

Academic Senate

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, March 27, 2006 * 3:00-5:00 * Room 1108

MINUTES

Executive Committee members present					
x	Cathy Anderson		Toby Bodeen	x	Carolyn Borg
x	Dave Bush	x	Candace Byrne	x	Stephen Concklin
x	Kendall Crenshaw		Jeff Cummings (N/V)		Kevin Fox
x	Karen Henderson		Pamela Hanford	x	April Howell
x	Gary Lewis (N/V)	x	Sue Loring (N/V)		Warren Lytle
x	Ron Marley	x	Erin Martin	x	Susan Meacham
x	Frank Nigro		Alan Spivey	x	Chuck Spotts
x	Maureen Stephens	x	Terry Turner	x	Laura Valvatne

x	Andrea Williams		Dave Wright (N/V)		
Other faculty present					
x	Liz Waterbury	x	Dean Munroe		
Guests present					
x	Scott Gordon	x	Catherine Jackson		

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:00.

2. Approval of Minutes –03/13/06 (1 Attachment): Terry Turner moved approval and Chuck Spotts seconded. Two changes were made to the minutes. The motion carried unanimously as amended.

3. Reports

a. None.

4. Discussion/Action Items

a. Tenure Review Process of Jeff Wharton (No Attachment): *Jeff Wharton wants to discuss his tenure review process with the Senate.*

Jeff Wharton read a statement about his tenure review process. According to his statement, he did not get tenure, and he did not get it because of problems with how his committee handled his tenure process. He cited reasons for why he wanted to appeal this decision to the Senate. After he read his appeal, he left, and Cathy Anderson suggested that we compose a written response to Jeff.

The Senate composed the following response:

Since your tenure process has been completed, the Senate has no authority to take any action on this issue.

b. Program Review Schedule (One Attachment): *The 2006-2011 draft schedule is attached for our consideration.*

Every year Caryn sends out the Program Review chart. There have been no changes since our last change. Susan Meacham moved approval; Steven Concklin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Humanities and Dance will still have to be done this year. Cathy had sent out a request to Gary Lewis requesting stipends for adjunct faculty to do program reviews for programs that do not have any fulltime faculty. Gary noted that they were trying to work through the problem that may be created by issuing stipends for doing program reviews, but not for activities such as writing curriculum. Gary will be talking about this with Cabinet this week. They are going to try to find a way to offer stipends.

c. Excellent Educator-Terry (No Attachments): *Terry sent the nomination letter under a separate email. If you did not receive it, please contact her before the meeting.*

There's only one nomination for this, which is Frank Nigro. Laura Valvatne moved approval of the nomination; Andrea Williams seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Some very nice things were said about Frank. It was noted that the nomination letter was particularly well written.

d. Elections-Terry (No Attachments): *Terry will conduct the elections for the President, Vice President and Secretary of the Senate for the 2006-2007 academic year.*

Terry Turner, as Vice President, handled the elections. She noted that we can vote by ballots, or else we can simply do nominations from the floor. Cathy moved we vote by voice; April Howell seconded. The motion carried unanimously. In the ensuing voice vote, Frank Nigro was nominated for President. The motion carried unanimously. Susan Meacham was nominated for VP. The motion carried unanimously. Candace Byrne was nominated for Secretary. The motion carried unanimously. The new officers will take office at the first fall meeting.

e. Flex Day-Cathy (No Attachments): *The committee that works on putting together flex day wants input on possible offerings.*

Pat Demo's Flex Day committee would like ideas for what to do with Flex Day. Please send suggestions to Candace or to Pat.

Candace, who is on the new Flex staff development committee, asked if anyone could use a whole day for department business as the English Department could. This would let us use the time for things like, say, doing SLO work. Several

Senate members noted that having flexibility on Flex Day would be useful for departmental business.

Cathy asked the Senate to brainstorm some ideas for Flex. One recommendation was that there be a standard two hours set aside each Flex day for departmental business. Terry suggested that Kendall Crenshaw's presentation on students' learning styles be offered at the next Flex Day.

One suggestion was that we do a field trip or that we even have Flex someday at the new Tehama Center. Also, there was a suggestion to have another workshop by Rhonda Nehr or Becky Bogener about trouble students. Someone suggested having a mini Great Teaching Seminar. The idea of using the Learning Academy for Flex Day also was suggested, and there was also the idea of doing a field trip to the new Tehama Center lands or to Camp LaTieze.

Cathy was drawn to the idea of a retreat and will send out an email asking us what the theme of our retreat should be.

Cathy noted that we need to make a list of things that would be automatically eligible for Flex credit to help clarify what individual Flex credit is about.

f. Other: Terry Turner had emailed us about a request to repeal the motion passed at the last Senate meeting. At the last meeting Sue Loring made a motion to change the title of the document "Program Review for Academic Programs" to "Program Review for Academic Disciplines". This motion passed. Terry realized that a consequence of us changing the title of this document is that every document that refers to this document or to this process will also need to be changed. Terry suggested that we repeal the motion from our last meeting. Sue Loring moved that we repeal the motion from the last meeting and Terry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Cathy again reminded everyone about the ad hoc committee she serves on along with Catherine Jackson. This committee is trying to figure out how "to plan the planning process." They will be putting together lots of processes and trying to think about issues/implications like this ahead of time.

5. Other: None.

6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

7. Next Meeting: 3:00 pm, April 24, 2006 in Room 1108.

