

## SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 26, 2013  
2:30 – 4:30 pm

Senate Conference Room  
140 McFall Center

**PRESENT:** Border, Buerger, Hippler, Johnson, Klein, Pelletier, Rainey, Sleasman, Solis, Wells-Jensen, Wood.

**PRESIDER:** Faculty Senate Vice Chair, Sheri Wells-Jensen, presided.

**CHAIR'S REPORT:** None given.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

*Proposed Charter Revisions:* Amendments & Bylaws Committee's proposed language regarding class attendance and grade appeals was discussed. After discussion, SEC requested that A & B make another attempt to clarify language re: class attendance policy and grade appeals policy and procedures as detailed below:

Grade appeals In proposed revision section d. the concern was to involve the Graduate College (V.P. Ogawa) as well as Jodi Webb to ensure that no lack of consistency in the language of various documents speaking to class attendance of graduate students could work to dis-enfranchise them in the matter of excused absence due to "official University business". Identifying where this will be defined for graduate students and also securing assurance of references between various documents governing this issue for graduate students is SEC's goal in requesting such conversations with the Graduate College.

Grade Appeal Under the header D, Detailed Procedure... It was noted that Section (1) should refer back to "item c above", since there is no d in the preceding section.

Point 5 was also discussed at length. SEC recommended that pending the conversation with V.P. Ogawa, it might be wise to add a part b to Item 5 that speaks to grade appeals for graduate students.

Is there a current policy for establishment of an arbitration board for graduate students and -- if so -- where is this stated? Must the faculty members on the arbitration board be graduate faculty? Must the student member of this body be a graduate student? If there is NOT a current policy, then it should be defined and articulated. Where will it be

stated? Are there other considerations pertaining to grade appeals for graduate students?

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Attendance Waiver: SEC voted to approve an attendance Waiver for good cause for a senator who appealed notification of unexcused absences.

Faculty Senate Mission Statement: SEC applauded the work of the committee offering a strong first draft. Several revisions to that draft were proposed by SEC for the final articulation of the Faculty Senate Mission Statement that will be posted on the Senate website. The new draft will be presented to the full Senate for comment before being finalized by the committee.

Program Change: BG Perspective Noting that a major impetus for this change is to comply with state transfer requirements, SEC voted to present this proposal to the Senate. UPDATE: Senate endorsed the request; and the Faculty Senate Secretary transmitted this action to the Board of trustees for their consideration.

New Program: Graduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning Finding the proposal satisfactory, SEC felt the current lack of uniformity in credentialing for teachers of online K-12 classes a compelling reason for introducing such a program at this time. SEC approved this as an information item for Senate.

New Program: MS in Analytics CAA Chair Border reviewed key points of the CMR. Following questions, SEC voted to approve this item for the 4/2/13 Senate agenda. UPDATE: Senate endorsed the request; and the Faculty Senate Secretary transmitted this action to the Board of trustees for their consideration.

**ISSUES AND CONCERNS:** Vice Chair Wells-Jensen mentioned that ComCom has been active in nominating senators to fill the slate for University committee elections at the 4/2/13 Senate meeting.

**SENATE AGENDA:** The proposed Senate agenda for 4/2/13 was approved.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted Elizabeth (Bess) Wood, Faculty Senate Secretary