

2011-12 FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 27, 2012
3:00-5:00 p.m.
Sacramento Hall, Room 275

MINUTES

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

Guests: William Dillon, Government; Marsha Dillon, Geography; Nancy Fox, UTAPS, Mike Lee, Interim VP and CFO for Administration, Michael Schmandt, Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee, Abbi Stone, Assoc VP, Business & Administrative Services

1. Open Forum

- William Dillon asked when the bylaw amendment would go forward to the Senate, regarding the continuing eligibility of a Senator who has served 5 years consecutively be re-elected to another term when only one year would be available under the 6 year term limit. Sheppard responded it would be on the agenda this semester. He recommended that the referendum be completed, and if there are changes, the bylaws would be updated so that the Senate would have a current document before considering additional amendments.
- Buckley reported on Statewide Senate meeting - discussions included the budget, the demise of the state university grants for graduate students, and admissions.
- Van Gaasbeck reported that the videos on the electronic signs in Tahoe Hall had gone back up that morning and asked if the policy had been clarified. Sheppard responded that he had not received new correspondence on the matter and he would follow-up with the VP of Advancement.
- Noel reported that FPC/APC will forward the Faculty and Student Responsibilities for the April 3 Exec meeting.

2. **Minutes from March 13, 2012:** Approved as published.

3. Chair's Business

- **E-learning Review:** Sheppard reported that when the E-learning Policy was approved it was written into the policy that a review would be done every 3 years and asked that CPC and AITC review the policy. Buckley stated AITC had reviewed the document and was fine with the content. The Exec referred the policy to CPC to be review either this spring or in the fall. VanGaasbeck stated that the on-line white paper should be included in the review.
- **College of Education Restructure – in regards to Senator Representation:** Sheppard reported that the College is restructuring and was not sure how this will affect the UARTP status or the Senate representation. Hecsh stated that the understanding is the College will be organized in three departments, Graduate, Undergraduate, and Credential, with Branch Chairs. Noel stated that since elections had already been held, the structure that currently exists would be used for 2012-2013.

- 4. Proposed Changes to Parking Structure I:** Lee and Stone discussed a possible change that would permanently remove the faculty access gate and open both entrances for use by anybody with a permit. On Tuesday/Thursday between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., major traffic congestion occurs due to students entering the structure from the south and blocking the faculty/staff entrance. Pedestrian traffic and the issues with the gate swipe cards also contribute to the congestion. The proposed time line would be to initiate the change a month before fall semester 2012 begins. Sheppard shared a letter from a staff member who expressed concern over the proposed changes. The Exec members expressed concern and asked that other alternatives be considered; and that additional consultation be done through a Town Hall meeting with the campus community. Sheppard also suggested that, if the change is ultimately pursued, a trial period be enacted before a permanent change is implemented.
- 5. Resolution of Commendation for President Gonzalez:** Miller reported that at the Statewide Senate meeting a resolution is being considered that addressed votes of no confidence on campuses and asks the Board of Trustees to treat such votes formally and to launch investigations. Miller stated that she, Buckley, and Krabacher felt that there were more positive ways for campuses to handle these situations than in a formal investigation. They drafted a resolution acknowledging that the vote of no confidence occurred and that our campus had been able to overcome many of the difficulties that were perceived on campus 5 years ago in respect to budget transparency and shared governance. In addition to commending President Gonzalez for his response to these concerns, approval would show other campuses, the Board of Trustees, and the Chancellor that it is possible for a vote of no confidence to be a productive step in a larger process without automatically necessitating investigation by the Board. The Exec discussed edits to the resolution and asked to review it again at the April 3 meeting.
- 6. Select Committee Update:** Hecsh provided a preview of the slide show for the March 29 meeting. The motions will be a First Reading on April 5.
- 7. Program Proposal (other than impact proposals) that restrict access or establish qualifications for admission:** Sheppard presented draft language for a policy change that mimics the Policy on Program Impact but with respect to non-impact strategies that restrict program access or initiate admissions requirements. He asked that CPC review it and incorporate the current policy on course and program proposal changes and also include the Policy on Program Impact so that it is all in one document. The Exec agreed to refer the item to CPC.
- 8. CPC – MA in Humanities Proposal:** Sheppard stated that the proposal was reviewed by CPC and that the curriculum clarity had been addressed. The Exec agreed to place the item on the April 5 agenda as a First Reading.
- 9. Senate Agenda – March 29 and April 5:** Sheppard reported that the March 29 agenda items would be the 2-12-2013 elections, information from the Select Committee, and First Reading of the AITC's Strategic Goals and Strategic Plan, and the Graduate Learning Goals. The April 5 agenda would include the First Reading of the Select Committee items and the MA in Humanities proposal.
- 10. Committee Updates:** This item was not addressed.