Academic Senate Executive Committee Minutes Monday, October 31, 2005 (Approved)

Present: President Al Bowman, Marian Hampton, Nathalie op de Beeck, Brett Schnepper, Ross Richards, Lynsey Wright, Farzaneh Fazel, Lane Crothers, Provost John Presley, Eileen Fowles, Dan Holland

Absent: Josh Garrison

Call to Order

Senate Chairperson Lane Crothers called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of October 3, 2005

Motion XXXVII-23: By Senator Fowles, seconded by Senator Fazel, to approve the Executive Committee Minutes of October 3, 2005. The minutes were approved by all members present, with the exception of Senator Holland, who abstained.

Distributed Communications:

09.14.05.01 From Administrative Affairs Committee: University Commemorative Day Policy – No Revisions (Senate Information Item on 11/9/05)

Senator Crothers: The University Commemorative Day Policy will be an information item at the next Senate meeting. It is a policy that says we should have an annual day commemorating the university, though I have no recollection of any such commemoration.

09.23.05.03 From Administrative Affairs Committee: Creation of Policy Policy (Senate Information Item on 11/9/05)

Senator Crothers: The Creation of Policy Policy doesn't appear to have been initiated before 2000.

Senator Holland: It strikes me as something that came about during the time of the great conflict.

10.13.05.01 From Rules Committee: CAS Bylaws – Revised (Senate Information Item on 11/9/05)

Senator Crothers: Did Gary Olson get in touch with you about the Arts and Sciences Bylaws?

Senator Holland: I know that there was a call, but I haven't gotten a chance to return it.

Senator Crothers: He is going to ask about an additional revision. I told him to call you to find out whether you thought it was editorial and could be easily attached to these revisions or if it should be handled separately.

10.13.05.02 From Amy Roser, Enrollment Management: Herb Sanders Award for Outstanding Academic Advisement – Request for Nominations (Senate Communication Item on 11/9/05)

Senator Crothers: The Herb Sanders Award information just goes out to the Senate as a communication item.

10.14.05.01 From Angelo Capperella: Trustee Bergman's Company - Incident: Oil Spill

10.17.05.01 From Angelo Capperella: SEAC Petitioning for Removal of Trustee Bergman

Senator Crothers: Trustee Bergman continues to have his oil issues.

Senator Holland: Is this a non-issue? I read in the paper today that he is not going to be reappointed until his legal problems are resolved.

President Bowman: He serves until he is removed, so even though his appointment has expired, he continues to serve at the Governor's discretion.

Senator Crothers: Do we wish to provide this information to the Senate as a follow up on prior discussions? Also, do

we wish to do anything with this?

Senator Fowles: So, his term expired in January, but he is not going to be reappointed?

President Bowman: No one knows that. When BOT members' terms expire, they continue to serve until the governor replaces them.

Senator Fowles: I don't know what we can do about it except voice our opinions. We could offer a Sense of the Senate resolution.

Senator Crothers: What Professor Capperella wants us to do is relatively clear; he wants us to take sides.

Senator op de Beeck: Since it was such a big deal last year where SEAC (Student Environmental Action Coalition) came to speak to the Senate, it is definitely worth following up.

Senator Crothers: How would you wish to do it?

President Bowman: It is hard to determine, in the context of the oil business and these kinds of wells, if this is an unusual event. I do know that the Pollution Control Board is taking it seriously.

Senator Crothers: Without an immediate hue and cry, I suggest that we present these as Senate communication items. If at that time, some senators express a desire to put together a small ad hoc committee to pursue other options, that would be entirely appropriate. We did that last time and may choose to do it again. The former resolution was brought to us by Senator op de Beeck and Former Senator Jim Reid.

Senator op de Beeck: I will ask Jim what he thinks about the situation.

President Bowman: I think that the Governor is waiting until the Pollution Control Board rules on his case before deciding on reappointment.

Senator Fowles: I would support a Sense of the Senate Resolution.

Senator Crothers: Perhaps you and Senator op de Beeck could chat about that and present a resolution to the Senate if you so chose.

