

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, STANISLAUS**

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES  
December 6, 2005

Present: Afonso, Bargetto-Andres, Brown, Dauwalder, Davis C., Davis S., Deaner, DeCaro, DeKatzew, Filling, Garcia, Jacobs, Jensen, Kim, Lawson, Manrique, Mantz, Minor, Morgan-Foster, Nagel, Nelson, Peterson, Petrosky, Regalado, Reneau, Riedmann, Routh, Sankey, Sarraille, Schoenly, Senior, Shawkey, Stone, Tan, Thompson, Weikart, Werling, Zarling

Proxy: Gackowski (Petratos)

Absent: Jantz, Sutherland, Tavernier

Guests: Bengston, Boffman, Borba, Bruner, R. Floyd, Kelly, G. Lynch, Murray-Ward, Pierce, Roe, Schulz, Shirvani, Wendt

**Recording Secretary:** Diana Bowman

REPORT: Independent Doctor of Education and CBA Feasibiity Study, Executive MBA

21/AS/05/FBAC--Budget Priorities Resolution, APPROVED (Sense of Senate)

22/AS/05/GC/FBAC/UEPC--Master's of Science or Professional Science Master's Degree in Ecology and Sustainability, APPROVED

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Next Academic Senate Meeting:

Tuesday, January 24, 2005  
2:30-4:30 p.m., JSRFDC Reference Room

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Minutes submitted by:

Scott Davis, Clerk

1. Speaker Petrosky called the meeting order at 2:38 pm.
2. The agenda was approved as submitted.
3. Minutes of November 22, 2005 were amended as follows: Page 2, first paragraph, second line to read "fees are not calculated by FTES, but by full-time/part-time headcount." Page 3, last paragraph, eighth line, change äadjunctí to äcontingent.í Page 4, sixth paragraph, change äanywayí to äanyone.í Minutes of November 22, 2005 were approved as amended.

#### 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Petrosky asked Senators to keep a close eye on their email. The Ad hoc Committee to review the College of ALS Reorganization is still meeting and may want to share information with you before the holidays.
- b. Friday is the last day to submit student evaluations.
- c. Manrique advised that the Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association will meet again December 15 at 12:15 in North Dining. She asked that Senators encourage new retirees or FERPers to attend. President Shirvani will attend. Dieter Renning is the new CFA retired faculty chair and liaison to ERFA.
- d. Afonso advised that the CSUS Choirs will present their traditional Holiday concert "Carolfest" on Sunday, December 7 at 2:00 and 6:00. Faculty and staff may reserve two free tickets for the performance. Call the School of Fine and Performing Arts to reserve your tickets.
- e. Davis reported that the WASC Self Study Team is finalizing a draft of our Institutional Proposal for general distribution in mid-January. Distribution in hard copy, email (fac-net and others), and on the web site. All commentary will need to be in by mid-March, for final revision and submission on May 10, 2006. Any comments or questions to selfstudy@csustan.edu.

## 5. QUESTIONS ABOUT REPORTS

None

## 6. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Borba reported that last summer SB724 was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. SB724 allows CSU campuses to develop independent doctorate programs (Ed.D., e.g.), and the College of Education is looking at this option. A Needs Assessment Committee has been established; members are Janes, Poole, Salsbury, Sayers, Smith, Wink, Schulz, and Burns (as admin rep). The purpose of this committee is to determine if there is need for this program. They are currently preparing a survey for every K-12 teacher and administrator and community college administrator in the 6-county service area. They will also establish focus groups in the area to get additional information. Once the results are in, a preliminary report will be brought to AS. He will also keep the Graduate Council apprised of any activities taking place as well as the Executive Council of the College of Education.
- b. Brown reported that the College of Business is doing a feasibility study for an Executive MBA Program in Stockton. He will report back as things develop.

## 7. ACTION ITEMS

### a. 21/AS/05/FBACñBudget Priorities Resolution

Weikart noted one very small amendment based on Nagelís recommendation. The fifth bullet item, substitute "other similar institutions" for "CSU."

Dauwalder advised that last yearís Budget Priorities Resolution was approved as a Sense of the Senate and asked if this would be the same. Weikart stated that FBAC had recommended it be a Sense of the Senate, but he did not advise Senators at the last Senate meeting. Petrosky asked if there were objections and hearing none, it will be a Sense of the Senate resolution.

There being no further discussion, the question was called and vote on 21/AS/05/FBAC was passed with two abstentions.

**b. 22/AS/05/GC/UEPC/FBACñMaster of Science or Professional Science Masterís Degree in Ecology and Sustainability**

Petrosky advised that at the last Senate meeting, this item was referred simultaneously to GC, FBAC and UEPC for further review, specifically about resources.

Garcia stated that the GC wanted to get input from FBAC and UEPC and that was done. They both met with the Biology faculty.

