



Faculty and Student Policies Committee Minutes

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Meeting from September 10, 2015
2:30 p.m., Kendall 209

Present: Bordin, Gray, Livingston, Meadows, McLemore, Peterson, Ponarul, Pratt, Rehg,
Scholz, Schulte, Sistrunk, Stapleton, Thompson, Traver, Wilking

Absent: Ertle, Hennessy, Ratekin

Guest(s):

Call to Order: 2:35 pm, Chair Meadows presiding.

1) Approve minutes of 9/3/15

Stapleton: Added under Other items after 5):

6) Obtain a complete accounting of the fees charged to Academic Units for remodeling and maintenance, including but not limited to such things as

- Paint
- Moving Whiteboards
- Installing or moving projection systems

Approved

2) Approve today's agenda

Added item 4) 'Class size' under Subcommittee reports

Approved

3) Announcements

Secretary for today's meeting is Melody Stapleton.

4) Senate Executive Committee (EC) Update

Chair Meadows reported that with respect to the revision of EM 12-025 the EC did some investigation into the Campus Violence Prevention Team and that in fact, they exist. There was discussion that the campus should be made more aware of their service, potentially by effective advertising. Additionally the EC discussed whether the new Ombuds Office could be tasked with handling issues of bullying in the workplace.

5) Discussion Item: Associated Students (AS) Resolution on Shared Governance

- Pratt: presented background on resolution including incidents where students were not informed of upcoming meetings that open-meeting rules were being violated. In general: meetings in which students were not afforded the opportunity to participate in meetings in which they very much desired to participate.

- Sistrunk: To put concerns about participation on Committees in perspective, the EC has been working on establishing a ‘Committee on Committees (CC)’ and one of the tasks of this CC would be to ensure that Committees were properly populated with the right mix of participants, including faculty, students, staff. Material was circulated on how oversight of committees is handled elsewhere. The investigation into how best to provide oversight of Committees and their structure was called the ‘Committee Efficiency Project’. It was an open question in FASP last year whether to establish the CC. Some campuses do post all minutes of Committee meetings online and they preserve archives over the years.
- Thompson: The AS resolution is great. Curious about how they discovered closed meetings were occurring?
- Pratt: Agendas were not being posted, meetings were closed that were in violation of the Brown Act.
- Meadows: CSU is not, in general, required to follow the Brown Act regarding open meetings.
- Discussion followed on how the AS students are notified of whether or not a particular committee needs student representation.
- Meadows: The Senate has only two committees of its own: FASP and EPPC. The Senate populates all the University committees, finding faculty to populate committees that call for faculty in the membership.
- Sistrunk: Berkeley has a CC that exists to populate committees. How do we get the entire University to know about and buy in to the roles played by various committees. The current process is frustrating and inefficient and does not work well to get committees populated.
- Schulte: The list of committees and members is on the Senate web page.
- Discussion followed on how best to get the word out and call for faculty participation on committees.
- Thompson: Has there been an audit to see if these committees on the Senate web page are actually working? Are meetings being called and attended?
- Discussion: List of committees broken up amongst FASP members to investigate and answer these questions:
 - Are you meeting?
 - Who is on the committee?
 - Does the committee have an EM?
 - Is the committee fully staffed?
 Chair Meadows will collect the information.

6) Subcommittee Discussions:

- 1) Lecturer issues: Send questions on salary equity and other issues to Judy Bordin
- 2) EM 12-025: Have divided up the work and are meeting on Tuesdays
- 3) University Division Reorganization: President Zingg responded to Chair Meadows inquiries via email stating it was not within the purview of the Academic Senate to question division reorganizations although this effort was being undertaken as a result of input during the faculty/staff open forum
- 4) Class sizes: Colleges need to be asked about their policies on class sizes and how they establish them. For the CFA, class size and workload is a big issue. Deans are concerned about how the funding for various classes across the Colleges, e.g. Writing Intensive, are going to be funded. A new model of funding is being discussed. Classes taught by lecturers seem to be the largest. What is the goal of this

- subcommittees work? Discussion about what constitutes a 'Jumbo' class ensued. Chairs have the prerogative to decide what is Jumbo and what is not. Consensus: It is a College decision on what class sizes should be. Send this issue along to the Deans.
- 5) Other: Thompson: Expressed concern about the Chico campus Presidential search being open or closed. Discussion followed regarding fact that there will be 4 Presidential searches in the CSU this year. Discussion of various notions of 'open' and 'closed' ensued. The possibility of an open search limiting the pool of applicants was discussed. The importance of the phrasing of the Vacancy Announcement to encourage candidates who value transparency and openness was discussed. It was suggested that letters be written to the Board of Trustees, the student trustee and the union representative to encourage an open search and a position announcement that encourages open candidates. Discussion occurred about the fact that the recent University of Iowa Presidential Search resulted in the selection of a candidate that the University found unsuitable. The Trustees in this case ignored the will of the Campus and Community.
 - 7) Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melody Stapleton