10.24.05.01 From Jan Shane: Academic Standards Committee on Teaching Policy (Senate Information Item 11/9/05)

Senator Crothers: The Academic Standards Committee on Teaching Policy originated in 1969. It says that 'many undergraduates feel the threat of becoming anonymous due to large classrooms and large machines'. This document came about when graduate education was just expanding. Typically, we send policies on the review cycle to the Administrative Affairs Committee. I willing for the Executive Committee to forward it directly to the Senate with the intention of deletion because there are things in this that don't make any sense or are already in our ASPT document or elsewhere.

Senator Holland: It indicates that graduate education will negatively affect undergraduate education.

Senator Crothers: So, do you mind if we skip the Administrative Affairs phase and bring this as an information item to the Senate with the intention of deletion?

Senator Fowles: But there still is an Academic Standards Committee?

Senator Crothers: Yes—sort of.

Provost Presley: There is, but they haven't done anything.

Senator Fowles: But it plays a different role than this Academic Standards Committee on Teaching?

Senator Crothers: Much different. Long ago, I think that this committee was supplanted by things like the Council for Teacher Education. I take it then that there is no objection with the Executive Committee bringing this forward as information item with the intention of it becoming an action item for deletion.

There were no objections.

10.25.05.01 From Jonathan Rosenthal: Baccalaureate Degree Document - Revised

The baccalaureate degree document was forwarded to the Academic Affairs Committee for review.

10.27.05.01 From Academic Affairs Committee: 124-Hour Limitation for Undergraduate Degree Programs – Revisions to Baccalaureate Degree Document (Senate Information Item on 11/9/05)

Senator Crothers: I was very impressed with the 124-Hour Limitation Policy from the Academic Affairs Committee in the thoughtfulness of it and the way in which it provides exemptions. It will go to the Senate floor as an information item.

10.28.05.01 Faculty Salary Increment Memo (Provost Presley)

Senator Crothers: I have one that you don't have, the annual faculty salary increment memo from the Provost. If one were to get promoted from assistant to associate professor or from associate to full professor, there is a pay raise associated with that, which once, long ago, was not.

Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate Meeting of November 9, 2005:

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes of October 12, 2005

Chairperson's Remarks

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Administrators' Remarks

Committee Reports

IBHE-FAC Report

Information Items:

10.13.05.01 CAS Bylaws – Revised (Rules Committee)

Addition to Agenda: 10.31.05.01 COB Bylaws – Revised (Rules Committee)

10.27.05.02 124-Hour Limitation for Undergraduate Degree Programs – Revisions to Baccalaureate

Degree Document (Academic Affairs Committee)

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(Executive Committee)

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Documents approved by the Academic Senate or the Faculty Caucus, with subsequent final approval by President Bowman on October 31, 2005:

Senate Actions August 31, 2005 – October 21, 2005 09.29.05.02A Administrator Selection and Search Committee Policy Approved by the Academic Senate on 10/12/05

09.23.05.05 Faculty Associates Code of Ethics – Revised

Approved by the Academic Senate on 9/28/05

09.16.05.01 ASPT Document Regarding Matters of Confidentiality and Minority Reports - Revisions

Approved by the Senate Faculty Caucus on 9/28/05

11.16.05.12A Solicitation Policy – Revised

Approved by the Academic Senate on 10/12/05

09.29.05.01 Administrative Selection Committee – Panel of 10 Membership – Revisions

Approved by the Academic Senate on 10/12/05

10.03.05.01 Faculty Compensation Adjustment Plan

Approved by the Senate Faculty Caucus on 10/12/05

10.06.05.01 M.S. in College Student Personnel Administration

Approved by the Academic Senate on the Consent Agenda on 10/21/05.

Document on Senate website at: /consent.html

Adjournment

Motion XXXVII-24: By Senator Fowles, seconded by Senator Hampton, to approve the Senate Agenda of November 9, 2005.

Senator Crothers: We do need to insert three information items, the Academic Standards Committee on Teaching Policy, the salary increment memo and the Angelo Capperella/SEAC communications.

Senator Holland: I would also like to insert the COB Bylaws revisions.

The agenda, as revised, was unanimously approved.

Adjournment