

Chair VerLinden called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm on Tuesday, August 24, 2010, Nelson Hall East, Room 102 (Goodwin Forum). A quorum was present.

Members present: Altschul, Berman, Cheyne, Craig, Crowder-Fiore, Ellerd, Faulk, Flashman, Heise, Knox, Mola, Mortazavi, Moyer, Nordstrom, Powell, Reiss, Richmond, Rizzardi, Shaeffer, Snyder, Thobaben, Van Duzer, VerLinden.

Members absent: Tripp, Webb, Whitlatch, Yarnall.

Proxies: Shaeffer for Goodman.

Guests: Burges, Berry, Curiel, Mullery, Ayooob, Lee.

1. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of May 4, 2010

M/S/P (Mortazavi/Van Duzer) to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 4, 2010 as written.

2. Reports, Announcements, and Communications of the Chair

Chair VerLinden discussed his style of chairing the Senate. He will advocate for the Senate and the faculty in a collaborative, non-confrontational way. He respects past practices but is open to change and believes in a healthy exchange of ideas balanced with a need to move forward. He feels it is important to recognize individuals' contributions and would appreciate members of the Senate letting him know about noteworthy activities.

Senators Knox, Cheyne, Powell, and Van Duzer were thanked for attending meetings during the summer on Chair VerLinden's behalf. Gratitude was expressed to Senator Mortazavi for his leadership and work on behalf of the Senate.

Chair VerLinden reported that the Senate Executive Committee has made the following decisions in regard to streamlining Senate meetings:

- Senators and/or faculty are responsible for writing resolutions to be presented to the Senate. The Senate Office ASC will help with formatting and editing.
- Senate minutes will now be written as business minutes, rather than the lengthy, detailed minutes that have been provided in the past.
- In order to help streamline meetings, the Senate will try a 'first' and 'second' reading process for resolutions. The 'first' reading will be presented and discussed and returned to the sponsoring committee with feedback. The resolution will be brought back for a 'second' reading. If needed, amendments and changes are made during the 'second'

reading.

- Everyone is asked to condense comments as much as possible, for example, rather than repeating the same arguments, just note agreement with a previous statement.

For AY 2010/2011, the Senate will focus its attention on the University's five priorities: 1) Student Success, 2) Collegiality, 3) Advancing the University's Mission, 4) Evidence-based Decision-Making, and 5) Governance.

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

Academic Policies Committee (Van Duzer): No report.

Faculty Affairs Committee (Knox): No report.

Integrated Curriculum Committee (Moyer): The ICC held a summer retreat to work on revisions to the program review process. Work is continuing. Work on prioritization will resume in ICC subcommittees next week.

Faculty Representatives to the Statewide Senate (Thobaben/Cheyne): The Statewide Senate meets on September 12. There are a number of pieces of legislation that are being discussed and watched closely, including SB1440, *California Community Colleges: student transfer*, which is of the most concern right now. The Bill is general, but its implementation will raise a number of policy issues.

Associated Students (Rodriguez): A.S. held its first meeting yesterday. There are still many vacancies on the A.S. Council. The A.A. will have a Fall retreat on September 10-12.

California Faculty Association (Shaeffer): No report.

Administrative Affairs (Nordstrom): 430 students have moved into the new College Creek Residence Halls. The soccer field and community center building are not yet completed; they should be completed by second semester. The soccer facility will be open for use this season. The Redwood Manor apartments are being removed and the parking lot will be expanded. Completion time will depend greatly upon the weather. The University Budget Book is available on the University Budget Office's web site. Since the State of California does not have a budget yet, HSU (along with other CSU campuses) is using reserve funds to cover Cal Grants; over \$2.5 million dollars this semester. Campuses will lobby and fight to get the money back from Sacramento after the budget is passed.

The Senate offered its congratulations and thanks to VP Nordstrom on the opening of the new College Creek Apartments. He will pass along the message to the staff who worked on the project.

General Faculty (Powell): An expanded Faculty Affairs Committee has begun the process of

drafting a constitution for a university senate. Everyone was encouraged to pay attention to the process and forthcoming proposal. General Faculty President Powell encouraged faculty to look at the San Diego State model side by side with the current HSU faculty constitution and senate bylaws and compare. He would like to hear from anyone regarding the governance re-structuring.

