ASCSU Faculty Affairs Committee

Minutes 8 April 2005

Present: Gregory (Chair), Foroohar, Montanari, Persons, Reagan, Roth, Sabalius

The meeting was called to order at 10:15.

Agenda: Approved.

Approval of Minutes: Approved at 12:50.

Announcements:

Reports:
   a) Jackie McClain – Time certain 11:00 – actual time 11:12 – discussed the FERP action at the Board of Trustees meeting, including the pros and cons of the FERP; bargaining will begin April 28-29; resolution of YRO issues is being pursued in hopes that they will be put to bed before new contract bargaining begins; the governor has pulled his pension initiative, and the parallel bills are expected to die; CAASE/UAW negotiations are stuck on the issue of tuition waiver, which would cost $19 million; APC bargaining is going to fact-finding; a twelfth bargaining unit has been added to CSU (child care workers at SFSU); CSU is trying to address morale issues with recognition, given that money is not available; there is no clear rule on searching for MPP interims – departed 11:50

   Old Business:
   a) Survey of business deans – postponed to May, results are trickling in.
   b) MPP hiring – discussed revised resolution, Persons will rewrite with focus on principles, not details, and will bring to May plenary – finished 12:50.
   c) Faculty expert banks – not addressed at this meeting.
   d) Tenure-track appointments of clinical faculty – after discussion, the committee decided that this issue is beyond our scope as a Senate committee.
   e) Access to IT for students with disabilities – the committee continues to assert that faculty members have done much of what they can do in this direction, and that further accommodations should be focused where needed.
   f) Proposed changes in PERS – Time certain 2:00
   g) External pressure on textbook publishers – not addressed at this meeting.
   h) International faculty – the committee agreed that substantial help is not possible, and a list of resources would be too little – this item is dropped.
   i) Global strategy for addressing budget shortfalls – not addressed at this meeting.
   j) Re-affirmation of resolution on revenue enhancement – not addressed at this meeting.
New Business:
   a) FERP resolution -- Time certain 10:15 – discussed at some length; Gregory will re-edit for action at May plenary.
   b) Merit pay resolution -- Time certain 1:00 – draft 4 was introduced by Gregory, received minor changes, and will go to May plenary for action.
   c) Salary issues resolution -- Time certain 1:30 – CSU non-substantive and alienating response to the CPEC press release will be addressed in the form of a “position statement” rather than a resolution – Gregory will draft the statement.
   d) For-credit courses offered through continuing education – Montanari joined Academic Affairs on this item, reported back that chairs and deans, rather than continuing education, are responsible for the quality of these offerings, and any Senate action on this issue should be pointed in that direction.

Adjourned at 3:00.

V/R Michael Reagan