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San Luis Obispo, CA 93407
ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes of the ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 7, 1994
UU 216 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Preparatory: The meeting opened at 10:40 AM

I. Minutes: There were no minutes for approval

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):

III. Reports:

Chair's Report: Regarding the issue of the academic calendar, the Chair reported that the President has not yet signed off on the Academic Senate resolutions but he has not yet made a decision. He stated that Vice President Koob has expressed a desire to meet with the Executive Committee this summer to create a timeline for making a decision about the calendar. Bertozzi mentioned that the Curriculum and Calendar Task Force will come out with general recommendations which he hopes will occur during Fall Conference. It is the Task Force's intent to launch a campus-wide discussion to take place over the course of next year. It was noted that there appear to be conflicting reports. Some department chairs/heads have announced to their faculty that they will begin looking at curriculum changes based on a revised calendar next Fall.

The Chair will check again on the current status and E-mail an update to the Executive Committee.

IV. Consent Agenda: There were no items for the Consent Agenda

V. Business Items:

A. Approved unanimously: Membership of the Governance Subcommittee of the Charter University process shall have representatives from the Academic Senate (3) Labor Council (2), Administration (2), Staff Council (2), and the ASI (3) provided the following conditions are met:

1. The charge to the Governance Subcommittee shall be to explore and present options for governance models for consideration by constituent groups rather than presenting only one recommended model.
2. Any recommendations the Governance Subcommittee wishes to make (as opposed to options) must be consensus-based.
3. If the Governance Subcommittee intends to adhere to its preference for making only consensus decisions, its members need to clarify what is meant by consensus.
4. Timely intermediate reports shall be provided to the constituent bodies for review and response.

VI. Discussion:

A. Governance Subcommittee of the Charter University process: Ron Brown and Jack Wilson met with representatives of the Governance Subcommittee to determine whether the stalemate over membership of the Governance Subcommittee could be broken. Brown recommended that the Executive Committee agree to the current proposal even though it does not provide a faculty majority on the subcommittee. There were a number of reasons for this recommendation one of which was the fact that faculty are protected because

President Baker has said that a charter proposal will not leave campus for approval if faculty vote it down. Additionally, the Governance Subcommittee members have said that nothing will go forward that doesn't have a consensus.

Lengthy discussion followed. Concern was expressed that the Oversight Committee appears to have grown from a procedural group which was its charge to a decision-making group. It was expressed that the Governance, Fiscal Flexibility and Employee Relations subcommittees' recommendations should go back to their constituent bodies for a vote. The Chair said he believes this is already in writing. If it isn't, he'll get it in writing.

It was also noted that a specific charge to the Governance Subcommittee was not evident.

The Executive Committee needs to select three faculty to represent the Academic Senate on this Subcommittee. Even though it might be preferable to select these people this summer so that the Governance Committee can start its work, it was generally felt that this is so important that it should wait until all faculty are back.

B. Summer Plans--please E-mail them to Margaret.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

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