MINUTES

Executive Committee of the Academic Senate CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS Wednesday, October 2, 2013

12 - 12:50 p.m. ~ Commons 206

Voters Present Vivienne Bennett, Chair

David Barsky, APC Marshall Whittlesey, GEC

Linda Shaw, PAC Toni Olivas, Library Laurie Stowell, Vice chair

Staci Beavers, BLP Ed Price, LATAC

Jay Robertson-Howell, SAC

Linda Holt, Secretary Carmen Nava, FAC Richelle Swan, NEAC Matthew Escobar, UCC

Ex Officio Present Garry Rolison, CFA

Parliamentarian Beverlee Anderson

Not represented ASCSU, Provost

Staff Marcia Woolf

I. Approval of agenda

Motion #1 M/S/P*

To approve the agenda as presented.

II. Approval of minutes of 09/25/2013 meeting

Motion #2 M/S/P*

To approve the minutes as presented.

- III. Chair's report, Vivienne Bennett: For the upcoming reviews of Deans Kantardjieff and Schroder, the provost requested pools of faculty members from which he will select faculty and department chairs to serve on the review committees. We have received fewer self-nominations than the provost has requested, but will provide what we have. We will begin today our pilot program of using clickers for voting in the Academic Senate meetings. Cherie Vinopal, IITS, will attend Senate to give a brief instruction on the use of clickers and to assist us if we need help during the meeting. Vote tallies will be recorded, but voters will not be identifiable. Bennett attended the ASI Board of Directors meeting and learned about the student PowerSave Campus initiative which will audit energy usage on CSU campuses (part of a nationwide program). The first CSUSM building to be audited will be Markstein Hall. Assistance will be provided by our office of Sustainability & Utility Services. Another program highlighted at the meeting was Cougar Central's Emergency Loan program which provides interest-free loans of \$50-\$500 to students in need. Loans incur a one-time \$2 processing fee and are to be repaid within 10 weeks, with an opportunity to extend the repayment period by another 10 weeks if necessary. To be eligible for the program, students must be enrolled in a minimum of six units at the university.
- IV. Provost's report, Graham Oberem Unable to attend.
- V. Consent Calendar item
 - **UCC** Course & program change proposals A list of proposals was attached to the agenda.

Motion #3 M/S/P*

To approve the list as presented.

 $*All\ motions\ were\ passed\ unanimously\ unless\ stated\ otherwise.$

Legend: M = Moved S = Seconded D = Defeated P = Passed L = Lost W = Withdrawn

VI. Discussion items

- A. CSULB Senate resolution re presidential searches This resolution was attached to the agenda. EC members agreed to consider a resolution in support of the Long Beach Senate's resolution. Bennett will draft a resolution and bring to the next EC meeting.
- **B. GEC GE learning outcomes on GE syllabi** Whittlesey introduced this item, noting that WASC provides specific guidance in this regard. Barsky noted that APC has also been asked to address this topic and is generally supportive though there was concern expressed about the inclusion of the overall GE program learning outcomes as well as area-level outcomes. Whittlesey acknowledged that the program-level requirement has been debated at length in GEC as well. EC members engaged in a lengthy discussion about adding GE learning outcomes to syllabi and ultimately agreed that it would be preferable to include on the syllabi a short list of area outcomes along with a web address/link for the full list of outcomes.
- C. Interdisciplinary Studies seats for Senate committees A few weeks ago, Bennett asked the chairs to discuss with their committees whether there would be benefit to adding a seat for an Interdisciplinary Studies member. GEC, NEAC, PAC and LATAC had not yet discussed this topic. Neither APC nor FAC see a need to add a seat at this time. SAC members were concerned about whether this would encourage other areas to pursue their own seats, and thought seats should remain at the college level. BLP did not see a benefit to adding such a seat. UCC members were concerned about the burden this would put on such a small group of faculty, and questioned whether such a member's insight would extend to the full range of interdisciplinary studies. Several committees expressed concern about adding seats generally, since filling the current seats has become problematic. This will be agendized again once the other committees have had a chance to discuss.
- **VII. EC** members' concerns & announcements Swan announced that David Barsky has been elected to a three-year term representing CSUSM faculty on the Academic Senate of the CSU (ASCSU).

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.		
Respectfully submitted by Marcia Woolf	Senate Coordinator	
Approved by the Executive Committee		
	Linda Holt, Secretary	Date