) and General Faculty Constitution Article V. B.

It was MS Floyd/Poole:

BE IT RESOLVED: That Article IV. Section 1.1 a) of the General Faculty Constitution be amended as follows:

ARTICLE IV. COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

Section 1.0 There shall be a standing committee of the General Faculty on retention, promotion and tenure, hereinafter referred to as the University Retention, Promotion and Tenure Committee (URPTC).

1.1 The URPTC shall be composed of five full-time tenured voting faculty members at the rank of full professor, librarian, or counselor (SSP-AR) at least one member coming from each college. Elections shall

be conducted by the Committee on Committees according to the procedures in Article VI., Section 3.2.

a) Department chairs *who are full professors, and who do not have faculty in their departments under URPTC review for the current and upcoming years, are eligible to serve for a 2-year term on the URPTC.* ~~and~~ Faculty members serving in administrative positions shall be ineligible to serve on the URPTC. No one may serve at more than one level of review in the retention, promotion, and tenure process.

and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Article V. B) of the University RPT Procedures be amended as follows:

V. UNIVERSITY RETENTION, PROMOTION AND TENURE COMMITTEE

A. The University Retention, Promotion and Tenure Committee shall be comprised of five (5) full-time tenured faculty members at the rank of full professor.

B. Departmental Chairs *who are full professors, and who do not have faculty in their departments under URPTC review for the current and upcoming years, are eligible to serve for a 2-year term on the URPTC.* ~~and~~ Faculty members serving in administrative positions shall be ineligible to serve on the University Retention, Promotion and Tenure Committee.

C. The Chair of the University Retention, Promotion and Tenure Committee shall be elected by the Committee.

and be it further

RESOLVED: That these amendments take effect upon approval by the General Faculty and the President.

RATIONALE:

Membership of the URPTC is restricted to tenured full professors and at times it is difficult to recruit members. There are certain department chairs on campus whose departments have no junior faculty. The statement restricting department chairs from serving on University Retention, Promotion and Tenure Committee (URPTC) should be amended to restrict only department chairs that have faculty in their department whose development will be assessed by the URPTC. Chairs, if full professors, should be eligible for a 2-year term on the URPTC.

Floyd explains this amendment was generated last year. It would allow a department chair that has no junior faculty in her/his department or has no one that will undergo RPT review for the current or next year to serve on the URPTC for two years. Because there are more and more committees faculty serve on, and specifically it is difficult to get faculty to serve on the URPTC, this will make more faculty eligible to serve. Currently only full professors that are not department chairs can serve.

Questions and concerns:

--What is the original rationale to restrict department chairs from serving? Reply: No one can participate in

two levels of review. At the time this language was written, departments mostly had junior faculty under review. Now we have many more committees faculty serve on and there are departments with all full professors.

--Questioned Section 1.1a) faculty members serving in administrative positions shall be ineligible to serve on the URPTC. How does one define 'administrative positions?' Who actually would be excluded? Reply: FAC will follow up.

---It is not always predictable if someone is coming up for RPT review. One suggestion would be to add to the RPT Procedures a sentence taken from the General Faculty Constitution which reads "No one may serve at more than one level of review in the RPT process."

--Include language that would explain what happens if a chair is elected to the URPTC, but then hires a new faculty member that would go up for RPT. Reply: The new faculty member would not undergo review the first year so there would be no conflict.

This will come back as a second reading.

Thompson noted that the process also requires a vote of the General Faculty and approval by the President.

SENATOR ORIENTATION

- a. Power Point Presentation by Thompson**
- b. Overview of Committee Charge by Chairs**

The Chairs of the following committees gave an overview of the charge of their committee, listed current activities, and introduced committee members: URPTC (Hilpert), GC (Poole), UEPC (Watkins), FBAC (Sarraille), FAC (Floyd), FDC (Stone), RSCAPC (Janey Youngblom), COC (Jim Youngblom), GE Subcommittee (Stone), LAC (Peterson), SWAS (Thompson), Assessment of Student Learning Subcommittee (Thompson).

Aronson noted there are plenty of opportunities to get involved in faculty governance. She stressed the importance for Senators to be involved. It is a lot of work, but interesting, and it makes us a stronger institution.

Meeting adjourned at 3:47 pm