Minute - m09-23-03

MINUTES

of the Academic Senate Meeting on TUESDAY, September 23, 2003

Senate Members Present:

Eunice  Robert  Aina J. Otero
Aaron   Fung    
Alvin   Oswaldo Garcia  Pete
Alvarez  Garcia  Palmer
Guadalupe  John  Wenshen Pong
Alvia   Gemello  
Patricia  Deborah  Brett
Bartscher  Gerson  Smith
Marian  Jan  Miriam
Berstein  Gregory  Smith
John   Bruce  Saul
Blando   Heiman  Steier
Tara   Marlon  Genie
Bohannon  Hom  Stowers
Senate

Members Absent: Natalie Batista, Robert Cherny (excused), Sam Gill, Jaimes Guerrero, Don Scoble (excused)

Visitors: Judith Bettelheim, Lilia Chavez, Wan-Lee Cheng, Ann Hallum, Trustee Kathleen Kaiser, Bruce Macher, Mitch Turitz, Marilyn Verhey, Sylvia S. Walters, Gail Whitaker

CALL TO ORDER 2:10 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senate Chair Edwards

issued a welcome to the new CSU faculty Trustee Kathy Kaiser, who is making San Francisco State University her first campus visit today.

Senate Chair Edwards

noted two town hall meetings to be held on campus to address questions and concerns about the university budget. The meetings will occur on Wednesday 1 October 12:00-1:30 p.m. and Thursday 2 October 2:00-3:30 p.m. in McKenna theater, and will include remarks by President Robert A. Corrigan, Vice President for Administration and Finance Leroy Morishita, and Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost John Gemello.

Senate Chair Edwards

announced that a reception to welcome all senators, faculty members and staff back to campus would be held directly after the senate meeting adjourns at
4:00 p.m. today at the University Club.

Senate Chair **Edwards** announced that nominations for the four administrative search committees were now closed, with an impressive group of faculty who have put their names forward for election. The ballot will be in faculty mailboxes on 1 October and there will be one week, until Wednesday 8 October at 5:00 p.m. to complete voting.

Secretary **Fielden** mentioned the introduction of a new sign-in sheet for senators, now present at the placard table outside the senate room. He asked all senators and visitors to sign in on their arrival, particularly if arriving after the 2:10 p.m. call to order. This new procedure will improve attendance accuracy.

Senator **Meredith**, chair of APC, announced that his committee needed to meet directly after today's senate session.

CFA Chapter President **Turitz** announced that yesterday was the last day to register new voters before the October election, and that total number had reached 1,375. He further mentioned that statewide CFA President John **Travis** will be on campus this Thursday 25 September to address campus senators, who are invited for lunch at 12:00 p.m. in the Verducci room of the University Club. Additionally, he will address the budget on the same day from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the University Club.

Senate Chair **Edwards**
congratulated CFA, the President?s office, and Associated Students for their outstanding efforts on the voter registration initiative.

Senate Chair Edwards noted that he would defer his chair?s report in order to make more time for remarks from our visiting Trustee.

Senate Chair Edwards noted an agenda change, that item 7, a resolution on the K/U Education Bond Initiative, is a consent item from the Executive Committee and is in first and second reading.

AGENDA ITEM #1 - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR 23 September, 2003 m/s/pStier, Carrington

AGENDA ITEM #2 - APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR 9 September, 2003 Senator Otero asked for correction on her surname spelling.

m/s/pHoulberg, Aaron

AGENDA ITEM #3 - FACULTY TRUSTEE KATHY KAISER. Trustee Kaiser gave thanks for having her at her first campus and noted that SFSU?s statewide Senator Cherny is representing David Spence in Sacramento and also mentioned Gary Hammerstrom as another example of strong SFSU representation at the state wide level.

As far as my current remarks go, the phrase in real estate is ?location, location, location? - my remarks today and for some time will be ?budget, budget, budget.? Some of the specific issues are CMS, enrollment, contract issues, and student
fees - all budget issues. She mentioned coming to office in one of the worst possible years, and noted the significant political issues before the CSU.

She mentioned being told by the legislature not to ask for faculty compensation and not to ask for enrollment funding. But of course many more students are coming. The UCs are turning away students, and even CSU Chico has turned away 25 percent of the new students. The private universities can absorb a small overflow and the community colleges are really hurt badly. Where are the students going to go? How will we be able to teach them with fewer resources? How can we continue to get more productive?

