

Academic Senate Summary

Monday, February 13, 2006
3:15 - 5:00 pm
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Present:

Barbara Acker	Stephanie DeLusé	Bob Keim	John Rajadas
Madelaine Adelman	Janet Denhardt	Mary Kihl	Peter Rez
Craig Allen	Michael Dorman	Jerry Kingston	Duane Roen
Ron Alvarado	Sarah Duerden	Gary Kleemann	J. Duncan Shaeffer
Marcia Anderson	Paul Espinosa	Pauline Komnenich	Karen Smith
Jay Blanchard	Jack Farmer	Anne Kopta	Bob Stahl
Denise Bodman	John Fowler	Deborah Koshinsky	Dan Stanton
Harvey Bryan	Tony Garcia	Sharon Kurpius	Dallen Timothy
Richard Burg	Edwin Gonzales-Santin	Barbara Lafford	Phil Vandermeer
David Burstein	Ted Guleserian	Susan Mattson	Bill Verdini
Jeff Bush	Nora Gustavsson	Bob McPhee	Sarma Vrudhula
Sandy Cohn	Ron Hoffmeister	John Mitchell	George Watson
Richard Creath	Jane Humble	Ken Mossman	Hollie White
Peter Crozier	Bob Ismeurt	Helene Ossipov	
Sharon Crowley	Doug Johnson	Kurt Pany	

Substitutes: Barbara Keats for James Hershauer, Filiz Ozel for Maria Allison, Marjorie Zatz for Milt Glick

Guests: Gail Hackett, Vice Provost and Dean of the University College

1. CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order at 3:17 p.m. by Senate President Susan Mattson.

2. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (January 23, 2006).

The January 23 Senate Summary was approved as circulated and posted on the Senate Web page. Any further corrections should be directed to darby.shaw@asu.edu and a copy to Secretary of the Senate, anne.kopta@asu.edu.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A. Senate President's Report (Susan Mattson).

The voting is completed for revising the *ACD 112-01, Academic Assembly Membership*, to include all full-time contract faculty as members of the Academic Assembly. The three-year requirement for lecturers and senior lecturers will no longer be a requirement, as it was before, and now all lecturers and senior lecturers, instructors, clinical professors and professors of practice and research professors are now included as members of the Assembly. This does not change the voting rights of these individuals in their units, but they may vote in Assembly elections and may be elected to represent their unit in the Academic Senate if their bylaws allow.

Phil Parmenter's report of the ballot results may be viewed on the Senate Web page. It illustrates that 377 members out of the possible voters (1,902 faculty and academic professionals) responded and that equaled a 20% response rate. Of those 377 voters, 315 approved and 62

disapproved, for an 84% approval rate of responding voters. Now this revision will be added to the ACD Manual at the next regular revision of the manual.

The annual Legislative Picnic is being held downtown at the Capitol at the Wesley Bolin Plaza on Monday, February 20, between 11:30-1:00 p.m. A barbeque lunch will be provided, but you must rsvp by February 15 to Nancy Southern at the Alumni Office 5-5041. It is a good opportunity to meet and talk to your legislators on Presidents' Day.

B. University Provost's Report (Marjorie Zatz for Milt Glick).

In reference to the closing of the Open Horizons childcare site at the Broadmoor School, Vice Provost Zatz explained that this was not primarily due to a lack of funds. The portables which are being used for childcare are no longer safe, and the safety of the children is our greatest concern. A second major concern is the educational opportunities for ASU students, and these cannot be adequately met at this site. They are working to find childcare solutions (including infants and toddlers) to meet the needs of faculty, students, and staff at ASU, at a site to be determined.

A question was asked from the floor about parking and easy access to any new site that is developed because there was not enough parking before even at the other site. *Parking needs will be considered as we seek to resolve the problem.*

On Salaries: All full-time employees will be eligible for a one-time general salary adjustment of \$1,650 across the board this year, effective March 2006. There will also be a merit-based pool; however, distribution guidelines for the remainder of the salary pool have yet to be finalized. We will provide the Senate updates as more information becomes available.

Q- Employee and employer contribution rates for the Arizona State Retirement System have recently been increased 1.7 percent for the 2005-06 fiscal year effective July 1. Does that mean that retirees will receive less in their paychecks now? Are there any plans to address that? *Given the range in employee salaries, it is hard to say what percentage increase the \$1,650 represents for a given employee. We hope to have the salary adjustments analysis completed before the end of the spring semester so everyone will know what increase they are receiving.*

Vice Provost Zatz addressed Senate Motion #29, and explained why she urged approval of the recommendation to move the time frame of the third year probationary review (and second year for untenured associate professors) to the spring semester. This will give candidates more time to prepare their materials; however, she appreciates it may put more pressure on some departments since so much is due in the spring semester.

