

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, STANISLAUS

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

Tuesday 27 January 1998

Present: Borba, Brockman, Dinse, Doraz, Farrar, Finley, Fletcher, Hejka-Ekins, Keymer, Klein, Levering, Lindsay, Lindsley, Nemzer, Pandell, Peterson, Russ, Souza, Thomas, Thompson, Tuedio, Tynan, Watson, Zarling

Proxies: Barnett (Olivant), Demetrulias (Curry), Johnson (Zhang)

Absent: Abukhalil, Alvarez, Apodaca, Bowen, Bross, Campbell, Gackowski, Jacob, Leonard, Li, O'Brien, Sanchez, Schmandt, Schmidt

Guests: Cullinan, Morgan, Weikert

Recording Secretary: Diana Saugstad

14/AS/97/UEPC--Resolution Regarding the Establishment of 60 and 90 Minute Class Time Modules, and 10 Minute Period Between Class Modules, APPROVED

1/AS/98/FAC--Research Subcommittee of the Faculty Development Committee, REFER BACK TO FAC

Next Academic Senate Meeting:
Tuesday, February 24, 1998
2:30-4:30 p.m., South Dining Room

Minutes submitted by:

Mark Thompson, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. It was MSP Lindsay/Russ to approve the agenda as submitted and MSP Hejka-Ekins/Farrar to approve the minutes of 2 December 1997 as distributed.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**Speaker/SEC (Klein)**

- a. Today is Mozart's 242 birthday; The Music Department will do performances of the Magic Flute Thursday, Friday, Saturday, & Sunday.
- b. Shelly Bartenstein is the new Interim Dean of Extended and Distance Education.
- c. Assistant Professor of History and Department Senator Richard Fanning died on 5 January. The Senate observed a moment of silence in memory of Fanning.
- d. Dean of Library Amrhein announced his impending retirement.
- e. Committee Preference Forms have been mailed to faculty this week. Please encourage your colleagues to return the completed forms to the Senate Office by February 20th. These forms assist the Committee on Committees in its task of nominating and recommending faculty members to committees.

University Educational Policies Committee (Doraz)

- a. Discussed the assessment plan.
- b. Anna Bolling will convene the Academic Program Review Subcommittee and Fred Hilpert will convene the Off-Campus/Distance Learning Subcommittee.

Faculty Affairs Committee (Fletcher)

- a. No report.

Faculty Budget Advisory Committee (Lindsay)

a. Discussed feedback on budget redesign. Concerns from faculty included lack of procedural details, class cancellation and a required student/faculty ratio. The comments were forwarded to the Budget Redesign Group who will post an frequently-asked questions (FAQ) document to respond to concerns.

b. Will look at implications of the Faculty Center and a cost benefit analysis of Winter Term.

Graduate Council (Hejka-Ekins)

a. Approved a concentration in Educational Technology within the M.A. in Education.

b. Met with UEPC and Joe Castro, Director of Academic Programs for UC Merced to discuss possible connections with that campus.

Statewide Academic Senate (Levering/Russ)

a. Senior Vice-Chancellor West reported on the Governor's budget which appears to remain at a 4% increase for faculty. There was a resolution to take the issue back to the Board of Trustees.

b. Maynard Robinson presented on CETI. One of the main questions is whether the partnership is constitutional.

c. Passed a resolution on the response to Cornerstones supporting the general principles of the document.

d. Merit Pay Task Force report was approved.

Associated Students (Jacob/Alvarez)

a. No report.

MAP (Tuedio)

a. Considered and supported proposal for the Faculty Center and for Service Learning (in concept). Considering a proposal for an office for International Programs to centralize leadership in international initiatives.

b. ALS and the Schools of Education and Business will provide reports to MAP regarding new program development.

Other

a. None.

ACTION ITEM:

a. 14/AS/97/UEPC--Resolution Regarding the Establishment of 60 and 90 Minute Class Time Modules, and 10 Minute Period Between Class Modules; and Substitute Resolution: Establishment of 55 and 85 Minute Class Time Modules, and 10 Minute Period Between Class Modules: It was MS Tuedio/Johnson to revive the original resolution. Demetrulias noted that the 750 minute term is in accord with WASC expectations and there must be reasons to reduce time in terms of equivalency of instructional time and quality student learning. There seems an expectation that final examination periods not be counted as instructional minutes. Discussion included whether we should see the final examination as instructional time and whether we should alter the modules before we consider what the new conception of the "learning-centered university" means to our campus. Others felt there was no compelling reason to change and that we should not increase class time minutes. Doraz reminded the group that the ADA was the impetus for the 10-minute passing period. The motion passed 12 yes, 10 no, and 2 abstentions.

This resolution will be forwarded to the President for action. (Note: The resolution will be forwarded on 20 February.)

FIRST READING ITEM:

a. 1/AS/98/FAC--Research Subcommittee of the Faculty Development Committee: It was M/S Fletcher/Russ:

Whereas: research at California State University, Stanislaus needs a centralized focus, and

Whereas: the concept of research as a scholarly activity at California State University, Stanislaus is not clearly defined, and

Whereas: the Office of Research and Grants needs an elected faculty body to develop research policy, and

Whereas: the Academic Vice President requires a faculty advisory group on research, and

Whereas: a centralized focus on research will address the recommendations of WASC; therefore, be it

Resolved: that a Research Subcommittee of the Faculty Development Committee be placed in the faculty governance structure, and be it further

Resolved: that duties be outlined in the Constitution of the General Faculty as follows:

The duties of the FDC Research Subcommittee would include:

1. To provide a focus and definition of research.
2. Provide faculty input regarding accreditation and research activity.
3. Develop research, scholarship, and creative activity policy in relation to RPT.
4. Clarify the definitions of research, scholarship, and creative activity in relation to RPT.
5. Review and recommend research policy to the Academic Senate on a regular basis.
6. Recommend to FDC research, scholarship, and creative activity faculty development activities.
7. Recommend topics for the University Lecture Series.

Fletcher explained that FAC reviewed the recommendations from the RSCA Task Force Report; the resolution is in response to a recommendation of the Task Force. Also, the proposal would establish a constitutional change to create a standing subcommittee of the Faculty Development Committee (FDC). The subcommittee would include one member from the FDC, one member from the LAC, and three members, one from each college/school. Awards will still be under the purview of Leaves and Awards (LAC). Also FAC felt that the proposed subcommittee should be housed within an elected faculty committee.

Borba asked whether and when FAC would meet with FDC. Demetrulias questioned whether such a subcommittee could develop or only recommend policy and whether the committee might need a connection to the Graduate Council; Demetrulias explained that WASC standards reflect higher expectations for those teaching graduate courses. Tuedio noted that the subcommittee would only propose policy, possibly to URPTC and FDC. There was some concern that this could override department elaborations in defining research. It was M/S Doraz/Hejka-Ekins to remove the motion as a first-reading item and return it to FAC with a suggestion to reconsider means of communication with other committees, revision of the initial Whereas clauses, and consideration of departmental elaborations. It was suggested that the Chairs of FDC, URPTC and GC meet with the FAC. Fletcher noted she felt the committee had fulfilled the request of SEC and requested written feedback for guidance.

It was MSP Doraz/Brockman for adjournment at 3:53 p.m.