



**ACADEMIC SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2012**

Approved 4-17-12

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

MH-141

Present: Fidalgo, Guerin, Pasternack, Randall, Stambough, Walicki, Walk, Walker

Absent: Bedell, Dabirian

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Walicki called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

II. URGENT BUSINESS

2.1 (Guerin) A flurry of recent emails suggest that our Academic Senate may want to take action on a recent announcement from the CSU that allocation of State University Grants to graduate students is being evaluated for change. The announcement was limited to an order to hold the processing of financial aid packages for graduate students temporarily. Several Academic Senates in the CSU have passed resolutions strongly objecting to any proposed discontinuation or suspension of the award of state university grants to CSU graduate students.

Members asked that more information be gathered before taking any action. Secretary Walker will follow up.

- Ask Dorota Huizinga / Katherine Powers (Graduate Studies) how many of our graduate students will be affected by changes in this policy.
- Graduate Education Committee should give input.
- Ask what trade offs may be made from monies taken from graduate students.

Senators Stambough and Fidalgo will work on a beginning draft for a resolution to oppose this action, in case it is needed in the near future.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 3.1 (Walker) gave an update on revisions to UPS 411.104 Online Policy. The latest version of this policy will be distributed to replace the initial version sent to committees for input.
- 3.2 (Walicki) faculty members serving on the Research Committee were given stipends for the added workload; however, the one participating student did not receive any compensation for doing equal work as faculty members. How can this be remedied?
- 3.3 (Fidalgo) STARS program committee met to discuss and gather information on sustainability, student scholarships, grants, etc.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4.1 EC Minutes (Draft) 3-20-12 – M/S (Walker/Walk) Minutes were approved as submitted.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

VI. STAFF REPORT

- 7.1 All University Elections will be held May 7-10, 2012.

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

ASI Board of Directors [Dabirian] T, 4-3-12 1:15 – 3:30 PM, TSU

Budget reports were heard. Finance Committee asked BOD to approve 2012-13 ASI budget. A letter has been written by the Writing Committee to incoming President. – students are asking for signatures by 6-15-12. Letter includes issues for Dr. Garcia's awareness: HSS and Arts being defunded, library hours, valuing students and faculty above anything else, and President's Directive 5 and issues of free speech.

Academic Standards Committee [Walk] F, 3-23-12

M. Filowitz provided an overview of changes to be made to UPS 300.015 Repetition of Courses in light of EO 1037. He and M. Whatley will undertake an effort to draft these revisions and share them with the committee via email. M. Filowitz called on the committee to summarize its views on UPS 300.020 University Writing Requirements and propose corresponding changes to the policy in light of concerns expressed during its February 17, 2012 meeting. These concerns centered on the measurement validity of the Examination in Writing Proficiency (EWP) and questions about exam security. The committee also agreed that the policy should be revised to emphasize writing standards established and measured by departments in light of specific student learning objectives. Accordingly, the committee agreed to propose revisions to the policy deleting sections I. A., B., C. and D of UPS 300.020 designating the EWP requirement (and other sections mentioning the EWP exam) and adding language to section II establishing college-based standards for upper division writing courses, as approved by the University Writing Board. M. Filowitz will draft these changes and share them with the committee via email.

Curriculum Committee [Guerin] F, 3-23-12 12:00-2:00 PM MH-141

UCC met and reviewed several courses, a few pending clarification of details on the proposal or sample syllabus. Chair Burgtorf or a specific committee members follow up with these prior to forwarding them on.

An issue raised was that programs that switch to online mode may pass increased costs to the Library. Students in online programs are entitled to have print items mailed to their home. (New online programs go through PRBC and Library expenses are included in the cost analysis.)

Internships & Service Learning Committee [Stambough] W, 3-21-12 9:00-10:00 AM

The Internship and Service Learning Committee met on 3-21. The committee discussed the Community Engagement Awards which will be publically announced at a University event on May 1st. The committee also discussed ways to streamline the CICE approval process for internships and service learning placements. This includes expansion of faculty training necessary to successfully engage in these programs. Finally, the committee discussed whether forms, screening, and assessment needs to be different for non-profit vs for-profit firms.

Senate Forum Board [Bedell] M, 4-2-12 9:00-10:00 AM

E. Bonney, E. Erickson, D. Kelman, and K. Kanel met to discuss the upcoming interview with President Hagan for the next SENATE FORUM issue. President Designee Mildred Garcia will also be interviewed in April for the same edition, spring 2012.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 8.1 General Education Committee - Request for Members to serve 3-year terms [Revise [BL 10-1](#) (p 20)]
Executive members discussed possible ways to divide GE workload pending the projected WASC final report. Gerald Patton will be invited to a future EC meeting for a broader discussion of assessment activities.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 Standing Committee Vacancies
The remainder of the meeting was spent on assignment of faculty to Standing Committees – using priority of “High Interest” from the Committee Interest Database.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Items will be moved to next Executive Committee agenda.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.2 GE Committee – Assessment and Recertification, Etc. [A.S. TC [10-13-11](#): GE Update]
9.3 Revised [UPS 412.010](#) Honors Programs [2-18-05] [Source: Honors Board]
9.4 Streamlining RTP Process
9.5 Update Mission and Goals
9.6 Statement on Professional Ethics