

Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 3:00-5:00 pm, Goodwin Forum (NHE 102)

Acting Chair Julia Alderson called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm on Tuesday March 10, 2015 Goodwin Forum, Nelson Hall East, Room 103; a quorum was present.

Members present:

Abell, Alderson, Blake, Bruce, Burkhalter, Creadon, Dinzes, Eschker, Flynn, Geck, Gold, Ingerson, Karadjova, Karl, Meyer, Moyer, Ortega, President Rossbacher, Shaeffer, Stubblefield, Thobaben, Tillinghast, Wrenn

Members absent:

Lopes, McGuire, Mola, O'Neill, Zerbe, Zorn

Guests:

Ken Ayoob, Jená Burges, Natasha Sanders, Juan Cervantes, Clint Rebik, Rick Zechman, Daniela Vargas

Announcement of Proxies

Stubblefield for Mola

Approval of and Adoption of Agenda

M/S (Ortega/Bruce) to approve and adopt the agenda Motion passed

Approval of Minutes from the March 10, 2015 Meeting

M/S (Stubblefield/Flynn) to approve the minutes
Motion passed, 1 abstention

Reports, Announcements, and Communication of the Acting Chair

No report

Reports of Standing Committees, Statewide Senators, and Ex-officio Members

- Associated Students
Associated Student Elections will take place April 21-23, 2015.
- California Faculty Association
CFA representative will meet with President Rossbacher to discuss Faculty salaries.
- Vice President Blake
Humboldt State University will have a candlelight vigil to remember the victims of last year's bus accident and those affected by the tragedy. The vigil will be held at Founders Hall Courtyard on Friday, April 10, at approximately 5 p.m. Open to all, the ceremony will include a moment of silence, and the dedication of plaque to honor those who lost their lives in the charter bus accident on Interstate 5 near Orland, Calif.
- President Rossbacher
Last month, the HSU community came together to brainstorm about the direction of the University during three Strategic Plan workshops. Task forces have reviewed all the feedback from those workshops and drafted recommendations which have been submitted to the Steering Committee. Results of faculty and student surveys are in and will be folded into the final product.

- Integrated Curriculum Committee

The ICC is working on:

Curriculum Proposals. Reminder: the Priority deadline for Program Changes is Tuesday, March 24.

Draft revisions of catalog copy using the new “Concentration” and “Emphasis” terminology. Our draft proposed revisions have been sent to each program for further correction and/or approval.

Revisions to the PREP process and reports.

Revisions to the ICC Constitution. The goals are to clarify the roles of each member of the committee, and make any needed adjustments based on our experiences of being able and unable to fill committee seats.

- Faculty Affairs

FAC met on Tuesday, March 3rd. Suzanne Scott, Chair of the Professional Leave Committee attended to further discuss proposed changes to the Professional Leave process. We will be bringing forward a resolution on this topic by the end of this AY. We are also currently working on a resolution instructing APS to develop guidelines for the submission of electronic evaluative RTP letters. This resolution will come before the Senate at the April 7th meeting.

Consent Calendar from the Integrated Curriculum Committee (ICC)

No items were presented for this meeting

TIME CERTAIN: 3:15-3:30 PM - Open Forum for the Campus Community

Members of the campus community were in attendance to discourage Senate support for the Second Reading of the Academic Policies Committee’s Resolution on Decoupling Drop/Add from Census (#22-14/15-APC – 3/10/15).

Resolution on Decoupling Drop/Add from Census (22-14/15-APC – 3/10/15)

Second Reading

The rationale of the resolution and the advantages that it would provide for students were discussed and debated. Those in favor and not in favor spoke for and against the resolution with each side pointing out the potential impact on students. Those participating in the discussion seemed to agree that the resolution benefitted students differently depending on their discipline. It was the opinion of some that more research needed to be done before a final decision is made.

M/S (Ortega/Gold) for the resolution to return to the committee for further review
Motion passed, 2 nays, 1 abstention

Discussion Item: Mean Teaching Evaluation Scores

Senator Bruce provided information and current data on the University's Mean Teaching Evaluation Scores as well as an update on the electronic evaluation procedures and the proportion of responses

TIME CERTAIN: 3:30 PM Unfinished Business – Dual Listed Courses Discussion

Senator Abell provided an update and a reminder that a letter had been drafted by Senate Chair Zerbe as a statement to reflect the sense of the University Senate.

TIME CERTAIN: 3:45 PM – Faculty Awards Recommendations to Senate

The Senate assembled for a closed session as a member of the Faculty Awards Committee presented the Senate with the committee's recommendations for the recipients of the 2014-15 Distinguished Faculty Awards.

M/S (Bruce /Moyer) to resume a regular open session
Motion passed unanimously

M/S (Thobaben/Ortega) to accept the committee's recommendations
Motion passed unanimously and will be forwarded to the President for approval

Resolution in Support of AS-3197-14 – Academic Freedom (23-14/15-EX – 3/10/15)

This resolution will serve to update current yet outdated policies.

M/S (Gold/Meyer) to vote on the resolution
Resolution passed unanimously

M/S (Creadon/Eschker) to send to the Chair of the Statewide Senate
Motion passed unanimously

Resolution on Establishing a Dean’s List (24-14/15-APC – 3/110/15)

First Reading

Senator Stubblefield provided explanation. It was mentioned that in addition to the current Presidential Scholar’s List, this would provide another opportunity for students to be honored and for their transcripts to be noted with this academic achievement.

Resolution will come back to the Senate for a Second Reading

TIME CERTAIN: 4:40 PM – Resolution on a New School Social Work Pupil Personnel Services Credential (21-14/15-ICC – 3/10/15)

Senators had the opportunity to study the resolution and were further informed by Professor Swartz that he had been given confirmation from his administration stating that a Lecturer could receive assigned time for serving as the PPSC-SW Program Leader.

M/P (Ortega/Abell) to vote on the resolution
Resolution passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned 4:39pm