

The CSU Executive Council will hold a team building retreat May 24-25. External fundraising will be discussed, so it is hoped that with our new VP for External Affairs we can further develop our efforts in this area.

A written report from the Organization Assessment Task Force is expected next week.

An EC member suggested we take a proactive approach to providing written acknowledgement of graduation for students who are planning to attend graduate schools, since certification processes may not be completed until August.

VII. Provost's Report, Robert Sheath: The VP-Extended Studies search committee met last Friday and will meet with the provost on May 2 to present their recommendation. Also, the Academic Blueprint Committee understands the impact the process is having on the workload of the Senate committees and will be reconsidering the process at their meeting tomorrow and developing recommendations.

VIII. Statewide Senate Report, Montanari: No report.

IX. CFA Report, Janet Powell: CFA is pleased to learn that the president is extending the FERP deadline until the end of the semester. Also, bargaining on the new contract begins this week, and it is unlikely that the process will be completed prior to the June 30 contract expiration. It is likely that dues will be increased by 1/10th of a percent, the first increase since 1989. Elections for new officers start tomorrow; Kit Herlihy is administering the elections. The Spring meeting is being held tomorrow at 3 p.m. in Commons 206.

X. Committee Reports

APC: Next year's committee will be working on the Academic Calendar and presenting it early in the Fall; they will recommend going back to the original calendar, before we went to YRO.

FAC: The committee has completed its review of the thirty UPD/RSCA grant applications and has sent its recommendations to the provost. Review of the CoAS RTP policy has also been completed and will be presented to the Senate next Fall.

LATAC: Clarification was provided concerning the committee's charge on graphics for professional presentations: graphics should be collected, refined and made available to the campus community for a number of types of presentations, such as posters, PowerPoint presentations, etc. Clarification was also provided concerning GEC's recent decision to eliminate the general knowledge section of the CCR exam. Hayden noted the committee's efforts this year and increase in meeting hours and asked that release time be provided for all standing committee chairs.

Trischman noted the need to address the issue of continued contact with former students who have helped author publications which may be updated. It was suggested that the issue be reviewed by Pat Worden initially, and then possibly refer to SAC in the Fall.

PAC: No report.

UCC: There will be a number of courses presented for next week's Senate Consent Calendar.

XI. Old Business

A. ASI's University Hour Proposal An analysis prepared by David Barsky was distributed, which includes a response to ASI's proposal to have a 12-1 p.m. University Hour four days a week, as well as information about other options which may be considered. The ASI's 50 page report was provided earlier to EC members via e-mail. The ASI made a presentation concerning their report to the Executive Council, and the president responded that there was philosophical support for improving campus life, but that their specific proposal would probably create too much displacement. The ASI is requesting that the proposal be acted on this year and not referred back to a committee.

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A lengthy discussion ensued and the concerns raised included: (1) that the proposal as presented would not be approved by the Senate; (2) that the students have not shared their survey questions; (3) that with so many other critical issues on the agenda, it is inappropriate to ask the Senate to act on this matter in one session; (4) how chairs would be able to maintain their entitlement commitments to lecturers; (5) the need for an analysis of how many faculty would be displaced to a time they are already teaching; (6) the need to share the ASI's full report and Barsky's analysis with Senators prior to the meeting; (7) concern about the accuracy of information and interpretations provided in the report; and (8) it is questionable whether there exists widespread student support for the program.

Trischman will meet with ASI and Barsky on Monday, May 2, to attempt to develop a resolution which the Senate would be more likely to approve. It was agreed that, if approved, there must be a trial period, possibly of two years. There must also be agreement on how the success of the program will be measured; this process should include input from faculty. A draft resolution will be brought to EC next week, and Sheets and Yamout will be asked to meet with the EC at 12:30 p.m., prior to the Senate meeting. ASI's report, Barsky's analysis, and the survey questions will be e-mailed to Senators prior to next week's meeting.

XII. New Business

A. SAC Resolution Concerning Disabled Student Issues Riquelme distributed a draft report which represents a year's worth of meetings, interviews, site visits, and document reviews. Some critical issues are being dealt with in a piecemeal and reactive fashion. We need to address disabled student issues in a more comprehensive and proactive way. There are particular concerns about possible liability risks with regard to equal access and safety issues. Comments included: (1) that faculty do not attend training which is currently available, so recommending training may be problematic; (2) that the complex guidelines from the State and Federal governments are sometimes contradictory; (3) that it would be helpful to have an expert assessment of the campus, and there may be grant funds available for such an effort; (4) the need to move from an ad hoc to a more central university focus on these issues; and (5) the report should include information about the basis for the concerns, as well as recommendations.

B. BLP/UCC Minor in German Neither BLP nor UCC have concerns about this proposed offering. A waiver of the rules will be requested at next week's Senate meeting so that the minor may be voted on that day.

Motion #3 M/S/P*

To approve the minor and forward to the Senate on May 4.

Motion #4 M/S/P*

To request a waiver of the rules for a first reading of this item on May 4.

C. NEAC Referendum NEAC has determined that the two amendments proposed in the referendum have passed in accordance with the rules set forth in the Constitution. The EC agreed to this determination. The amendments will take effect immediately. Full results of the election will be broadcast today.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

The next meeting will be held May 4 at 12 p.m. in KEL 1111

Marcia Woolf, Academic Senate Coordinator

APPROVED: _____
Rosario Diaz-Greenberg, Secretary 04/05

DATE: _____

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