

Academic Senate of the California State University
Faculty Affairs Committee
Wednesday, January 17, 2007

Minutes

Present: Foroohar, Cheyne, Reagan, Korman, Goldwhite, Vanterpool
Guests: Ontiveros, McClain, Helwick, Travis, Reichman, Ambos
Recorder: Reagan

1. Approval of agenda: M/S/P agenda as revised.
2. Approval of minutes: M/S/P to approve the minutes of December 8, 2006 as presented.
3. Announcements: There were no announcements
4. Reports:
 - 4.1 Jackie McClain (11:05):
 - Certified to fact-finding, panel to be determined.
 - CFA plans to present all open issues, hearing expected to be several two-day clumps.
 - Hearings may exceed 30 days by mutual agreement, written report typically 45 days, ten day dark period, then publication/agreement.
 - Still planning to pursue 1% salary supplement, fee buy-out.
 - McClain likely to reprise her role on the panel. Hopes for a truly neutral third party.
 - Big issues this time: money. Close to compromise on other issues. CSU possibly laid out the available money too early on.
 - Still hopeful that we can sort it out, find a middle way to make the money work.
 - Goldwhite: Trustees COULD rearrange the budget, but Governor controls the budget, and to do so would be perilous.
 - State budget really is constrained, might have been flexible in 2000, not now.
 - ACR 73 implementation totally non-funded, response to our resolution was a non-response, accountability for non funds politically iffy.
 - Smith says BOT more sensitized to ACR 73 issues, but could not get it “above the line” at the eleventh hour. Newer members of BOT don’t know what ACR 73 implications are, per McClain.
 - 4.2 Christine Helwick (1:05)
 - What rights have faculty re: AV recording of class sessions? Technology moves fast, law slowly.

- I-tunes University provides for “with permission” recording and dissemination.
- Cell phone confiscation provoked parental reaction.
- OK to prohibit recording in class, but be clear about the reasoning behind the prohibition.
- Disabled exceptions would not be inconsistent with such prohibition.
- Using student discipline might be frustrating – CSU does not want to be in the business of policing the web.
- Recording of students by professor requires notice with option out.
- Student on student recording not a University problem.
- PATRIOT ACT: how does CSU deal with government inquiries? Presidents have been advised about the sensitivity of these incidents, but no policy requiring that they respond in particular ways, or that they buck them to C. O. There have been a few inquiries about students, none about faculty.
- Guidelines? We don’t have much experience, it would be a hard thing to do.
- Monitoring faculty electronic activity? Only 1) in an investigation based on probable cause, or 2) incidental to repair activity.
- There is conversation about common computer use policies at the system level, but no actual policy, and certainly no monitoring.

4.3 John Travis (3:04)

- Bargaining is stalled primarily on compensation issue.
- CSU seems to have drawn a line in the sand on money, both in July at the end of a lengthy productive session and again in mediation.
- CFA remains committed to bargaining money issues.
- Hoping for a well known labor facilitator to serve as third party – someone like Marty Morgenstern.
- 29 January last day to agree on a third party.
- Taking a strike vote is OK now, but going on strike is not allowed until after the fact-finding process is over.
- Travis would likely serve as the CFA member of the panel.
- No movement on workload. CFA made a proposal on class size. Administration has not responded or made another proposal on workload. Bargaining with ourselves, CFA made further suggestions on rewarding faculty for teaching excess units or students.
- Bargaining survey? Should be able to share it.

4.4 Paul Persons: At 11:25 Thobaben came to tell us the Paul Persons had died overnight at his hotel here in Long Beach. Chancellor Reed has called the President at Chico to notify Paul’s family.

4.5 Beth Ambos (3:35): FAC met with the Executive Committee, Reichard and Ambos about Role of Research draft.

Reichard explained that the draft has not yet been vetted by the Provosts, so a public airing in ASCSU might give it a status that renders their authorship moot. ASCSU will, of course, have an opportunity to react after publication.

To capture further responses, hard copy of both the draft and the responses to date will be given to the Senate, with a request for further comments to Cheyne by Monday, and a formal report from FAC to Thobaben by Tuesday.

5. Business Items/Resolutions

5.1 Began discussion of proposed resolution on Importance of Settling the Contract between the CSU and CFA. A revised resolution was approved, to be presented at the plenary with request for waiver.

5.2 Revisited draft on Recognition and Support of Faculty Service in Governance. A revised resolution was approved and will be on the plenary agenda as a second reading item.

5.3 After discussion with the Executive Committee, the decision on ACR 73 essentially is to let it rest in terms of another formal resolution, but to “keep needling” in those areas where it is relevant.

5.4 Audio/videotaping of class sessions: There was discussion regarding what questions we may wish to ask Christine Helwick. For further information, see 4.2 above.

5.5 The Role of Scholarly Research and Creative Activities in the CSU: See 4.5 above.

6. Information/Discussion Items

6.1 Strategies for gauging faculty satisfaction: The Committee discussed the summary of information from various Faculty Satisfaction surveys. We agreed we might be able to consider a resolution in March calling for a system-wide survey of Faculty Satisfaction, but only if the dissatisfying atmosphere of contract impasse is behind us.

6.2 International programs – broader issues: This matter was deferred to our next meeting.

7. The meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.