ASCSU Faculty Affairs Committee  
Minutes 4 May 2005

Present: Gregory (Chair), Foroohar, Kegley, Kroman (ERFA), McNamara, Montanari, Persons, Reagan, Roth, Sabalius, Sowby

Absent: Timmer, Warschauer

Guests: Cherny, Thobaben

Agenda: Approved.

Announcements:

a) AA to address GE topics  
b) FGA/ExComm to address “live within your means”  
c) SB5 comeback needs to be monitored.

Minutes: Approved.

Reports:

a) Jackie McClain – Time certain 11:00 – Not available.  
b) Liz Taiz, CFA – Did not arrive – Foroohar reported that the recent bargaining session set a tentative schedule through July, but made no substantial progress.

Old Business:

a) Update: business deans survey- No action taken-see below.  
b) MPP hiring: revised resolution was further edited, workload implications of requiring a faculty majority on search committees was debated, and Persons was charged with returning a clean copy for final committee review.  
c) Faculty expert banks – ever-so-slightly revised and approved.  
d) Access to IT for students with disabilities – FAQ circulated among committee members, revised resolution lightly edited,

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The meaning of “time” (for faculty to modify materials for access) was debated at some length, “workload adjustments” was substituted, consensus on necessity and scope of the resolution was elusive, but the resolution was approved for submittal to the plenary

Textbook issues – McNamara reported on Texas State Board of Education influence on textbook publishers on the definition of marriage and other positions outside the mainstream of scholarship. The publishers feel they are stuck; McNamara has not yet spoken with the authors involved. The committee was not in agreement about the relevance of this K-12 issue to the University. TEKR may be the locus of future involvement in this issue, which cannot be addressed effectively by FA at this meeting. Gregory suggested that FA consult with
Christine Helwick in the Fall. McNamara recommended *The Language Police*, by Diane Ravitch, for a conservative (probably) comment on the issue. There was also an exchange of anecdotes about the pricing of textbooks.

e) Global strategies for addressing budget shortfalls – defer to next year.
f) Revenue enhancement – defer to next year.
g) FERP – edited for presentation to plenary.
h) Merit pay – discussed in detail, html references moved out of resolved clauses, serious disagreement on whether to bring the resolution to the plenary. The committee agreed to hold back this item, to be revisited next year, if needed.
i) Salary issues – 10:15 – resolution edited, third demand in the second resolved clause deleted, statement to be dissociated from the second resolved, editing of the statement to be completed overnight. 1:20: Cherny provided copies of a revision of the statement – the committee walked through the revised statement with him, discussed the role of CFA in the second resolved, and asked Cherny to incorporate the changes into a clean draft for review at 08:30 Thursday.

New business:

a) Undercover surveillance of campus meetings – police monitored a meeting with a PETA speaker – fearful of a lab raid, heard a defense of vegan lifestyle. AB 992 – allows UC and CSU to monitor, wiretap, etc. just like “real” police. Reactions at Chico raise the specter of repressive measures by police. Gregory will suggest that ExComm watch this bill over the summer. Role of campus public safety committees was discussed. Consultation with J. McClain might be useful.
b) Student life and conduct – proposed changes to Title V appear problematic, ExComm and reps from standing committees to meet following committee meetings

Adjourned 3:45 until Thursday 08:30.

Reconvened 08:35

A message was received from Warschauer with the business survey data; the data do not appear to support the concern originally raised, so the committee will leave this item to be reconsidered next year.

Final revisions were made to the FERP resolution and the Salary resolution and statement.

Assignments were made for committee members to handle our action items in the plenary session.

The chair received the appreciation of the committee for a job very well done, and the committee adjourned for the year at 09:20.

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Michael Reagan