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ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

MINUTES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2008

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

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Avani, Nathan	Hellenga, Kate	Neely, Francis
Behrooz, Maziar	Hellman, David	Rehling, Lu
Boyle, Andrea	Hom, Marlon	Rothman, Barry
Bugayong, Arlene	Holzman, Barbara	Salama, Mohammad
Burke, Adam	Hussain, Mahmood	Shapiro, Jerald
Chelberg, Gene	Jin, Leigh	Sheldon, James
Chen, Yu-Charn	Kohn, Jim	Sherwin, Paul
Cheung, Yitwah	Landry, Lynette	Sinha, Dipendra
Chou, Fang-yu	LePage, Pamela	Sveinsdottir, Asta
Dariotis, Wei Ming	Levy, Eileen	Taylor, Don
DuVal, Derethia	Li, Wen-Chao	Trautman, Ray
Flatt, Sylvia	Luna, Debra	Ulasewicz, Connie
Fuentes, Enrique	McCarthy, Chris	van Dam, Mary Ann

Gemello, John	McCracken, Bridget	Whalen, Shawn
Gomes, Ricardo	Minami, Masahiko	Yee, Darlene
Gubeladze, Joseph	Moody, Laura	

Absences: Robertson, Bruce (on leave Fall 08); Bartscher, Patricia (exc); Corrigan, Robert (exc); Danner, Don (abs); Lau, Jenny (abs); Mahan, Dianne (exc); Modirzadeh, Hafez (abs); Morishita, Leroy (exc); Noble, Nancy (exc); Rosegard, Erik (abs); Shrivastava, Vinay (exc); Wingard, Leah (exc)

Guests: Wanda Lee, Helen Goldsmith, Russell Kilday-Hicks, Linda Buckley, Nancy Hayes, Caran Colvin, Joel Kassiola, Dawn Terrell

CALL TO ORDER: 2:12 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Post-Promotion Increase Appeals Committee nomination period has closed. There were five nominations and there are five positions, so an election is not necessary. The committee members are Nathan Avani, Secondary Education; Lorraine Dong, Asian American Studies; Shirley Girouard, Nursing; MA Jaimes Guerrero, Women Studies; and Louise Rehling, Technical and Professional Writing.

The early-registration deadline for the SF State Faculty and Staff Retreat is Friday, December 5, 2008.

Completed nominations for the SF State Distinguished Faculty Awards must be submitted to the Faculty Honors and Awards Committee, Office of the Academic Senate, ADM 551, by Friday, December 5, 2008.

A town-hall meeting to discuss the SF State budget reductions will be held from 3 to 5 p. m. on December 9 in the Nob Hill Room of the Seven Hills Conference Center, immediately following the Academic Senate meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #1—Approval of the Agenda for December 2, 2008

The agenda was approved by acclamation.

AGENDA ITEM #2—Approval of the Minutes for the November 4, 2008

The minutes as amended were approved by acclamation.

AGENDA ITEM #3— Recommendation from the Faculty Affairs Committee: Proposed Revisions to the Retention, Tenure, & Promotion Policy, Section 1.1: Committee Membership, Second Reading

Senator Levy, on behalf of the Faculty Affairs Committee, moved that the Senate approve revisions to section 1.1, Committee Membership,

of the Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Policy, S07-241.

The motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #4— Recommendation from the Curriculum Review and Approval Committee: Proposed Revisions to the BA Program in Psychology, Second Reading

Senator Holzman, on behalf of Curriculum Review and Approval Committee, moved that the Senate approve revisions to the BA Program in Psychology. Senator Holzman yielded the floor to Sacha Bunge, Professor and Chair of Psychology, who described the revisions.

The motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM #5— Recommendation from the Executive Committee: Proposed Resolution in Support of Professor Darlene Yee-Melichar as SF State's Nominee for Faculty Trustee, First Reading

Senator Boyle, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved that the Senate adopt a resolution in support of Professor Darlene Yee-Melichar as SF State's Nominee for Faculty Trustee.

Senator Levy moved that the item be moved to second reading. The motion passed.

The main motion, now in second reading, passed.

AGENDA ITEM #6— Recommendation from the Academic Policies Committee: Proposed Amendment to the Faculty Constitution, Staff Membership Increase on the Academic Senate, First Reading

Senator Dariotis, on behalf of the Academic Policies Committee, moved that the Senate approve an amendment to the Faculty Constitution, to increase staff membership on the Academic Senate.

Discussion items included the following:

- An increase in the number of staff serving on the Academic Senate would enhance the staff's ability to participate in shared governance.
- Communication among the Senate chair, staff nominees, and their supervisors about Senate membership responsibilities and time commitments would facilitate staff participation.
- Increasing staff membership to three was recommended because there are currently three student members, and because each college currently has at least three members.

AGENDA ITEM #7— Recommendation from the Curriculum Review and Approval Committee: Proposed New Digital Animation Certificate, First Reading

Senator Holzman, on behalf of Curriculum Review and Approval Committee, moved that the Senate approve a proposal to establish a new Digital Animation Certificate to be offered by the College of Extended Learning (CEL). Senator Holzman yielded the floor to Shelley Blockhus, Technology Director, CEL Academic Programs, who described the certificate program.

Senator McCarthy moved that the motion be moved to second reading. The motion passed.

The main motion, now in second reading, passed.

AGENDA ITEM #8— Recommendation from the Curriculum Review and Approval Committee: Proposed Revisions to the Child & Adolescent Developmental Dual Language Program, First Reading

Senator Holzman, on behalf of Curriculum Review and Approval Committee, moved that the Senate approve a College of Extended Learning Special Sessions BA Degree in Child and Adolescent Development (CAD) as one-time request for a single cohort of 34 students who matriculated to SFSU as CAD majors in Fall 2007.

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

Senator Avani called the question. The motion passed.

The main motion, now in second reading, passed.

AGENDA ITEM #9— Recommendation from the Academic Policies Committee: Proposed Policy on Concentrations and Emphases, First Reading

Senator Dariotis, on behalf of the Academic Policies Committee, moved that the Senate approve a new policy, Concentrations and Emphases within Degree Programs.

Discussion items included the following:

- One goal of the policy is to provide clarity for students.
- The policy will ensure that degree program descriptions use consistent language that conforms to CSU standards.
- Concentrations are essentially unique degrees. They are included on student transcripts and have separate HEGIS codes. Concentration proposals must be reviewed by CRAC and approved by the Academic Senate.
- The terms “emphasis,” “focus,” “track,” “option,” “content area,” etc., are useful for planning and advising, but have no specific academic definition, and will not appear on student transcripts.
- The “common core” may be a suite of courses from which each student selects a set; it is not necessarily one set of required courses.
- It might not be necessary that all required courses in a concentration be offered at least once each academic year.
- If adopted, the policy could require revision of existing MA programs. The Graduate Council should be invited to review the policy.
- Treating concentrations “in all ways like a separate major” could affect evaluation of program viability.
- Limiting degree programs to the term “emphasis” to describe recommended sets of elective courses could be unnecessarily restrictive.

Senator Chelberg moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed.

Chair Whalen declared the meeting adjourned at 3:48 p. m.

Meeting Date (Archive): Tuesday, December 2,
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