

Appointments and Elections Committee (AEC) (Alderson):

The AEC appointed Laurie Pinkert (English) to the Service Learning/Academic Internships Advisory Committee.

The AEC is working with the Constitution and Bylaws Committee regarding the Senate Constitution amendment process.

General Faculty Representatives to the ASCSU (Creadon and Eschker):

The plenary meeting took place on October 30-November 1. Passed resolutions can be viewed here: <http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/2013-2014/>

Of particular relevance the HSU,

California Community Colleges are considering offering bachelorette degrees, especially in nursing and health fields, where there are “bottlenecks.” The Chancellor agreed that this could be used as a way to ask for more funds for the CSU.

We passed Legislative Advocacy Principles and Guidelines to guide the Executive Committee as the Senate wants a more proactive approach to respond to legislative intrusion into curricular matters as well as shared governance.

Cal State Online is going through reorganization, and it is not fully clear exactly if it will continue to try to offer online degrees or if it will simply become a “portal” through which students find existing online programs at the individual campuses. Pearson is renegotiating their contract with CSU, since they have lost lots of money. The Senate passed a bill that addresses concerns in regard to the potential dissolution of the Board and lack of faculty involvement in the decision making process.

We passed a resolution to ensure the continuous presence of a faculty trustee on the Board of Trustee and thanked Chancellor White and other groups for their support in securing the appointment of the faculty trustee.

CSU Trustee Douglas Faigin spoke. He seemed convinced that online education will relieve “bottlenecks” in access and completion at the CSU. He didn’t think being a “for profit” company that helped to offer online options was a bad thing. Does not think MOOCs are necessarily the way to go, but thinks online can reduce costs in terms of CSU faculty reaching more students.

As a first reading, a resolution of Recommendation to Amend Title 5 to Establish Appropriate Unit Limits for Engineering Degrees. Requests that unit limits for engineering degrees be established at 132 semester units (198 quarter units) as distinguished from other Bachelor of Science degrees.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee (CBC) (Bruce):

Committee Membership: Richard Bruce (chair), Jeff Abell, Ken Fulgham, Jeremy Shellhase,
Steve Tillinghast

The CBC meets Wednesdays at 3pm in NHE 116.

October 30

Present: Bruce, Abell, Shellhase, Tillinghast, (Phillips, guest)

Absent: Fulgham

Agenda Items:

- Updates/Announcements: 1) celebrated first consent item to pass the Senate yesterday and 2) discussed CCC suspension
- Constitution Feedback: the committee reviewed all feedback (deadline for feedback was Oct 24) and addressed each item. Results were to reword preamble (remove “pledge”) and revert 9.0 to original text. Agreed to invite AEC to next meeting to discuss amendment process as outlined in 9.0 and prepare a resolution with final updates and a strong rationale document.
- Censure/Expulsion/Recall/Impeachment of Senators/Officers. Continued the discussion and highlighted potential quagmire with process.

November 6, 2013

Bruce, Abell, Shellhase, Fulgham, Tillinghast, (Phillips, guest)

Agenda items:

- Updates/Announcements: 1) Discussed topics and concerns about voting procedures in preparation for next week’s combined meeting with AEC. (Note: voting procedures must be approved by Senate, so they will be on a Senate agenda twice for readings and approval.)
- Censure/Expulsion/Impeachment of Senators/Officers. Continued discussion on what each means, and who should have authority to censure/expel/impeach and where each should be located (Constitution, Bylaws, GF Constitution, Staff Council Constitution, AS Constitution...).

Agenda for November 13, 2013, in NHE 116

- Final preparations for meeting with AEC on Thursday, Nov 14 at 1:30 in NHE 118 to discuss procedures for approving Constitutional changes/amendments (per 9.0 of Constitution: “The Senate shall direct the Appointments and Elections Committee to conduct a vote on all proposed amendments.”).
- Final discussions on Constitution amendment.
- Continue exploring bylaws or constitution changes to recall/censure/expulse/impeach officers/senators, including reviewing how other senates handle this.

Academic Policies Committee (APC) (Gold): The APC did not meet last week as the legal status of the proposed resolution on special cases of administrative-academic disqualification has not yet been resolved.

University Senate Chair (Zerbe):

I attended the OAA Working Group Meeting. Discussion focused on space requests on campus. Group agreed to prioritize its decision making based on the following principles:

1. Classroom and lab refresh and capacity
2. Office space for faculty
3. Co-locating Units (RISS would be first priority but not necessarily all under one roof; HR/APS would be second; CEEE would be third)
4. Common Student Space (recognized need for conceptual discussion and challenges posed by current space utilization rules).