ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes
Tuesday, April 3, 2018
09:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
SCI III Math Library

Present: D. Boschini (Chair), B. Hartsell (Vice Chair), A. Hegde, J. Millar, M. Rush, D. Schecter (Alt for J. Zorn)

Absent: M. Slaughter, J. Tarjan, C. MacQuarrie

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION
   • Election Update: Everything is on schedule.
   • FHAC’s recommendations expected April 9.
   • Senate meets April 12, 26 and May 10 (outgoing/incoming Senators and Committee Chair appointments)
   • Executive Committee (EC) meets April 17, May 1, and 8

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   J. Kegley attended March 13, 2018 meeting.
   B. Hartsell moved to approve minutes from March 13, 2018 meeting with amendment.
   Approved.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
   Topic removed: Faculty Marshals is resolved for 2018 Commencement.
   New topics: a.) EDD program dropout and the student issues of time and money
               b.) Teacher behavior
   B. Hartsell moved to approved agenda as amended. M. Rush seconded. Approved.

5. CONTINUED ITEMS
   a. Update Log –
      FAC will probably not get to REF 161711 Position of Ombudsman by end of semester. The committee will address very specific issues on REF 2017-2018 Fairness and Evaluation that need to be changed.
      BPC will have a draft resolution on BPA’s Proposal for a New Academic Certificate this week. The committee is working on Office Allocation Policy. BPC invited D. Knepp as part of the upcoming discussion about REF 2017-2018 #22 Interdisciplinary Studies Department Formation.
   b. Financial and strategic planning transparency and faculty participation in budgeting process – BPC has already given their recommendation to the USP/BAC. There isn’t any
actionable item except continue to ask for more data. Financial transparency is more evident on other campuses, such as CSU Los Angeles and CSU Fresno.

c. Catalogue Concerns – D. Schecter said there is a Task Force on this matter.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. New President Dr. Zelezny - D. Boschini conversed with President-elect Zelezny. Dr. Zelezny offered to attend every Senate meeting, and she wants to meet with D. Boschini every other week. Dr. Zelezny will plan to attend EC at least twice a semester. They did discuss that the confidential closed search was not favorably received here and there will be a spectrum of perspectives that are important for her to work through. D. Boschini said we are lucky the President-elect has an Academic Affairs path, and she expressed her satisfaction that things went as good as it could, given the process she didn’t agree with. She spoke with Dr. Zelezny about faculty workload as #1 issue, since financial transparency is making progress. President-elect is enthusiastic about fund-raising and that’s her job as far as visibility in the community – to promote the university and get the community to partner through active giving. The feasibility study is something that can be discussed at a meeting with her. Dr. Zelezny may be here on Tuesday, May 1. During a welcoming call from Dr. Mitchell, Dr. Zelezny asked what events are coming up which would be good for her to attend. Dr. Mitchell invited Dr. Zelezny to attend Celebrate CSUB, Jazz Festival, and the Hawk Awards presentation and reception. There is interest in meeting faculty. D. Boschini said that there are some people expect her to listen, and some expecting her to share. It needs to be clear to her which of those we wish to achieve. The conversation between the two was 50/50. Dr. Zelezny said it won’t be “her vision” but “our vision”. D. Boschini has strategic planning in mind, which requires data that we don’t have. She is hopeful that the new president will call the strategic planning process where it needs to be. The Senate represents faculty and they are diverse in every way in what they want to be done. We have to count on ourselves to be gracious, and for her to be articulate. D. Boschini has communicated with the President’s office that the Senate wants to meet Dr. Zelezny Tuesday morning, May 1.

b. Distributed Learning Committee (DLC) Status – There are mixed opinions whether DLC exists. It was created as an Ad Hoc Task Force to get us on an on-line education path. B. Hartsell observed that the charge of the DLC doesn’t say anything about the process for elections, terms, etc. AS will put out a call for the school-specific seats for one year, then clear things up later on. The Senate is interested in an annual report by April 26. The FAC will use that documentation next year.

c. BPC Staff member replacement approval – Linda Lara was previously selected and approved by EC as a voting member, buts she has now changed jobs and is not available to attend meeting. EC decided not to try to fill the vacancy this year.

d. Faculty Director GECCo process – The EC will hold a special meeting on April 10th to interview the GECCo candidate and to hear FHAC recommendations for the five awards. B. Hartsell will tell GECCo to go forward with scheduling their interview(s).
e. Hiring Procedures will probably be a referral to FAC next year. The issues are how we treat TT versus other hires and whether things are changing, and who can be on Search Committee. It needs to be high on the list for EC discussion in Fall 2018.

f. Tenure Density Task Force report (Handout) Read it, and be prepared to spend more time on the topic in the next regular meeting. It will be on the Agenda for next meeting.

g. Student cheating – the EC received a copy of a memo from BJ Moore outlining the concerns over misconduct. BJ requests a referral. It is already being discussed with D. Anderson-Facile (chair of DLDC), R. Alvarez (Student Rights and Responsibility), M. Palaiologou (Ombudsperson), and Nate Olsen (representing ethics across the curriculum). After that group draws conclusions and makes a report, EC can decide if Senate needs to get involved. D. Boschini will communicate with BJ that student misconduct will be discussed at the EC meeting, April 17th.

h. EDD Program status – J. Millar reported concerns about a high drop-out rate and whether there are issues that require attention. She will discuss topic with D. Boschini to determine if it’s something for EC to take up.

i. Teacher behavior – There has been word from a number of students about a professor telling his/her class that he/she needed a good SOCI and threatening students with grade changes if they report his/her antics, such as skipping course topics, using foul language, and informing students that he/she has ability to change their grades up to three months after the course. After discussion, D. Boschini affirmed that this is a matter for the Vice-Provost.

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR SENATE MEETING April 12, 2018 (Time Certain 10:45 a.m.)

   Announcements
   FHAC’s Recommendations
   Consent Agenda
   New Business
   Old Business
      a. RES 171818 Instructor Initiated Drop Policy * (Second Reading)
      b. RES 171819 New Emphasis – Energy and Power Engineering (Second Reading)
      c. RES 171820 Use of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) (Second Reading)
      d. RES 171822 At-Large Membership on University Committees * (Second Reading)
      e. RES 171823 Range Elevation Handbook Change * (Second Reading)

8. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

   * Changes to the University Handbook