



ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JULY 18, 2013

Approved 8-1-13

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Thursday

MH-141

Present: Bedell, Bonney, Dabirian, Fitch (for Walicki), Fontaine, Guerin, Jarvis, Matz (for Pasternack), Stambough, Walk, Walker

Guest: Cruz

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. URGENT BUSINESS

(Walker) Reported on the current Academic Senate monies available for assigned time for 2013-14, although future funding for the following positions through Academic Senate is not guaranteed: Chairs of PRBC, GE Committee, University Curriculum Committee, and Graduate Education Committee. Chair Walker asked those Exec members who are eligible to receive funding for service, to please let him know. Academic Affairs Division has historically funded release time for the chair of University Faculty Personnel Committee and the A.S. Chair. FPC members receive release time through their respective colleges. Release time units for ASCSU members are fully funded this year.

(Guerin) At next week's CSU Board meeting, a suggested change to the campus president search policy is on the agenda. The change is intended to promote diversity on presidential search committees. The proposed change is that the Chair of the Board of Trustees and Chancellor will choose three (3) faculty members to serve from a list of six (6) faculty names submitted from the campus faculty. Noting that the BOT Chair and Chancellor already have seven (7) appointments on presidential search committees, Guerin suggested there may be other approaches than reducing the faculty voice (similar changes in student and staff representatives were also included). ASCSU Executive Committee will share its views with Chancellor White next week. As ASCSU Chair, Dr. Guerin is seeking advice from CSU faculty on how the ASCSU could "promote" academic quality, which is the primary function of the ASCSU in its Constitution. She is working with the ASCSU Executive Committee to develop a proactive agenda for 2013-14 focusing on academic quality, shared governance, and CSU communications. Other items that will be addressed:

- Ask for a second faculty trustee on BOT. Governor Brown has not appointed one faculty member to date.
- Tenure density
- Ideas and plans for students to graduate in a timely manner
- Promote LEAP learning outcomes
- High impact practices within CSU
- Student-faculty ratios

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Fontaine) Announced her resignation from "At Large" Executive Committee position. She has been appointed Acting Dean of HSS for 2013-14.

Note: An election will be needed at the first A.S. meeting 8-29-13 to elect a member-at-large.

V. TIME CERTAIN

12:00 NOON

TOPIC: Reorganization

Discussant: Dr. José L. Cruz, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Chair Walker welcomed Provost Cruz. Dr. Cruz thanked EC for the invitation to respond to the memo sent by EC Chair Walker on behalf of members regarding proposed organizational changes. He began by providing a preview of information that will be shared with the campus community in the near future: the results of the RTP process from spring 2013 (159 full reviews: 78 Tenure and promotion actions and 77 retentions), the successful recruitment of 31 tenure track faculty members for AY 2013-14, the approval of 133 new faculty searches over

the next two years, the approval of \$500K for instructional facility improvements, and the results of the CO's RFP on Gateway and Bottleneck Courses as well as the proposal to fund supplemental instruction. Provost Cruz answered questions from EC members regarding this information.

Center for Internships and Community Engagement. Provost Cruz then addressed the concerns raised by EC with respect to the transfer of CICE to Student Affairs: the importance of protecting the quality of our academic programs, ensuring that academic jurisdiction over the programs is maintained within the Division of Academic Affairs, and the importance of considering the implications of the recent "Black Swan" court ruling on our ability to secure internship opportunities for our students. In addressing these concerns, Provost Cruz referenced the University's Strategic Plan, current university support of internships and community engagement programs, national trends on "stewardship of place," the issues raised by WASC and the emerging consensus that the "Black Swan" court ruling is unlikely to have broad implications.

EC members expressed concerns about the process by which the decision was made noting that faculty members who have worked with internships over many years have much knowledge and expertise to contribute and emphasized the need for earlier conversations about organizational changes. EC members made recommendations to the Provost including: 1) consulting with the Internships & Serving Learning Committee and faculty involved with internships prior to finalizing the reorganization; 2) proceeding with the reorganization, but building the proper controls to ensure that the level of administrative support CICE provides to our academic programs is maintained or improved; 3) ensuring that communications to faculty on this issue explicitly acknowledge that the Division of Academic Affairs will maintain control over all curriculum and assessment responsibilities and that administrative support to the programs will be maintained or improved.

Provost Cruz reassured EC that Academic Affairs would retain jurisdiction over the academic aspects of CICE's activities. He emphasized that relocation of the program in the newly established Retention group in the Division of Student Affairs made sense in light of the consolidation of undergraduate and graduate programs in the Academic Programs group in the Division of Academic Affairs. Provost Cruz also reiterated his intention to meet regularly with EC so as to forge a stronger partnership with the Academic Senate as part of insuring student success. Provost Cruz thanked the EC for their comments, said he would reflect on them, and indicated that he very much looked forward to more frequent meetings with the EC to ensure effective and continuous communications as we drive towards advancing our mission and achieving our strategic goals and objectives.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 EC Minutes (Draft) 6-25-13

These minutes will be moved for approval on 7-25-13.

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT (Walker)

- 7.1 Asked EC members for permission to move forward via email regarding appointment of committee members to both standing committees and miscellaneous boards and committees. EC members agreed this will expedite the process and allow time during meetings to focus on other important agenda items.
- 7.2 At the beginning of fall 2013, standing committee members will be asked to review UPS 100.001 A.S. Bylaws and encouraged to give input on areas under their respective purview. A fresh look is needed for each committee charge for this new academic year as the CSU will be encouraging to review and promote academic quality.
- 7.3 Raising campus awareness of A.S. activities will be a priority for the new A/Y. Parallel consultation and information sharing among deans will support this goal through Chair's Reports as well as periodic emails regarding specific UPS documents that affect colleges.
- 7.4 Committee annual reports are still pending from
 1. Assessment (AEEC)
 2. General Education (GE)
 3. Internships & Service Learning (ISLC)

VIII. STAFF REPORTS (Miller)

12 transmittals were sent to, signed and returned by President García. Many transmittals are still pending from spring 2013. A.S. approved UPS documents are being prioritized for the continuing process of completing the backlog of minutes and transmittals.

The following agenda items will be moved to the next EC meeting on 7-25-13.

- 8.1 Annual Budget Reports, [ASC Report / CSFPF Reports: 93400; 97003] 2012-13
- 8.2 Annual Reports from Standing/Miscellaneous Committees[**See Chair's Report**]

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 9.1 Faculty Committee Assignments for Standing Committees/Misc. Boards/Committees - 2013-14
[See Chair's Report]
- 9.2 A.S. Orientation Meeting 8-22-13 + Assignments & Reformat

X. NEW BUSINESS

- 10.1 AA/AS Annual Retreat
- 10.2 University Librarian Search Committee
- 10.3 Setting Goals and Priorities for Academic Senate 2013-14
- 10.4 Action Item from Statements-of-Opinion (ASD 13-108) [All University Election Results 2013]
- 10.5 Special Elections, Fall 2013: Faculty Research Com (L/A/C/E); Faculty Personnel Com (SS & EDUC)
- 10.6 Equity in Distribution of Posthumous Degrees

XI. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/P (Matz/Dabirian) Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.