Academic Senate CSU

Faculty Affairs Committee
Minutes
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Via Elluminate
And Conference Call
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Present: Karen Davis, Manzar Foroohar, Harold Goldwhite, David Hood, Judith Lessow-Hurley, Saeed Monemi, Jodie Ullman

Guest: Gerry Hanley, Catherine Nelson

1. Announcements-Jodie Ullman
   Kevin is unable to attend as he is a member of the CSULA Campus Presidential Advisory Committee and needs to attend one of the mandatory meetings.

2. Approval of Agenda - approved

3. Approval of Minutes – approved March 13, 2013

4. Reports
   4.1 Jodie Ullman (CSUSB), Vice Chair
   Tracy is working on hiring a replacement for Sharon. Senate budget looks good as we end the year. Senators were excellent at saving money this year. MOOC task force is continuing its work. The Senate Exec will invite a group from SJSU to attend the May plenary to discuss the Udacity partnership and the proposed MOOCs at SJSU. APEP will be discussing the Bottleneck courses from Chancellor White. FGA will continue to work on a memo of positions for Bills (both SB and AB) in the State legislator.

   4.2 Jodie Ullman (San Bernardino), Cal State Online
See report sent to Full Senate. Further questions regarding the number of staff and including faculty buyouts associated with Cal State Online. Discussed the need to more fully integrate Cal State Online into other Online programs in the CSU and Chancellor’s Office.

4.3 Gerry Hanley, Chancellor’s Office Liaison
Discussed the Bottleneck courses and the recent RFP to address these course. The idea of this first round is to target best practices. The CO is aware of the short time line for this RFP.

MOOC task force – the task force is working on a May 22 deadline. Staff have provide some baseline information for the committee. Students so far have not been active participants in the Task Force and the group is looking for ways to get their input.

4.5 Catherine Nelson (Sonoma State), Executive Committee Liaison – Time 12:30
A group from SJSU will be invited to attend the May plenary to discuss the Udacity MOOCs. Catherine asked advice as to who to invite and we offered suggestions. Reminder the election for Officer positions for the ASCSU will be on Friday afternoon of the Plenary. Reminder that the Faculty Showcase will get information quarterly. We expressed a concern that the Full Senate should be able to read and comment, if needed, on the FGA memo for positions on Bills in the California Legislator prior to the positions being presented as the official position of the ASCSU. We also agreed that we couldn’t wait for the two resolution process we generally follow but requested something more informal and faster to brief the full senate on the legislative positions.

5. Review of Chancellor’s Office Response to Faculty Affairs’ Authored Resolutions. – Not Applicable

6. Second Reading Resolutions
6.1 Bylaw Change
Need to change the language to quarterly and we did

7. Continuing Business
7.1 Student Mental Health
We will continue to monitor this resolution and may co-sponsor it with AA at the May plenary.

8. Potential New Resolutions – None thus far

9. Additional topics for discussion
9.1 AAUP Recommendations regarding lecturer faculty

Synopsis: The AAUP has recommendations regarding the inclusion of all ranks of faculty. Ought we make a similar recommendation?

We agreed that this is an important issue and an issue that needs more attention than we have this academic year. We will keep it on our agenda for next year.

9.2 Early Ordering of Textbooks

Synopsis: Current policy calls for dept chairs to order textbooks for classes not staffed at the ordering deadline. This can result in lecturers not being consulted in textbook selection. Ought we recommend changes in policy that give greater control of the readings to late-hired lecturers?

We also deferred discussion on this until next academic year.

9.3 Potential New Resolution on Need for Hiring Tenure-Track and Tenured Faculty

Synopsis: Last year, FAC authored a white paper demonstrating the decline in probationary faculty in the CSU. At our last meeting, FAC received an update from Margy Merrifield which revealed that CSU continues to lose more probationary faculty than it hires. This is contrary to the commitments expressed in CSU’s Access to Excellence strategic plan and in ACR 73. A resolution reminding the CSU of this commitment, of the reasons for this commitment, and the failure to make progress on this commitment is probably in order—even if the ASCSU has expressed this sentiment previously.

Kevin and Karen will write this resolution for the May plenary