CAS Senate Executive Committee Meeting
March 13, 2015

Called into session 2:05 pm by Jean Ippolito

In attendance: Jean Ippolito, Linc Gotshalk, Yu Cheng Qing, Yoshiko Fukushima, Mike Peterson, Jennie Flood, Chris Lauer, Randy Hirokawa, Tracy Wiegner, James Ziegler, Jan Ray, Marianne Takamiya

Minutes from February 13 meeting approved 8-0-1.

Chairs report: Aeronautics program was voted down by the CCRC; it will be reviewed at the next faculty congress meeting.

APC report on division chair elections:
Issue 1: In response to an UHPA request, the Dean asked the APC to formulate a procedure for electing division chairs. As per article 23 of the 2009-2015 union contract, the Dean should manage the election process rather than the divisions themselves.
Issue 2: The APC was divided on whether vote counts should be released. Some members acknowledged that this might require some discretion on the part of the Dean.
Issue 3: The contract also said that the Dean and Chancellor must consider both majority and minority opinions. The Chancellor has the power to overrule both the Dean and the faculty, but the Chancellor then has the obligation to report an explanation to the faculty, though confidentiality also must be respected in certain cases. The importance of consulting HR on confidentiality matters was noted. Since the contract requires a written statement explaining the decision, members suggested that when sensitive matters rule out a candidate’s election, the Dean should inform them privately and suggest they withdraw their candidacy.

Motion: The Dean shall follow article 23 of the UHPA 2009-2015 contract for determining division chairs for the remainder of the 2014-2015 academic year. Motion proposed by Jan Ray; seconded by James Ziegler. Motion passed 10-0-0

CRC: Nothing to report.

The committee moved into a closed session to consider evaluation procedures for the Dean.

Bylaws voting process:
Only 29 faculty members responded to the vote on the proposed bylaw amendments. 26 approved; 2 did not approve; 0 abstained. Since the quorum wasn’t met, Mike Peterson moved that the Senate Executive Committee approve the changes; Linc Gotshalk seconded. Motion passed 10-0-0.

All-senate meeting planning: Meeting will be held Thursday, May 7th. The Dean will be invited to make a followup statement on how the College’s goals and aspirations were met in the present school year. The VCAA will also be invited to explain what the campus’s response will be to the planned system-wide budget cut.

Election for next year’s Senate executive officers: Jan Ray nominates Jean Ippolito for Chair. Jan Ray nominates Tracy Wiegner for Vice-Chair. Jan Ray nominates Chris Lauer for Secretary. All nominations approved 7-0-0