Weikart stated that FBAC took a good look at fiscal implications, and felt that Table 1, as constructed, did not seem to be accurate. After much discussion, Table 1 was amended to accurately reflect FTES. For the first year, there will be 6 FTES, the third year 14.4 FTES and by the fifth year 18 FTES. The first year should generate \$47,000 so will not quite be self-supporting. By the third year, \$113,000 and will be close to self-supporting and by the fifth year \$141,000 and thus should be self-supporting. These are very conservative estimates. Based on these figures, FBAC supports the proposal.

Petrosky thanked UEPC for holding an emergency meeting Monday to deal with this. Peterson stated she was impressed with the progress Biology made on this proposal. Although she is still concerned with resources, because Masters programs take a lot of services, this program will serve students, the community and the campus well. And these students will be students we probably wouldnít have otherwise. They will pay graduate fees and this program could generate more grants, and graduate students could help teach in the lab. The Biology faculty also discussed Geology classes to be added as electives. So, the concerns of UEPC were addressed and UEPC supports moving this program forward.

Bruner, Chair of Biology stated her appreciation for the Academic Senate and UEPC, FBAC and GC taking the time to review the program. She distributed a summary of activities that have taken place since the last Senate meeting and offered to answer any questions Senators might have.

Sarraillé suggested a friendly amendment to the first resolved clause, first paragraph to insert after Fall 2006 "contingent on funding to make it self-supporting."

Sarraillé explained it is important that we make a statement about resources. We should convey the message it is not our wish that resources be diverted from other areas to support the new program. Garcia did not accept the amendment as friendly.

It was MS Sarraillé/Filling to amend the first resolved clause, first paragraph to insert after Fall 2006 "contingent on funding to make it self-supporting."

Discussion of amendment:

**Cons**

S Should only look at the merits of the program, what it brings to the University. Should not micromanage by requiring it to be self sufficient.

S AS should not deal with the issue of resources.

S Hard to determine if it will be self supporting until the program is up and running. But it should be based on the figures.

S It is good for AS to look at all details of a proposal in order to make an informed decision, but as far as the motion, if anyone were to read the resolution, it might open the door to mischief to have that kind of statement.

S Worried about setting precedent for future programs to say they have to be self supporting in order to be approved. (It was noted that we have already done this)

S GC, UEPC, and FBAC have reviewed the proposals and the issue of resources and believe it will be self supporting. This is an important program for the University and we shouldn't put limitations on it that we haven't put on other programs.

S The reason it was sent to FBAC was to look at the resource issue. The Chancellor's Office will not fund us at a higher FTES rate because of this program, but FBAC thinks it will probably generate enough FTES to be self supporting, and probably higher.

S The program benefits outweigh the costs.

S Concern this would create a second class tier of programs. No current program has this requirement. People would be under too heavy a sword.

S President Shirvani suggested we should make decisions intellectually in terms of what we are all about and what we want to offer. Some programs are important to have even though they may not pay for themselves. He added that some existing programs are not now "self-sufficient," and to require that of a new program seemed unfair.

#### **Pros:**

S If we can't tell if it will be self supporting until it is up and running, how can we make any projections.

S Some thought "self supporting" might not be the appropriate words so "generates sufficient FTES to support itself" was one suggestion.

S The basic idea is we shouldn't approve of a program and say we don't care what happens about funding. We should say we want this to fly, however we don't want it to take away from other programs and if funding falls short, we want the Chancellor's Office to help out the program by giving us increased funding. We should expect a commitment to the program from the Chancellor's Office in terms of dollars.

S The point of the amendment is not to be an escape clause. It is to make a statement that when we approve of these things, we don't want to make a statement we approve and are not worried about funding. Some things come to us and receive our blessing from various committees, and other programs which may be just as worthy do not get accepted and are told it is because they can't support themselves.

S Page 10 of MSP proposal, sections 3 and 4 refer to the fact it is contingent on adequate funding. So how can we not discuss resources?

Filling and Sarraillé accepted as friendly a change of wording to "contingent on reasonable expectations of funding sufficient to support the program."

It was asked in a worst-case scenario, is a mechanism in place to review the program and eliminate if necessary? Dauwalder replied that we have a Policy on Program Discontinuance that would be used, starting with the department. Further, the Chancellor's Office does not fund specific programs, but provides block funding for the University and we decide where to apply it.

Shirvani explained that if we have more FTES, we will get more money from the Chancellor's Office. We are hoping this program is building and will increase their enrollment and so will secure funding.

Vote on amendment failed by voice vote.

There being no further discussion, vote on 22/AS/05/GC/FBAC/UEPC passed without dissent with 2 abstentions.

## **8. OPEN FORUM**

President Shirvani reminded Senators of the Holiday Party on Thursday, December 15.

Petrosky advised that the next SEC meeting is January 17 at 2:30 and this body will meet on January 24. He wished everyone a happy holiday, and advised the body to get rest and come back energized.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.