



Faculty and Student Policies Committee Minutes

Faculty and Student Policies
Committee Meeting from February 5,
2015
2:30 p.m., Kendall 209

Present: Berglund-Smith, Cross, Crotts, Gray, Kipnis, Kirchhoff, Lee, Mace (Mills), McCabe, Meadows, Mills, Ponarul, Reid (Seipel), Schulte, Seipel, Ratekin, Rehg, Sistrunk, Tinkler

Absent: Hennessey, Pratt, Smith, Root, Traver

Call to Order: 2:33 pm, Chair Sistrunk presiding.

1. **Approved minutes of 12-29-2015**, with change to past tense for statement “McCabe is secretary...” (was).
2. **Approved today’s agenda.** The agenda was amended, after a motion and vote, to treat item #5—New Business (FPPP s. 8.1.a.3) Introduction Item as a Discussion Item.
3. **Announcements**
 - a. Secretary for today’s meeting is McCabe
 - b. General: There is an ASCSU statewide Task Force looking at a sustainable financial model for the CSU system which reflects some of the same financial issues we are dealing with locally.
4. **Chair’s Prerogative**
 - a. EC is working to define the parameters of an Ombudsperson office, which will include revitalizing Executive Memorandum: 87-005, and broadening its scope to include staff and other members of the campus community.
 - b. EC is having ongoing conversations about campus climate issues, and exploring the prospect of an annual climate survey.

Question from the floor: There is some confusion over the recent announcement about the FRAS Professional Development awardees. One concern was in the way the announcement was phrased. Also, there is concern over a lack of specifics in the criteria used to select award recipients. The FRAS committee is currently working on guidelines to address these issues.

5. **New Business/Discussion Item:** Proposed Change to FPPP: CBA Changes to Online Education Language.

- a. The top half of the document addressing this issue was regarded as non-problematic – it simply notes where new CBA language (Article 15.14) should be inserted into the FPPP, although there was discussion about changing the wording (8.1.a.3).
- b. The bottom half of the document proposed adding another line item to the FPPP (a new FPPP 8.1.a.6) which reads: “There should be no difference between traditional and online courses in the data collected and utilized for faculty course evaluation purposes.” A rationale was provided, drawing from CBA Article 15.3 about collecting quantitative data and from comments provided by local CFA representation.
 - Discussion about the proposed FPPP 8.1.a.6 first focused on whether “data” should be replaced by “evidence” to maintain consistent phrasing with other sections of the FPPP; this led to a more general discussion of what “data” means in the CBA language (i.e. demographic data?). It was suggested that this language in the CBA may relate to a resolution passed last year by the ASCSU about collecting data relating to online instruction within the CSU system. It was then suggested that we ask the statewide CFA or CSU’s Faculty Affairs office what the reference to “data”.

Top part document: changed from Discussion to **Introduction: *Moved and passed.***

6. Subcommittee Discussion/Reports

- a. Class Size Policies: Data has been collected from Chairs and Deans (the latter is still coming in). The overall concern is that this should not be a random decision and that there should be guidelines and a rationale for changes to class size. Another concern is that there appears to be inconsistent application of the workload credit in place for larger classes.
 - b. Definition of Office Hours: The background was that full Senate had sent FASP’s recommendation back for further work, in part to make sure there was broader consultation. The Deans have weighed in, and the Chairs will do so in a matter of days. One reaction from the Deans is that FASP proposed language seemed too narrow and punitive.
 - c. FPPP: Faculty Code of Ethics: This subcommittee expect to have language ready for introduction at the next FASP meeting. There was discussion about the level of specificity that belongs in a Code of Ethics, and about whether there should be an additional, separate policy somewhere that addresses how to manage faculty/student relationships appropriately should they develop despite the discouragement in the Code.
 - d. FPPP: Renewal Project: This project is finishing up. It was explained that the FPPP Renewal was not the same document passed by Senate last year as the FPPP Reorganization; the Renewal has been processed by administration and some changes have been made. Deans and Chairs especially will need to be made aware that this project will be coming along soon. There was also a question and some discussion about the process that would be undertaken to implement the Renewal.
 - e. Lecturer Policy Issues: A committee has been formed to address a variety of Lecturer-related issues, including the results of a recent arbitration decision regarding Lecturer voting rights in Chair elections. It was noted that there is a need for broader discussions about Lecturers’ roles on campus.
7. **Other**: A question was raised about how the CBA “Exceptional Service Assigned Time” funds will be implemented at Chico State. EC will be discussing this issue, and there was a suggestion that FASP may be asked to look into this matter.

8. **Adjourned** at 3:40 p.m.

Submitted, Deb McCabe