Academic Affairs (Snyder): The Academic Affairs administrative retreat focused on student learning outcomes and academic success. A.A. is still working through a plan to reduce the base budget by \$7.25 million dollars and is within ca. \$1.25 million of doing that. HSU has ca. 1300 freshmen this Fall, 200 over what was planned for. There are 800-900 transfer students – a little higher than in the past. HSU will be declaring impaction for first time freshmen next year. The 13 unit cap on enrollment, implemented this Fall, is being watched very carefully to see how it works. Currently, the average student load is lagging by about a half a unit.

President's Office (Richmond): The President did not have anything to report on the State budget – little progress has been made in Sacramento. He will be attending an Executive Committee meeting at the Chancellor's Office next week. President Richmond stressed the importance of re-structuring governance at HSU and feels that it is critical to get it done this year. He encouraged faculty to help Associated Students fill its vacancies by informing students in classes about the open positions and encouraging them to become active. The Provost is chairing the search committee for a Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs. VP Nordstrom is chairing the search committee for a Vice President of Advancement. Faculty were asked to forward ideas for recruiting good candidates.

Chair VerLinden reminded everyone of the committee vacancies that need to be filled. Faculty who are interested in serving should contact the Academic Senate Office. The Academic Policies Committee and the Faculty Affairs Committee both need senators to serve on them. The Change Steering Committee needs a faculty member, preferably from CPS or CNRS.

4. **Consent Calendar** – There was no consent calendar for August 24.

5. **TIME CERTAIN: 4:15-4:30 – Open forum for the campus community**

Senator Flashman spoke to the proposed governance reorganization. He read an excerpt from the editor's preface to the 1969 Encyclopedia Britannica. He urged everyone to keep in mind the purpose of HSU as an institution of higher education during the reorganization process. And he stated there is a need to maintain a reasonable sub-structure for faculty self-governance in order to provide meaningful participation of the faculty, commensurate with its responsibility to the academy.

ACTION ITEMS

6. **Resolution on Transforming Two Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) Major Options (Ethnic Studies and Women's Studies) Into a New IS Major Option: *Critical Race, Gender and Sexuality Studies* (Resolution #01-10/11-ICC).**

M/S (Moyer/Thobaben) to place the resolution on the floor.

Resolution on Transforming Two Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) Major Options (Ethnic Studies and Women's Studies) into a new IS Major Option: *Critical Race, Gender, and Sexuality Studies*

Resolved: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends to the Provost that Curriculum Proposals 09-300 to 09-324 be approved in order to transform the existing Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) Major Options (Ethnic Studies and Women's Studies) into a new IS Major Option: *Critical Race, Gender, and Sexuality Studies*.

Rationale: The new IS-CRGS Major Option offers a strengthened curriculum and a more cost-effective course structure. See the attached information from the ICC.

It was noted that representatives for new option are present to answer questions as needed.

Discussion:

- A benefit of combining the two existing options into one is that it better reflects changes in the two fields and what has been an ongoing collaboration at HSU. The timing is in part due to budget, but the primary driving force was a creative process to develop an improved option.
- A new department has been formed – the Department of Critical Race, Gender and Sexuality Studies. The new department combines faculty from the former Women's Studies and Ethnic Studies programs.
- It was noted that the Ethnic Studies program no longer bears the sole responsibility of diversifying the faculty; that responsibility is now shared across the University.
- This is not a new program (it combines and condenses previously existing programs) and is now more efficient. A new prioritization process would have to be undertaken to determine how the program would be prioritized.

Voting occurred on Resolution #01-10/11-ICC and **PASSED** with 1 Abstention.

7. New Business

Chair VerLinden called for new business.

The topic of taping senate meetings was discussed at the Senate Executive Committee retreat and it has been suggested that meetings no longer need to be recorded. Senators were asked if there were any objections to no longer having tapes of the meetings.

Discussion:

It was suggested that for motions and amendments that come from the floor, it would be advantageous to either require them in written form, or continue having an audio recording of them. There is an advantage to having tapes of meetings.

M/S (Cheyne/Heise) that tape recordings no longer be made of regular Senate meetings.

Discussion:

Since meeting minutes go through an approval process, there is always an opportunity for clarification.

Having 1st and 2nd readings will also help facilitate the process.

With a move to less detailed minutes, the recordings are not needed to help with writing the minutes. Tapes have only been used for the purpose of creating the minutes and have never been archived.

Voting occurred on the motion and **PASSED** with 1 No vote and 2 Abstentions.

Chair VerLinden adjourned the meeting at 5:02 pm.