The board will approve a budget on 1 October, and Richard West estimates that $54 million will be our mandated increased cost as a system. She mentioned issues such as faculty salaries and other difficulties. She stated that the board will ask for more money for faculty compensation, will ask for money for students. And the crisis will be when they receive the answer to those questions. Funded student enrollment has already been decreasing over time.

Bright spots include the Board’s discussion of Proposition 54. Normally the board is not a political board unless political events affect the CSU, and this affects the CSU big time. It is a crime to erase knowledge about our students.

The board is supporting new funding - building increases, enrollment increases. The board cannot speak to the contract, since that is a collective bargaining issue. SFSU student David Abella is a member on the CSU fees panel and Trustee Kaiser hoped for a good strategic plan from the panel.

The Teacher Integrative
Program is an attempt to resolve legislative qualms about cleaning up our act and she hopes that we will be able to have effective teachers out in 4 years.

Trustee Kaiser ended by noting the importance of voting and monitoring legislators and legislation.

During the Question period:

Senator Daniels asked about limits of enrollment listed in the master plan, and whether we could revise the numbers.

Trustee Kaiser wondered if Senator Daniels wanted the truth or not. She noted that the theoretical Master plan stipulated that the UC system would take the top 12% of students, and the CSU the top 25%, whereas in fact UC takes the top 8% and we take 25%. Campuses do do selective applications, although this is a tricky issue. Impacting is an issue - there are ways to do it, but you have to make sure it works properly

Senator Williams expressed pleasure that Proposition 54 was handled well by the Board, and that it makes an important statement.

Trustee Kaiser mentioned the mixed appointment profile on the board, and thus was especially pleased that board came together on this issue.

Senator Meredith wondered if the board is taking notice of teacher training issues.

Trustee Kaiser mentioned educational equity and Title 9, and that huge tension in education now involves school principals. She mentioned federal guidelines that she felt were color-blind in the worst possible way. Little attention is paid
to internal student demographics and she felt that our job is to educate for
the best possible chance of success. Nothing gets more attention than the
?no child left behind? initiative.

Senate Chair Edwards noted the need to move to time certain

Agenda item 6.

AGENDA ITEM #6 - MASTER

OF ARTS IN ART 1ST READING: Time certain - no later than 2:30 p.m.

m/s/p

Nichols, Vaughn

Senator Nichols, chair of CRAC, noted that in the senate packet was the request to revise the
requirements for the Master?s of Arts in Art. This proposal was reviewed
by CRAC 2 times prior to being placed on the Agenda. The first proposed change
was to define specializations in ?Art of Asia? and ?Art of the Spanish-speaking
World? in the bulletin. A wide range of courses in both areas of study already
exists. The department wished to formalize these courses by grouping them
into emphasis areas for advising current students and informational purposes
for prospective students. Page 3 of the proposal has the course listings
grouped by emphases.

The second proposed change

was the addition of one new core course (Art 703 Art History Research Applications)
to the curriculum which will reduce the required elective options from
6 to 3 units total. The number of units required
to graduate would remain the same. Art 703 will be a prerequisite for ART
898. Currently, students have difficulty completing their MA thesis independently
of a structured seminar situation. This change would assist matriculating
students to graduation in a timelier manner.
Faculty representing the proposal includes Judith Bettelheim and Sylvia Walters.

Dean Whitaker made a modest comment?formalizing this not a request for new concentration but an emphasis, which is useful for advising purposes.

Senator Steier asked for clarification about course 897 - is that a thesis course?

Walters answered in the affirmative.

Move to second reading m/s/p

Carrington, Houlberg

Senator Steier commented that he didn?t make his first question clear: there is a course 898 as well as 897, which seems to overlap 703.

Bettelheim noted that course 897 is for a student who needs more preparation for their thesis, to be undertaken before 898. 703 is a dedicated seminar for all thesis students to discuss methods. This is a four semester program, and 703 is the beginning of thesis preparation.

Senator McKeon asked a question regarding the emphasis on the Spanish speaking world, whether students needed to demonstrate a certain level of Spanish language proficiency.

Bettelheim noted that there is a language requirement for a thesis, and students must pass a language exam before their thesis work.

Moved
to close debate.

m/s/p

Houlberg, Vaughn

Revision is approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #4 - PROVOST JOHN GEMELLO - Budget Impact and the Instructional Program.

