

Faculty Assembly/Senate Meeting Minutes for 9/1/15

Opening Remarks:

1. Reason for assembly meeting – constitutional requirement to reserve times for faculty assembly
2. Review the Faculty Senate's agenda for upcoming AY ('15-'16) with faculty input through open microphone.
3. Reviewed activities of faculty senate from last AY ('14-'15):
 - a. Task force on dual credit created
 - b. Resolution for full participation with administration for develop of AC campus if property purchase should happen in future.
 - c. Resolution for task force on AC Development
 - d. Approved new process for student commencement speaker
 - e. Approved academic timeline procedures
 - f. Approved doctorate in Leadership through EDUC
 - g. Held two additional meetings with union about Showboat casino purchase
 - h. Online referendum on Board of Trustees and President
 - i. Approves attendance policy regulations
 - j. Approved pilot test for field trip pass/notification form letter.
 - k. Recommended policy of tuition waivers for employees' dependents.

Senate Agenda for AY '15-'16:

1. Parking, ELO and possible task force to integrate it with prior objectives
2. Business cards
3. Dual credit task force
4. GEN application process
5. CAPP adjust and program chair signatures
6. African-American recruitment and retention
7. Teaching/meeting modules improvement especially looking at 4:30pm time slot
8. Winter graduation and possibly weekend graduation
9. Absence policy for standing committees
10. Standing committee participation in requirements for tenure and promotion
11. Smoke free campus
12. President and provost searches
13. Medical policy and senate attendance
14. Changes to tenure and promotion in light of new 6 year timeline
15. Shared governance task force
16. AC initiative task force

Dual credit explanation: program with high schools to bring work into their classrooms

Open Microphone:

1. Speaker 1: opportunity to influence Board of Trustees on President search; Provost search should be done by end of this AY. Question if required to run national search, does not think so citing Rowan U. appointed internal candidate without national search. Does not

think it is a good idea but extraordinary circumstances – need stability in these bad times. Kesselman provides stability noting breadth of job history at Stockton. Risky to bring in new president who will take 1-2 years to learn about the place. Unofficial Motion: Assembly endorse recommendation to Board of Trustees to offer Kesselman term limited contract (6 or 5 yrs).

2. Speaker 2: Understands arguments for it. Torn though. Simply voting today would not be adequate consideration of significant gesture. Wants another mechanism as collective body to generate our thoughts. Fears proposal abrogates our participation in national search for president.
3. Speaker 3: Period of stability good and interim president affords us that. Remind people Kesselman's dedication to mission, student, & faculty rather than real estate. Remind we're without a contract and wants to see how much Kesselman steps up to plate for us with the state so will hold off endorsing such a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.
4. Speaker 4: Summarizes dual credit program. State law: public colleges and universities enter into dual credit with public high schools to offer courses. We have a temporary 1 year agreement to compensate members for work with high schools. It gives a raise to members and limits high schools, additionally only 2 private high schools a part of program (Holy Spirit and St. Augustine). Temporary hold, can't expand program. State want high school students to have access to college and university courses. Path for current program: we train high school teachers to teach courses at high school campus and not take courses at Stockton campus from faculty. Encourage participation with senate and union investigation/task force.
5. Speaker 5: Importance of president search not take lightly nor rush. Want input from all faculty. Clarifies it is illegal not to have search in compliance with equal opportunity laws. Mistake not to look at available options. Stresses 1. This year with unfinished business (contract negotiation and Showboat) 2. Must look at pool with national search.
6. Speaker 6: admires Kesselman. Just went through hurried decisions and its problems, don't need that situation again. Need to see how things play out, not rush to endorse as perm president in short period time.

Pres. Tyrrell ask for clarification of permanent or interim contract.

Speaker 1 responds: What I want doesn't matter, our collective wish is what matters. Not our decision, it's Board of Trustees decision. I'm not an attorney. Suspect Board of Trustees will act quickly.

Motion: Faculty Assembly to endorse recommendation to Board of Trustees to offer acting president Harvey Kesselman a 5-contract effective this year. Motion seconded. Open to discussion.

Discussion:

Motion: (Emari DiGiorgio) Refer the previous motion to the Senate Exec Committee for discussion. Motion seconded.

1. Speaker 7: not sure legally Board of Trustees can offer such thing any time soon since former president on medical leave and contract clause allows him to be on payroll which is why Kesselman acting and interim. Reminds that Deininger (Board of Trustee Chair)

said will have Board of Trustee consult with faculty/shared governance. Doubt Board of Trustees will do anything without consulting with faculty.

Request for clarification: Senate Executive makes the final decision or sent back to Faculty Assembly?

2. Speaker 8: **Motion to amend** the motion to refer: for Executive Committee to investigate legality and come back to the full body (Faculty Assembly) with their recommendation. Amendment seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.

Amended Motion: Refer the previous motion to the Senate Exec Committee to investigate legality and come back to the full body (Faculty Assembly) with their recommendation.

Rodger Jackson moved the previous question to close discussion and vote on the motion to refer (to Senate Executive Committee). There were no objections to voting on the motion to refer.

Request for clarification : only recommendation for current acting president or recommend for actual search? Response: As stated, the motion to refer is open ended so can be whole range rather than just one conclusion/option. Motion passed unanimously .

Resume Open Microphone on other topics:

7. Speaker 9: reassurance to new faculty and encourage senate meeting attendance even if not member and open union meetings. Tyrrell reads off names of school senators.
8. Speaker 10: FYI – committee to review procedure and information for submitting new majors and minors, recommendations submitted to faculty senate, website information will update. 5 new programs this semester including minor in victimology.
9. Speaker 11: request senate look at issue of flat tuition situation (20 credits) and students taking too many credits with low GPA. Not want to eliminate but restrict it to certain students.
10. Speaker 12: Opportunity to learn Stockton history Stockton's Myths and Legends (in 10th year). Oct. 8th part of homecoming 7-9pm (campus center Board of Trustees room).
11. Speaker 13: Think about how enrollment happens and program carrying capacity. Exactly how do we let in people, not just take students in a major because we need students, disservice to students in program. Physically dangerous to have too many students in labs.
12. Speaker 14: backing up Lewis. Now, first time Stockton has someone in planning to address issue but want senate to hold feet to fire for overenrolling in biology and chemistry in violation of local agreement. Hope Pete Barratta will help with that.
13. Speaker 15: 1st time music mentioned in fall Faculty Conference. Invite everyone to rehearsals and performance especially for the Messiah at Borgata.
14. Speaker 16: AASCU global challenges fliers on tables please take them website instructions. Constitution fliers. CARE program for student retention with mentoring fliers. Next Level fliers for undergrad research funding \$1000 grants.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, and passed by unanimous consent.