When asked about the progress on rolling contracts for lecturers, Vice Provost Zatz explained that she has not yet been able to send out letters to Deans and Chairs. Essentially her office feels that if a Department wishes to offer rolling contracts to those up for renewal, that her office will support that. She also noted that progress has been made on the addition of a third rank of lecturer, that of Principal Lecturer, and they are working with our sister universities to bring this to ABOR this spring.

President Mattson said there would be no further reports from the floor as the student body presidents and the Senate leaders from Polytechnic and West campuses could not be here today.

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

All items are considered for adoption by a single motion unless any item is removed from the agenda for further discussion. None were removed and they each were provided on the Senate Web page prior to this meeting. Senator Kihl read the items.

4.A Curriculum and Academic Programs Committee (Mary Kihl).

Senate Motion #14 (2005-2006) (Second Reading): The Curriculum and Academic Programs Committee recommends Academic Senate approval of a proposal submitted by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for the Reorganized Organizational Unit – School of Social and Family Dynamics (SSFD) (posted on Senate Web page)

Senate Motion #15 (2005-2006) (Second Reading): The Curriculum and Academic Programs Committee recommends Academic Senate approval of a proposal submitted by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for the establishment of a New Organizational Unit – Institute for Families, Children, and Society (IFCS)(posted on Senate Web page)

Senate Motion #16 (2005-2006) (Second Reading): The Curriculum and Academic Programs Committee recommends Academic Senate approval of a proposal submitted by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for the Reorganization of an Existing Academic Unit – School of Geographical Sciences (posted on Senate Web page)

There was a motion from the floor to approve the consent items. They were unanimously approved by a vote of those present.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.A Personnel Committee (Doug Johnson).

Regarding **Senate Motion #13 (2005-2006)** Senator Johnson said that this motion was approved at the January 23, 2006 Senate meeting with the recommendation that the Executive Committee come back to the Senate on February 13 with some language for the two amendments proposed at the Senate meeting on January 23. The change in wording was approved so that members of the university committee from a candidate's tenuring unit must recuse themselves from participation at the university committee level. They can still participate on a department level. This language was approved unanimously by a vote of those present.

Read the new language approved (in red) at <http://www.asu.edu/provost/asenate>

It was noted that the West Campus Senate is still working on their version of the P&T proposal, and at a time when there is final agreement between the campus Senates and the Promotion and Tenure Task Force, the policy will go forward to the Provost and the President.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.A Executive Committee (Susan Mattson).

Senate Motion #28 (2005-2006) on behalf of the University College -- Senate President Mattson introduced Vice Provost and Dean Gail Hackett to discuss this proposal. The Vice Provost requested that a suspension of the rules to vote and move this item to a second reading in order to meet catalog deadlines be published in the agenda. **"The Executive Committee recommends Academic Senate endorsement for consideration of special circumstances for increasing**

community college transfer credit limit from 64 credits to 75 lower division credits in select programs."

The Senate was uneasy in giving blanket permission to allow transfer of these credits to any program without extensive discussion first. The Senate later amended and approved this process for only the two programs mentioned here: the BIS in Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in Organizational Studies and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing for those students who already possess an AAS in Nursing and who are RNs.

There were a number of questions raised from the floor and noted:

- They will be moving very slowly before making any new agreements in order to catch program problems ahead of time.
- As a way to deal with the three to five year General Studies review, this will be written into the normal review process for each program agreement.
- To keep students from taking too many courses before graduation on top of their 75 transfer credits, their programs of study will be worked out carefully and their plans tracked until degree. The transferred credits will only transfer into programs they are accepted in. The credits will not transfer if a student decides to change their major once here. For the Nursing B.S. for example there are specific classes that must be taken at ASU.
- The University College will process all new agreements.
- Those proposals will not go through the normal process that CAPC degree and course proposals do, although that was suggested from the floor. The University College is trying to expedite transfer agreements to be positioned to move quickly into new degree areas that will benefit the university and its students. They will seek the Senate's endorsement on each new agreement being considered.

Following a successful motion to suspend the rules, the motion was unanimously passed by a voice vote of those present to endorse it as amended.

Senate Motion #29 (2005-2006). Vice Provost Zatz clarified that this item comes as an information item to the Senate (and does not require a second reading). President Mattson read the motion: "The Executive Committee recommends Academic Senate approval **to move the time of the third year probationary review (and second year for untenured associate professors) to the spring semester, rather than the fall semester. This requires replacing the word "fall" with "spring" in two places in ACD 506-03.** There were no objections, and the proposal and motion were approved by a voice vote of those present.

