

**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

March 31, 2009
2:30 pm.

Senate Conference Room
140 McFall Center

Present: Keith Bernhard, Alden Craddock, Jim Evans, Emmanuel Guillory, Benjamin Muego, Nancy Orel, Peter Pinto, Ron Shields, John Waynick, Ellen Williams, Rich Hebein
Guests: President Carol Cartwright

NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Planning Report

Williams reordered the agenda and recognized Cartwright, who gave SEC a preview of the presentation that she would make to Senate. Discussion ensued, and Cartwright accepted several suggestions. Muego moved, Orel seconded adoption of the report. Cartwright will present the report at the April meeting of Senate, and Senate will vote on it at the May meeting. Cartwright asked that any other suggestions be sent to her by the end of the week.

OLD BUSINESS

Closing Ogg Science Library and Alleged *Charter* Violation

SEC continued its discussion of this topic and the allegation that the failure to follow the procedures in XIV: Reconfiguration was a violation of the *Charter*. Evans argued that the closing was a violation because it was effectively a reorganization of an academic unit because it involved “changes that affect two or more colleges.” [XIV.B] Hebein suggested that the controlling language was “If the proposal for reconfiguration is limited to changes in the organizational structure, academic program or curriculum within a college, school, department, or other academic or research unit, the governing process, rules, and procedures for such changes established elsewhere in the *Charter* shall be followed” [XIV.B] and that closing Ogg was not a reconfiguration under XIV. He suggested that a resolution by SEC and the Senate would be a more appropriate action. There was discussion of President Ribeau’s reply to SEC in February 2006 when SEC had supported the allegation of a *Charter* violation, but members of SEC now drew differing conclusions from the memo. The motion that it was a violation was passed with 5 in favor, 4 opposed and one abstention.

Charter Amendment to Count Substitutes at Senate as Present

Currently, even if a senator sends a substitute, the senator is counted as absent. Craddock moved, Orel seconded putting an amendment before Senate to count senators who send a substitute as present with no limit on the number of times a senator may do that. That is, a senator could be counted as present for the year without ever attending. Motion passed. Consensus was to send the amendment to ABC before sending it to Senate.

Evaluation of Senate

Muego moved, Evans seconded to accept the report and to put it on the Senate agenda; motion passed.

Sanctions Policy

Discussion postponed to SEC, April 28.

Faculty Welfare Salary and Benefits Report

Craddock moved, Evans seconded to accept the report and to put it on the Senate agenda. Craddock gave a presentation on the report, and Williams thanked him and FWC for their extensive work on this project.

ADJOURNMENT

SEC set the agenda for the next Senate meeting including a vote on an honorary degree. Williams adjourned the meeting at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Rich Hebein, Secretary