

2009/2010 Academic Senate

MINUTES
December 7, 2009

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. and roll call was taken by the Senate Administrator. Forty-five Senators were present.

Ex Officio:

Present: Kaufman, Lessow-Hurley,
Baker, Van Selst, Meldal,
Whitmore, Sabalius

Administrative Representatives:

Present: Selter, Lee, Najjar

Present: Walters

Emeritus Representative:

Present: Buzanski
CASA Representatives:
Present: Hendrick, Schultz-Krohn,
Absent: Correia, Kao, Fee

COB Representatives:

Present: Campsey, Roldan, Jiang

EDUC Representatives:

Present: Smith, Kimbarow

ENGR Representatives:

Present: Gleixner, Backer
Absent: Du

H&A Representatives:

Present: Butler, Brown, Brada-Williams, Fleck
Absent: Desalvo, Van Hooff

SCI Representatives:

Present: McClory, Williams, Silber, McGee

Kaufman responded that the minutes would be amended. A motion was made and approved to approve the minutes of November 16, 2009 as amended. The Senate voted and the minutes were approved with 1 abstention.

Communications and Questions –

In the Chair of the Senate:

The President announced that the Executive Committee had given him a list of names to consider for the search committee for the Vice President for Student Affairs, and he is in the process of putting together that committee. The President hopes to convene the committee at least once before the end of the fall semester, but if that is not possible then first thing in the spring.

The President announced that they are preparing an Op Ed piece that outlines the impact the

VI. Policy Committee and University Library Board Action Items. In rotation.

A. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R) - No report.

B. Organization and Government Committee (O&G):

Senator Heiden presented *AS 1426, Senate Management Resolution, Revision to Admissions and Standards Committee Title (Final Reading)*. Senator Backer wanted to know why the committee didn't combine AS 1426 and AS 1427 into one resolution. Senator Heiden responded that the O&G Committee considered them to be 2 separate issues. Senator Backer noted that they still could have been combined on the same resolution. Senator Heiden responded that it was recommended to her that they be separate resolutions. A motion was made to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded.

Meldal amendment failed. Senator Silber made a motion to return the resolution to the I&SA Committee for a rewrite. The motion was seconded. The Senate voted and the Silber motion failed. Senator Van Selst presented an amendment to add an additional paragraph to the, *Verification of rosters*, section to read, “Students are encouraged to reconcile their MySJSU schedule of classes with the courses they think they are enrolled in.” **The Senate voted and AS 1428 passed as amended.**

D. University Library Board (ULB) – No report.

E. Professional Standards Committee (PS) – No report.

VII. Special Committee Reports – No reports

VIII. New Business –

A. Presentation by the California Faculty Association (CFA) –

Mr. Jonathan Karpf gave a brief presentation for the CFA. Mr. Karpf noted that this is the most dismal bargaining climate that the CFA has ever faced. The CFA is currently in fact-finding for the 2008-2009 General Salary Increases (GSI), Service Salary Increases (SSI), and equity raises for Associate and full Professors. The Chancellor’s Office offered 0-0-0 for those in bargaining. The CFA and the Chancellor’s Office went through the statutory process of mediation, which didn’t bring both parties back to the table. The CFA and the Chancellor’s Office are now entering the last statutory stage of fact-finding. The CFA tried to combine the 0-0-0 offer for 2009-2010 with the zero offer for 2008-2009, but was unable to do so. The CFA is currently entering mediation on the 2009-2010 offer, but they suspect it will have to go through its own fact-finding. The CFA is trying to get something from the previously bargained raises in the current contract, but that remains to be seen.

Fact-finding is non-binding process. Even if the fact-finding report supports the raises, the administration may not. If the administration refuses to offer anything but zero on the previously negotiated raises, it puts the faculty in the unenviable position (given the current climate) of having it imposed on them, in which case the CFA can enter into certain activities.

Questions:

Senator Heiden commented that it was her understanding that some of the state unions have delayed entering into bargaining given the current climate, rather than enter into a contract that is not to our advantage and wanted to know if the CFA had considered this. Senator Heiden also wanted to know if the CFA supported the resolution passed by the CSU Statewide Academic Senate regarding the March 2, 2009 furlough day.

Mr. Karpf responded that to the best of his knowledge none of the CSU bargaining units had delayed opening up their successor contract bargaining. The Academic Professionals (APC), for example, was invited by the Chancellor’s Office to engage in what is called *Interest-Based Bargaining*. Interest-Based Bargaining is a non-confrontational style of bargaining. It is predicated on mutual trust. APC is skeptical. It isn’t something, given the current climate, that the CFA would consider engaging in.

Mr. Karpf noted that they have 2 options when the current contract expires. The CFA can go for an extension of the current collective bargaining agreement, or open up the entire contract. However, the CFA may consider extending the current contract, because opening up the entire contract for bargaining could result in the CSU asking for takebacks. The CFA is currently surveying faculty at each campus to determine which direction the faculty want them to proceed. If all the articles were opened up for bargaining, the CSU has indicated that they would like to make major modifications to Article 10, the Gr

On page ii, there is a chart showing the State General Fund revenue, the CSU percentage of the State General Fund revenue, and the Department of Finance (DOF) projected revenue need for the State General Fund. There is a gap between the DOF projected State General Fund Revenue need, and the actual State General Fund revenue beginning in 2007-2008 and that gap has continued to widen to \$20.6 billion today. The CSU percentage of the State General Fund has also continued to decrease from 3.69% in 1999 to 1.80% today. In November 2009, the Trustees

use of lottery funds to permanently fund certain programs such as diversity projects, and the pre-doctoral program. Page 31 gives a complete breakdown of the funding for these programs.

C. Resolution presented from the floor by Senator Sabalius.

Senator Sabalius presented a *Sense of the Senate Resolution, In Support of ASCSU Resolution, AS 2912-09/FA, Furlough Implementation and Faculty Rights (Final Reading)*. Senator Lessow-Hurley presented an amendment to remove the Whereas clause. The Senate voted and the Lessow-Hurley amendment was approved with 1 Nay. Senator Buzanski made a motion to call the question. The Senate voted and the motion was approved. **The Senate voted and the resolution was approved, as amended, with 3 Nays, and 2 abstentions.**

IX. State of the University Announcements. Questions. In rotation.

A. Vice President for Student Affairs – No report.

B. Associated Students (AS) President – No report.

C. Vice President for University Advancement – No report.

D. CSU Statewide Senators – No report.

E. Provost – No report.

F. Vice President for Finance and Administration – No report.

X. Adjournment – A motion was made to extend the meeting for 10 minutes. The motion was seconded. The Senate voted and the motion failed. The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.