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ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

MINUTES

TUESDAY, November 4, 2008

**SEVEN HILLS CONFERENCE CENTER, NOB
HILL ROOM**

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Avani, Nathan	Holzman, Barbara	Rehling, Lu
Bartscher, Patricia	Jin, Leigh	Rothman, Barry
Bugayong, Arlene	Kohn, Jim	Salama, Mohammad
Burke, Adam	Landry, Lynette	Shapiro, Jerald
Chelberg, Gene	Levy, Eileen	Sheldon, James
Chen, Yu-Charn	Li, Wen-Chao	Sherwin, Paul
Corrigan, Robert	Luna, Debra	Shrivastava, Vinay
Dariotis, Wei Ming	Mahan, Dianne	Sinha, Dipendra
DuVal, Derethia	McCarthy, Chris	Sveinsdottir, Asta
Flatt, Sylvia	McCracken, Bridget	Taylor, Don
Fuentes, Enrique	Minami, Masahiko	Trautman, Ray
Gemello, John	Modirzadeh, Hafez	Ulasewicz, Connie
Gomes, Ricardo	Moody, Laura	van Dam, Mary Ann

Gubeladze, Joseph	Morishita, Leroy	Whalen, Shawn
Hellenga, Kate	Neely, Francis	Wingard, Leah
Hom, Marlon	Noble, Nancy	

Absences:

Robertson, Bruce (on leave Fall 08); Behrooz, Maziar (abs); Boyle, Andrea (exc); Cheung, Yitwah (exc); Chou, Fang-yu (abs); Danner, Don (exc); Hellman, David (abs); Hussain, Mahmood (abs); Lau, Jenny (abs); LePage, Pamela (abs); Rosegard, Erik (abs); Yee, Darlene (exc)

Guests: Gail Evans, Ann Hallum, Jason Porth, Andrew Bolig, Linda Buckley, Janet Remolona, Wanda Lee, Helen Goldsmith, Nancy Hayes, Carlos Davidson

CALL TO ORDER: 2:18 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Associated Students Inc. has requested faculty help in identifying student representatives to serve on several Senate standing committees. Send suggestions to the committee chairs. SF State's Community Involvement Center can facilitate student appointments to committees, and provide students the opportunity to earn up to 3 units of course credit for their committee work.

AGENDA ITEM #1—Approval of the Agenda for November 4, 2008

The agenda was approved by acclamation.

AGENDA ITEM #2—Approval of the Minutes for the October 21, 2008

The minutes were approved by acclamation.

AGENDA ITEM #3—Report from Deborah Masters, University Librarian: Update on the J. Paul Leonard Library

The Senate heard a report from Deborah Masters, University Librarian. The Library building will close on Sunday, November 23, 2008. Library Annex I, a new, temporary building near the Lot 20 parking garage, will open on Monday, November 24, 2008. Book pick-up (HSS 101 and 107), library media services (HSS 127), and book check-out and class reserve services (HSS 102) begin in the HSS building on Monday, November 24, 2008. The new Leonard Library building is expected to open in Fall 2011.

AGENDA ITEM #4—Report from Leroy Morishita, VP/CFO Administration & Finance, and Carlos Davidson, Director, Environmental Studies Program: Seating of the new University Sustainability Committee

The Senate heard a report from Leroy Morishita, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and Carlos Davidson, Associate Professor and Director, Environmental Studies Program. A new University Sustainability

Committee has been established.

AGENDA ITEM #5—Recommendation from the Faculty Affairs Committee: Proposed Revisions to the Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Policy, Section 1.2: General Principals for Retention, Tenure & Promotion Materials, Second Reading

Senator Levy, on behalf of the Faculty Affairs Committee, moved that the Senate approve two revisions to the Retention, Tenure, and Promotions Policy. The revisions consist of the addition of “Reports and rebuttals, if any, from all prior substantive reviews at San Francisco State of candidates applying for tenure and promotion (for promotion, only reports and rebuttals from previous promotion reviews)” (lines 69-71 of the policy) and “Department/Program RTP criteria” (line 76) to the list of required contents of a candidate’s WPAF.

The motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #6—Recommendation from the Curriculum Review and Approval Committee: Proposed Revisions to the BA Program in Psychology, First Reading

Senator Shrivastava, on behalf of the Curriculum Review and Approval Committee, moved that the Senate approve revisions to the B. A. Psychology degree program.

Discussion items included:

- The efficacy and accessibility of the two new online-only courses required in the major, at the beginning and end of the degree program, were questioned.
- Concern was raised about the elimination of “outside” elective courses, that is, courses from other departments, as part of the degree requirements. The Psychology Department faculty vouch that they are strengthening the major, not limiting choices.
- Concern was raised about the lack of specification of a GWAR course in the degree program. The Psychology Department wants to integrate a GWAR course into the major. They are in the early stage of developing, with Mary Soliday, Director, Writing Across the Curriculum / Writing in the Discipline, a course, or courses, to satisfy the writing requirement; it is too early to provide a detailed plan.
- Suspension of the minor in psychology shouldn’t be part of this degree program revision.
- Concern was raised that because majors will be required to earn a C or better grade in PSY 200, enrollment might be limited to majors. (Non-psychology majors comprise about half the current PSY 200 enrollment.) Sacha Bunge, Professor and Chair of Psychology, ensured that PSY 200 will remain open to all students.
- Concern was raised about the administrative work that will be required to ensure that degree candidates have earned a C or better grade in core courses.

AGENDA ITEM #7—Recommendation from the Curriculum Review and Approval Committee: Proposed Revisions to the BA Journalism, First Reading

Senator Shrivastava, on behalf of the Curriculum Review and Approval Committee, moved that the Senate approve revisions to the B. A. Journalism degree program.

Senator Holzman moved that the motion be moved to second reading. Motion passed.

The main motion, now in second reading, passed.

AGENDA ITEM #8—Recommendation from the Faculty Affairs Committee: Proposed Revision to the Retention, Tenure, & Promotion Policy, Section 1.1: Committee Membership, First Reading

Senator Levy, on behalf of the Faculty Affairs Committee, moved that the Senate approve one revision to the Retention, Tenure, and Promotions Policy. The revision consists of the addition of the sentence, “The chair shall receive one course release for two semesters, and the remaining members shall receive one course release for one semester.” (lines 17-18 of the policy) to the description of the University Tenure and Promotions Committee.

Senator Ulasewicz moved that the motion be moved to second reading. The motion failed.

Discussion items included:

- Although last year’s University Tenure and Promotions Committee requested an increase in the size of the committee from five to seven members, the current committee chair recommends against an increase in size.
- The workload associated with the careful review of tenure and promotion files necessitates assigned time for the committee chair and members, similar to that provided for members of the All-University Academic Programs Review Committee (policy F06-133).

The speakers list was exhausted. This item will return in second reading at the next Senate meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #9—Recommendation from the Executive Committee: Proposed Resolution in Support of International Education Week, First Reading

Senator McCracken, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved that the Senate adopt the resolution in support of International Education Week.

Senator Chelberg moved that the motion be moved to second reading. Motion passed.

The main motion, now in second reading, passed.

Chair Whalen declared the meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Meeting Date (Archive): Tuesday, November 4,
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