



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, STANISLAUS

GRADUATE SCHOOL

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

December 2, 2010

- Attending: Kurt Baker, Elizabeth Breshears (for Robin Ringstad), David Colnic, Natasha Hanley, Halyna Kornuta, Carolyn Martin, Susan Neufeld, Dawn Poole, Jim Riggs, Katherine Royer, Shawna Young
- Excused: Randy Brown, Ann Kohlhaas, Peter Nelligan, Tony Perrello, Pam Roe, Andrew Wagner, Jason Winfree
- Ex-Officio: Juan Flores

Dawn Poole called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

I. Approval of the Agenda. The agenda was approved with the following revisions:

- A. Add Title V PPOHA Service Learning Update as item VI C.
- B. Add Open Discussion as item VI D.

II. Approval of November 18, 2010, Minutes. The November 18, 2010, were approved.

III. Information and Announcements

- A. **Upcoming California Faculty Association (CFA) Meeting (Colnic).** David Colnic reminded member's about the upcoming CFA Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to provide updated information about contract renewal and extensions.
- B. **Library Announcement (Poole).**

The Thesis/Dissertation Guidelines approved by Grad Council on Nov. 18 have been posted with the following corrections:

“Typesetting your Thesis/Dissertation” (p. 11) has been reworded to say “**Single spacing is acceptable** for longer block quotations...”

“Typesetting #6 (on p. 12) has been reworded to say, “Block quotations are **indented**,” replacing the previous “Block quotations are **single spaced and indented**.”

Thanks to Susan Neufeld for pointing out the contradictions.

The university library will extend open hours to midnight December 12 to December 16 for finals week.

IV. Reports

- A. **Academic Senate Report (Poole).** The Academic Senate completed the first reading of the two-pass registration system. The proposed two-pass registration system allows students to register for 9 units during the first round of registration followed by a second registration period for additional units. The number of units that students will be allowed to register for during the first round of registration is still under discussion. There are a number of concerns, including one unit lab courses, athlete priority, repeated courses, etc.

- AS continued discussion of the extra 100K RSCA funds. There were several questions and concerns expressed. The Senate wants SEC to talk with the President to try to get more clarification as to why we are not using our existing structures. Members participated in an anonymous vote in which a YES vote indicated a desire for SEC to work with administration to find out why administration is not following the process and a NO meant approval to go forward with the ad hoc committee's proposal. Results were 24 Yes, 16 No, 1 abstention. A survey will be sent to senators to figure out why the vote ended up the way it did and to determine next steps.
- B. **Associated Students Report (Hanley).** The Associated Students passed a resolution in opposition to Arizona Senate Bill 1070, which allows state police to perform checks on a "reasonable suspicion" that a person might be an illegal immigrant.
- C. **Faculty Budget Advisory Committee Report – FBAC (Colnic).** Though a few potential problems have been identified, the Pre-Health Certificate has been sent forwarded.

- A discussion of the discontinuation of the CIS degree continued. The department would prefer a suspension, not a complete discontinuation. Since there is not any net savings by discontinuing the program it is suggested suspension instead of discontinuation be examined.
- D. **Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Policy Committee (TBD).** No report available at this time.
- E. **Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs/Accreditation Liaison Officer (Kornuta).** Dr. Kornuta thanked those who have been working with Shawna Young on the Title V PPOHA Grant. She also thanked Annie Hor and the Council for their contributions.

Dr. Kornuta is currently working to define what assessment is on our campus. She shared a diagram, which identifies what is being done on campus. She wondered whether we can merge efforts and identify what technology can be used to make the process more efficient. Recently Dr. Kornuta has worked with OIT to create confidential folders on the share drive or "w" drive for programs to access.

V. Action

VI. Discussion

- A. **Graduate Graduation Update (Grays).** Raichelle Grays summarized discussions related to issues identified by the Graduation Committee. One of the big issues seems to be how to manage smaller program/college ceremonies without impacting the main graduation events. Recognition of MA and Doctoral students at ceremonies is also a discussion item. Length of the ceremony is a concern as people leave before it ends.
- B. **Title V PPOHA Workshops (Young) – Attachment #1011-25.** Two primary overarching goals of the Title V PPOHA grant is to increase degree completion and to increase enrollment of Hispanic and underserved students by 15%. In light of this, workshops are being designed to address

- those specific goals. Annie Hor is ready to launch a series of library workshops in January. Workshops related to increasing enrollment are in development as well.
- C. **Title V PPOHA Service Learning Update (Young).** The FACES Team call will be sent out before winter break, with an application deadline of mid-February. The Council discussed ways to provide team members options regarding how their time will be compensated.
 - D. **Open Discussion (Kornuta).** Dr. Kornuta invited Council members to share their thoughts about things that are happening on campus that she should be aware of. Council members expressed the desire for additional marketing and recruitment support. Another suggestion made was for the Council to revisit the Graduate Education Action Plan, which includes the strong consensus that a graduate dean is vital.

Dawn Poole adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Raichelle Grays