6.B Curriculum and Academic Programs Committee (Mary Kihl).

Information Items from CAPC that do not require further Senate action were read into the record:

- College of Public Programs School of Community Resources & Development Establishment of a Minor in Nonprofit Management
- School of Public Affairs Establishment of a Minor in Urban and Metropolitan Studies
- Herberger College of Fine Arts Disestablishment of a Concentration B.A. Art (Studio Art). Followed by Establishment of a Concentration B.A. Art (Art Studies)
- College of Education Curriculum and Instruction & SESE Establishment of a Concentration within an existing BAE degree Earth & Space Sciences

Action Items were given a first reading, and will be voted on March 20:

- College of Design Implementation of a New Degree Program B.A. in Design Studies **Senate Motion #18 (2005-2006) (First Reading).**

A motion was made to suspend the rules to expedite the next three items for a second reading so they could be placed on the next Board of Regents agenda, but that motion failed.

- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences School of Earth and Space Exploration
Implementation of a New Degree Program B.S. in Earth and Space Exploration
Senate Motion #19 (2005-2006)(First Reading).

- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences School of Earth and Space Exploration
Implementation of a New Academic Graduate Degree Program M.S. in Astrophysics
Senate Motion #20 (2005-2006) (First Reading)

- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences School of Earth and Space Exploration
Implementation of a New Ph.D. Degree Program Ph.D. in Astrophysics
Senate Motion #21 (2005-2006) (First Reading)

Discussion that followed revealed members of the Senate were not willing to expedite these items without having seen the curriculum for the MA and PhD programs, which were not available to review. One member from Physics explained that he did not know what is in these courses. The Senate could see no reason to expedite the motions, given that the ABOR meeting is not until April and we have a Senate meeting in March. Expediting items to a second reading and approval is serious and the Senate did not want to be forced to vote on this without prior notice or an explanation. Therefore these items will be presented for a second reading at the March meeting.

- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Department of Kinesiology Name Change of a Ph.D. Program from Ph.D. in Exercise Science to Ph.D. in Kinesiology
Senate Motion #22 (2005-2006) (First Reading)

- College of Public Programs School of Community Resources & Development
Implementation of a New Degree Program B.S. in Nonprofit Leadership and Management
Senate Motion #23 (2005-2006) (First Reading)

- College of Public Programs School of Community Resources & Development
Implementation of a B.S. in Tourism Development and Management
Senate Motion #24 (2005-2006) (First Reading)

- College of Public Programs School of Public Affairs Implementation of a New Degree Program B.A./B.S. in Urban and Metropolitan Studies
Senate Motion #25 (2005-2006) (First Reading)

- College of Public Programs School of Public Affairs Implementation of New Graduate Degree Program (MPP) Master of Public Policy
Senate Motion #26 (2005-2006) (First Reading)

- W.P. Carey School of Business Department of Economics Disestablishment of a Degree B.A. in Economics. The B.S. Economics degree will be retained by the W.P. Carey School and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
Senate Motion #27 (2005-2006) (First Reading)

6.C Personnel Committee (Doug Johnson).

Senator Johnson reported that on February 27, there will be a presentation on programs to acquaint us further with optional retirement program changes and investment opportunities in our new programs. Watch for announcements on that from HR.

Major progress is being made on the following:

- Health insurance for retirees
- The possibility of a one-time switch in retirement plans is still being worked on; he noted there are some large political maneuverings on this one, but the idea is still a valid one.

6.D Student Faculty Policy Committee (Bill Verdini).

Senator Verdini reported that the committee will be meeting on the last Monday of each month this spring, and the next meeting is Monday, February 27, at 8:30 a.m. in the ADM B365 conference room. The agenda will include: 1) consideration of a proposal to implement a way to "remove past academic dishonesty charges from a student's record" – by taking appropriate classes similar to our traffic courts; 2) a proposal from student government about what might be done about the high cost of textbooks; 3) an assignment from President Mattson to review and assess the use of the plus/minus grading system. We hope to report on that in mid-May.

President Mattson said that when this program was approved, the Senate asked for a three-year review of the plus/minus grading system, and the students have asked us to begin doing that now. We are assessing the quantity at this time, how many professors use the system, and then we will look at qualitative data from our students and professors on what their feelings are about the program now.

A senator: I wish to express thanks to the University Promotion and Tenure Task Force because they brought a measure of coherence and consensus to the new plan for P&T; it was a very difficult task. Thank you. (Much clapping followed.)

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Anne Kopta, Secretary of the Senate

Darby Shaw, Executive Assistant