



**2014-2015 Faculty Senate
Executive Committee**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting of December 2, 2014

3:00 – 5:00 pm, 275 Sacramento Hall

Approved: December 9, 2014

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm.

Meeting Rules: The meeting rules were reviewed.

Roll: Ryan Allain (absent), Lorelei Bayne (absent), Sylvester Bowie, De-Laine Cyrenne, Ben Fell, Fraka Harmsen, Julian Heather, Sue Holl, John Ingram, Dana Kivel, Tom Krabacher, Todd Migliaccio, Christine Miller, Reza Peigahi, Kent Porter, Deidre Sessoms

Guests: Jim Prince, Vice Provost, Academic Affairs
Kevin Wehr, Chapter President, California Faculty Association
Jude Antonyappan, CODE Member

Open Forum:

Mechanical Engineering Student Startup Success: Holl noted the exceptional accomplishment of a Mechanical Engineering student who created the DashBar app/hardware combination. These accomplishments were featured in a recent Public Affairs press release and the Sacramento Bee.

Community Engagement Center: The Office is being renovated and will be closed until December 20. Staff have been relocated in the Library and Solano Hall. An Open House will be held in the spring.

Threshold Concepts/Wicked Problems Event: Holl praised the recent Threshold Concepts/Wicked Problems event hosted by GE Chair Kivel. 33 people from American River College, Granite Bay High School, and California State University, Sacramento convened and discussed those concepts and their relevance to the K-16 curriculum and General Education.

Classroom Renovation 102 Brighten Hall: It was reported that, without notification, a black board was replaced in 102 Brighten Hall with a white board. Math Department faculty are taking a vote regarding their preference between a chalkboard and white board. The Provost stated that Academic Affairs is working on better communication with IRT.

Agenda: The agenda was approved as published.

Minutes: The Executive Committee approved the meeting minutes of October 28, 2014 as published.

From the Chair:

- **Student Fees to Fund the Arena:** Diana Lambert, a Sacramento Bee reporter, contacted the Senate Chair regarding the Faculty Senate being opposed to the student referendum which will increase student fees to fund an event center. The Chair responded via voice-message that that assertion was incorrect.
- **CODE Response to Senate Chair Memorandum:** The Chair reported that they were in receipt of a CODE memorandum responding to his memos of October 21 and the follow-up memo of October 23.
- **Travel:** The discussion will be scheduled for the Dec 9 meeting.
- **Open meeting – Brown Act:** In the Senate’s review of the Senate Committee’s Standing Rules, a question was raised regarding open meetings. The Chair reported that the Brown Act does not apply to either the Faculty Senate or its committees. The CSU Board of Trustees’ meetings do fall under the Bagley-Keene Act. Senate committee meetings will continue to be open.
- **Senate Committee – File Sharing:** Professor Gibbs inquired about the use of a common file sharing tool for all Senate committees. Christine Miller, IRT, is being consulted regarding systems the Campus supports. The Executive Committee discussed options including SacCT. The item will be placed on a future Exec agenda for discussion.
- **Senate Committee Liaisons to Subcommittees:** In the Senate’s review of committee charges, a few subcommittees have proposed a membership change to include the Standing Policies Committee (SPC) liaison as a voting member of the subcommittee. Krabacher stated that traditionally the role of the liaison is to be a conduct of information between the sub-committee and the parent committee. If a subcommittee wishes to propose this change, then the subcommittee’s membership would need to be revised to reflect the position as a Voting Member and remove it from the Non-Voting/Ex-officio Members, thus amending the Standing Policy Committee’s Standing Rules list of liaisons to subcommittees.
- **Sacramento State Branding Issue – Seal and Title of Institution:** The Chair followed up on concerns at the November 25 meeting on branding with the President. Specifically the assertion that the President had made a decision regarding the use of the Presidential Seal and naming conventions. If Marketing is invited back to the Senate Exec, the President has asked to be present during the conversation.

From the Provost:

Searches: The Dean of the College of Business Administration and the Dean of the University

Library: Open forums with candidates are being held December 1 through December 8.

- **Student Success and the Graduation Initiative Event - January 21:** A Student Success and Graduation Initiative Event will be held on January 21. Invitations will be forthcoming.
- **International Center:** The Center will be housed in the Library and will serve international students, our students on programs abroad, and international faculty.

Collective Bargaining Agreement – Unit 3: Wehr provided an update on the contract and highlighted the new article 20.37 Assigned Time for Exceptional Levels of Service to Students. A 1.3 million dollar pool will be distributed to campuses. The campus Senate will either establish, or add to the charge of, a committee to determine the award criteria, apply the criteria, make award recommendations to the appropriate administrator, and will review and make final decisions on faculty appeals. The Executive Committee will take up the matter of Article 20.37 in the Spring.

Academic Resource Allocation Decision Making Task Force Report: Marbach provided an update on the work of the Task Force this fall. Marbach noted that the Task Force’s charge is vague and more specific direction is needed to what the Task Force needs to look at. Exec will continue the discussion in the Spring.

Internship Policy: Three members of the Executive Committee (Peigahi, Kivel, and Krabacher) will work with the Don Taylor, Office of Academic Affairs, to draft a policy and seek feedback from departments. The feedback will then be incorporated to bring a policy (compliant to system-wide rules) to the Senate in Spring 2015.

Senate Committee Standing Rules: The following will be placed on a December Senate agenda.

- Faculty Policies Committee
- Pedagogy Enhancement Awards Subcommittee
- Visiting Scholars Subcommittee
- Student Retention and Graduation Subcommittee

Committee Appointments:

- Academic Program Review Team Chair Pool: The nomination of Andrew Hertzoff will be placed on the December 4 Senate Agenda at Consent Action.

Adjourned: 4:46 pm