ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

9:30 – 11:00 AM SCI III Math Library

Present: D. Boschini (Chair), B. Hartsell (Vice Chair), M. Slaughter, A. Hegde, J. Millar, M. Rush, C. MacQuarrie, J. Tarjan

Absent: J. Zorn

1. CALL TO ORDER - D. Boschini called to order.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION  Another college has invited Puerto Rican students to fast-track. D. Boschini suggested sending the link to her, M. Novak, and Provost for CSU. Erik Forbes, Head of Student Affairs at CO, may be able to make quick policy on students from Puerto Rico.


4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – D. Boschini suggested adding to agenda review of policies
   - Intellectual Property
   - Academic Freedom

   There may be a joint committee between the Union and Administration working on this issue. CSUB University Handbook Appendixes has an ASCSU statement on Academic Freedom. The Handbook refers only to distance-learning, which is insufficient.

   B. Hartsell moved to approve agenda with Chair’s discretion to reorder. M. Slaughter seconded. Approved.

5. CONTINUED ITEMS
   a. Update Log

   Maximum Units per Term – The number that students can register for without getting approval. The committees continue to work on the unit conversion from quarter to semester transition and the impact that the maximum number of units may have on students’ workload in specific programs.

   BPA has the first of multiple resolutions related to budget processes and transparency on the Senate Agenda October 16, 2017. Further resolutions to go before Senate, and faculty information to go through the Provost in preparation of the University Strategic
Planning and Budget Advisory Committee meeting December 4, 2017. All other committee business is pending completion of budget resolutions.

FAC – Ombudsman issue to be addressed next meeting whereby J. Millar will join discussion as guest.

It was noted that by-laws allow that Provost can designate having an alternate attend EC. It’s a positive when it occurs.

b. Update on Search for President
Names of (2) elected faculty representatives on the Advisory Committee were submitted to the Provost. An announcement to campus to be made within 24 hours.

c. Budget transparency and faculty participation in budgeting process. - T. Davis and everyone else involved is willing to participate. They now see the value of having faculty input before decisions are made. BAS is switching to Questica software. We are looking for historical trends like percent of budget for Faculty Affairs, the spending on Athletics, and data on student/faculty ratios and tenure track ratios. Further, we need explanations of how the data are calculated in converting from quarters to semesters and the use of some terminology.

d. Wang Award - short time line to get nominations reviewed and back to President. New categories and new criteria have been announced. Among the criteria are service to the university through committee work, governance bodies and related activities, and administrative support.

Ultimately the nomination comes from the President, to be forwarded to the Chancellor’s Office. The University Handbook states the procedure. If we want to be clear about the process, we need to fix the Handbook. A recommendation was that faculty nominated and forwarded by the President to the Chancellor’s Office be announced on University Day. The Executive Committee will not be reviewing staff nominations.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS
a. EO 1100 & 1110 - Follow up to RES 171801 failure at the Senate. A memo from Harry Hellenbrand/Provost CSU Northridge was distributed. It referred to information that we didn’t have before. Thus, a similar resolution can be brought to the Senate. In essence, we have a Senate that has the responsibilities ascribed to us.

There was an interest in the Senate to bring something about process. ASCSU statement read: “ASCSU and faculty it represents reject changes in curriculum that have
not originated through the process of shared governance. ASCSU contends that EO 1100 and EO 1110 did not arise from a fulsome share governance process.” Significant discussion ensued.

B. Hartsell moved to extend by five minutes. All approved.

It helps to clarify what we’re for: whereas our faculty is continually invested in making improvements to curriculum and revisions and governance processes. We support our faculty in doing that. Each department has the right to revisit curriculum at any point. Math and English are having department meetings.

B. Hartsell will draft new resolution in response to EO 1100 and EO 1110.

D. Boschini is working on Presidential Search and Wang Awards.

7. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR SENATE MEETING** (Certain Time 10:45 a.m.)

   **Announcements**

   **Consent Agenda**

   **Old Business**
   a. RES 171805 Dissolution of Environmental Committee (First Reading)
   b. RES 171806 University Program Review Committee Charge (First Reading) *
   c. RES 171807 Amendment of Classroom Observation Policy (First Reading) *
   d. RES 171808 University Review Committee Membership Nomination Exemption (First Reading) *
   e. RES 171809 Continuation of Faculty Hiring Initiative to Promote Tenure Density (First Reading)
   f. RES 171810 Addition of Chief Financial Officer as Ex-Officio Member on Budget and Planning Committee (First Reading) *

   **New Business**

8. **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

   * Changes to the University Handbook

M. Rush moved to adjourn. B. Hartsell seconded. Approved.