Provost Gemello outlined the current academic plans for the University Academic Affairs, which took a 4.6 million dollar reduction in its budget, split into two parts. We allocated some reduction to colleges, about 2.2 million dollars. The college budgets were reduced by 6%; 4-6% in other academic units. The impact was similar to previous years - reductions took place by salary savings, leaving positions unfilled and the like. The second part, a reduction in the faculty budget was accomplished by altering the student/faculty ratio (SFR).

One way to look at this is by comparing other years, and we now are back at the student/faculty ratio from 5 years ago, which had gradually been improved over that time. So we are not going into uncharted waters - we have been here before. The University has received growth funds, based on additional 1,300 FTE, which has helped. Academic affairs has received 2.2 million dollars extra. We increased target to colleges, allocated increased funds, and spread them over several semesters. We just sent out the augmentation to the colleges for the spring allowing us to meet our spring target. The net result, from faculty budget, is similar to last year, but we need to teach more students. In fall 2002 we offered 3,676 sections, in fall 2003 3,639 leading to reduction of 37 sections. We did everything we could to keep things close. In 2002 there were 20,274 FTES, in 2003 there are 20,793. We have an extra 500 students
in roughly the same number of classes.

We have kept the instructional equipment budget intact and the library materials budget intact.

We relied on units making reductions, sometimes in short-term ways. The University Budget Committee (UBC) has discussed this at length, but the lateness of the budget makes this a transitional year. We have had to make one-year decisions to finish off the year. Next year, if nothing worse happens, we will have a 10 million dollar shortfall, a permanent shortfall. This is now a permanent issue - the question is how will we handle this.

UBC has added 3 new faculty members: Velia Garcia, John Kim, and Lisa White.

We had the first meeting with the faculty members last week, desiring to involve more faculty in the budget process. Provost Gemello planned to meet with faculty members to discuss the budget as often and long as necessary.

Senator Houlberg suggested that the notion of “going back” to SFR from the past is not appropriate. Going “back” to a 22.1 SFR doesn’t reflect reality. Teaching back then meant you were able to count on photocopiers, support, etc. We are actually in uncharted waters, which don’t reflect what we need to say as an institution.

AGENDA ITEM #5 - REPORT FROM STATEWIDE ACADEMIC SENATE.

Senator Gregory noted that her report from the Faculty Affairs Committee as well as minutes of the Plenary taken by David Hood at the last meeting were sent out on email, and had nothing further to offer. Aaron commented that the Fiscal and Government Affairs committee is facing some grim decisions. Until
discussion continues with trustees there is nothing further to report.

Senator **Chelberg** had a question to **Gregory** about what email list was utilized for her mailing.

Several Senators were

not included in the list and so the Senate Email list will be updated.

**AGENDA ITEM #7 - RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF K/U PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES BOND ACT, 1st and 2nd Reading.**

This agenda item is a recommendation from the executive committee, as a consent item, in first and second reading, concerning the approval of the resolution in support of the Kindergarten through University Public Education Facilities Bond Act.

**m/s/p**

Aaron, Gregory

Senator **Aaron** felt troubled to even have to speak to this at all. We are in tough times for our young people and students. We did the first half of this last year, in supporting proposition 47, but we need to do this kind of thing again because we need to take the long view. We need to send a strong message to young people that we care about their education.

Senator **Gregory** added only to say that we take a position on this terrible thing, and directed our attention to a typo in the resolution in third ?whereas? clause - line

2, ?more than 300 school districts and their school construction and their repair projects funded.?

Senator **Carrington** asked if there is any particular project at SFSU to which this is directed. Should we mention them?
Vice President for Administration & Finance Morishita responded that the only current ones are the minor capital outlays, but deferred maintenance will be affected in the future. There may be one project on next year’s list that will be affected.

President Corrigan stated that if this bond doesn’t pass, it will put us further back in the queue for funding. We have major project in next major bond, which would put us in worse shape.

Senator Heiman noted another typo in final clause: it should be ?it? not ?if? in the last clause.

Move to close debate.

m/s/p
Houlblerg, Smith

Motion
to second reading.

m/s/p
Meredith, Carrington

The resolution is passed by consent of the senate.

Trustee Kaiser expressed thanks for a fine and productive day at SFSU.

AGENDA ITEM #14?Adjournment of the Senate

Senate adjourned at 3:07PM

Respectfully Submitted

Ned Fielden, Secretary to the Faculty

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Tuesday, September 23, 2003