

2011-12 FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 21, 2012
3:00-5:00 p.m.
Sacramento Hall, Room 275

MINUTES

Present: Buckley, Cortez, Hammersley, Hecsh, Koegel, Melzer, Miller, Noel, Peigahi, Russell, Sheppard, Van Gaasbeck

Absent: Krabacher (excused)

Guests: Juanita Barrena (Biological Sciences), William Dillon (Government), Carolyn Gibbs (SCIPP Chair), Kevin Wehr (CFA)

1. Open Forum

- Koegel reported that an IRT Forum on Faculty Ownership of Computer Devices would be held February 24 from 2:00 – 3:30 pm in the Foothill Suite. He asked that the item be put on the agenda or it be referred so that the issues could be discussed. Sheppard responded that the item would be added to the agenda. If time did not permit discussion, the item would move to the February 28 meeting.
- Wehr provided an update on the bargaining process.

2. Minutes from February 7, 2012: Approved as published.

3. Chair's Business

- Sheppard reported that he might be out of town for the February 28 meeting. The meeting would be chaired by the Vice Chair.
- Sheppard reported on his meeting with the President. An informal discussion took place regarding the various administrative positions on campus that are either vacant or filled by an interim person. The President was interested in the search process specifically for non-academic positions the possibility of a policy that would allow for an expedited process that would not stop a search or faculty involvement in the search. Barrena stated that it is not clear what the current process was but that the process for interim positions and the tenure of interim positions needed to be reviewed. A new process would need to be transparent, open, and fair. The Exec felt that a proposal would be considered favorably. Van Gaasbeck asked if the Exec could request language on interim positions that would come with the language of expedited positions.
- Sheppard reported on the Long Beach Senate Chair's meeting on February 16. He participated by videoconference.

4. **Proposed Amendment of By-Laws:** Sheppard reported that Dr. Bill Dillon (Government) had submitted a proposed amendment to the By-Laws. He stated that there is a term limit of six years for Senate service. After a one-year break in service, another six-year term could be served. Dr. Dillon raised the question, “Is a member who has served at least five years but not yet six years at the time of election eligible for reelection when he or she will be “termed out” after the first year of the succeeding two year term?” The Exec discussed the amendment and decided to forward the item to the Senate for consideration in March.
5. **SCIPP:** Gibbs provided a progress report on the Committee’s work and stated that a Q and A Session would be held for all faculty that are working on the document, on February 23 at 9:30 am in the Forest Suite. Sheppard asked if the item should be added to the agenda as an Information Item. The Exec agreed to put it on the February 23 agenda and asked that Senate staff notify the Senators of an additional agenda item.
6. **Electronic Evaluations:** Sheppard stated that Kevin Wehr had asked to address the Exec regarding the question of part time faculty and their voice in departmental decisions regarding on-line evaluations. After discussion it was determined that a formal "meet and confer" is still underway between the CFA and the administration and that further consideration would not be appropriate or productive until that process is concluded.
7. **Committee Appointments:** Sheppard reported it was determined that the Research and Creative Activities Subcommittee did not have a vacant position after all and the item was removed.
8. **AITC – Recommendation of Senate approval of the “Strategic Plan for Academic Information Technology”:** Discussion was postponed as the wrong document had been forwarded by the Committee.
9. **Electronic Signs in Tahoe Hall:** Van Gaasbeck expressed concern about products advertised outside classrooms (e.g. the paid advertisements on the electronic screens outside Tahoe Hall). She asked the Exec how to move forward as a concerned faculty member. Barrena suggested having the policy available for the discussion. The Exec agreed to move the item to the February 28 meeting and asked that a copy of the policy for digital signs be provided.
10. **Tobacco Free Campus Presentation to Senate – March 1:** Sheppard suggested language for the recommendation. Miller reported that a resolution would be presented at the next Statewide Senate Committee meeting. Cortez stated that the ASI Board had not made a decision on supporting the students. The Board should be able to make a decision by March 1. The Exec approved the language and agreed that the item will be on the March 1 agenda as a First Reading item.
11. **Funding the Future of the CSU Symposium:** Miller reported that Fullerton has announced a similar event as the one at Northridge and that a report would be issued on the discussion. Based on this information, the Exec decided to not send a delegation to the event.
12. **Senate First/Second Reading Items – Template:** This item was not addressed.

13. Committee Updates: This item was not addressed.

14. Senate Agenda – March 1: Sheppard stated that depending on the Senate’s action on February 23, the First Reading items – Guiding Principles and Bylaws could go to Second Reading for the March 1 meeting. The Tobacco Free Campus recommendation would be a First Reading item.

15. The meeting was extended to discuss the scheduling of the FPC/APC proposals regarding faculty/student rights and responsibilities, and professional ethics. The consensus was that the Senate had previously requested that the proposed policy amendments be brought back collectively, at one time, to facilitate before/after comparisons and considerations.

Adjourned