



**2014-2015 Faculty Senate  
Executive Committee**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Minutes of the Meeting of April 14, 2015**

3:00 – 5:00 pm, 275 Sacramento Hall

*Approved: April 21, 2015*

**Call to Order:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

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

**Guests:** Academic Affairs: Jim Prince, Vice Provost, Sheree Meyer, Dean, Undergraduate Studies, and Don Taylor, Interim AVP, Academic Programs and Global Engagement  
A&L: David Toise and Nancy Sweet, English and Carolyn Gibbs, Design  
HHS: Tony Sheppard, Faculty, RTPA  
EDU: Jana Noel  
David Earwicker

**Open Forum:**

- ASI: Capital Public Radio Internship: Applications due by July 15, 2015.
- Festival of the Arts: It was noted that the Festival of the Arts events were excellent.
- Evaluating RTP Files Training: A recommendation that faculty receive college-based, faculty-to-faculty, training on evaluating RTP files was made.
- Social Work Graduate Program: Sacramento State's Social Work Graduate Program is among the top 100 programs according to US News & World Report.

**Agenda:** The agenda was approved as published.

**Minutes:** The Executive Committee approved the meeting minutes of April 7, 2015 as published.

### **From the Chair:**

- Lasher's updated report on Impaction is tentatively scheduled for the April 30 Senate meeting.
- [Resolution regarding Indiana Religious Freedom Restoration Act – Sonoma State Academic Senate](#)
- Sac Hall 161 update: Negotiations are on-going and an update will be provide at the next meeting.
- [President's Action Memo – Senate Action of March 19, 2015](#)
- [Space Management – University Approved Scheduling Standards and Policies](#)
  - There is an acknowledgement that no department "owns" campus rooms. However, there's a sense that a department which has modified their curriculum, instead of cutting it, to get to 120 units is being punished by the policy.
    - Concerns were expressed that the policy linked in the Exec Agenda is not enforced.
    - Concern was expressed that the procedures for securing space in the summer was different than the rest of the year. The summer process is onerous and involves the Department, CCE and Space Management.
    - The Vice Provost stated that the Classroom Working Group (which includes Ron Coleman) is looking into this issue.
    - Deans have the ability to justify non-standard use of space.
    - Definitions of what is standard and non-standard were brought up. One size does not fit all. Definitions that make one size fit all look arbitrary.
    - Bowie expressed concern at being asked to submit syllabi for Hybrid course that he is teaching in Fall 2015. Prince stated that the request did not come from Space Management or Academic Affairs and Meyer suggested it may be related to notifying the time and location in-person classes. The Chair will follow-up.

### **From Provost:**

- **I-West:** The search for the Executive Director is on-going and the RFP has been distributed.

### **Provost's Research Incentive Fund and RCA Funding (PRIFS):**

- Concern was expressed that the figure needed for the matching grants is still high for those in the arts and humanities, especially given the difficulty in finding large grants for humanities-related topics.
- A suggestion was made that this is a good time to have a faculty conversation on the nature of research that's inclusive of the disciplines. The 15/16 Senate might facilitate such a conversation.
- There was concern surrounding the rubric being used to view grants and how that rubric might be adapted on a case-by-case basis. The rubric is based on a "typical" application and the grants for lesser amounts are atypical.
- The PRIFS are intended to incentivize seeking external grants and to "prime the pump" for monies.
- There is a perception in the college of Arts and Letters that the Provost is focused on STEM to the detriment of the Arts and Humanities. There is a hope that Academic Affairs looks at sister campuses and how they deal with funding the arts.
- There is a recognition that STEM projects often cost more. There is a desire to see the arts "in play" in terms of grant funding.
- Questions were asked about the future of the RCA grants.
- Research affairs needs faculty inputs into how they can assist colleges in seeking grant funding.
- There is a sense that in the fall semester there will be a better understanding of internal resources.

[Graduate Learning Goals/Objective Policy](#) Heather presented amendments to the policy. The item will be placed on First Reading on the April 23 Senate Agenda.

[Graduate Culture Road Map:](#) Heather presented the item and stated that GSPC will be holding forums Fall 2015. The item will be placed as Information on the April 23 Senate agenda.

**Special Minor Policy:** Fell presented amendments and stated that CPC suggested waiting to place this item on the Senate agenda until FS 14/15-132 and FS 14/15-133 are disposed of. The item will be placed on either the April 30 or May 7 Senate agenda, possibly on Consent depending of the aforementioned policy recommendations.

**Program Proposals:** The following proposals will be placed on Consent Action for the April 23 Senate agenda.

**Arts and Letters**

Theatre Minor – Attachment: [EX 14/15-112](#)

BA in Theatre – Attachment: [EX 14/15-113](#)

**Education**

MA in Child Development – Attachment: [EX 14/15-114](#)

**Natural Sciences and Mathematics**

BS in Physics, Applied Physics Concentration – Attachment: [EX 14/15-115](#)

**Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies**

MA in Government – Attachment: [EX 14/15-116](#)

**Health and Human Services**

BA in Health Services – Attachment: [EX 14/15-117](#)

BS in Health Services – Attachment: [EX 14/15-118](#)

**President’s response to Senate action on CNSU lease:**

- [Christine Miller email, April 14, 2015](#) and [Draft Resolution](#)

Exec discussed the Miller’s resolution.

- It was suggested that resolutions are often noted by the President.
- However, the Chair was directed, by the Executive Committee, to follow-up on the Presidential Action memo, of March 19, 2015, to clarify: What concrete actions are currently being taken by the President in response to FS 14/15-140.

**Executive Session:**

The Executive Committee entered Executive Session at 4:30 pm.

The Executive Committee left Executive Session at 4:34 pm, upon advice of the Parliamentarian.

**2015/16 Faculty Senate Chair:** Exec discussed the lack of candidates for Senate Chair and next steps if a candidate did not come forward.

**Adjournment: 5:10 pm**