Minutes of the CSBS Senate Meeting on 10/18/10

Present: Tim Strauss (Chair, Geography), Carol Weisenberger (History), Taifa Yu (Political Science), Sunde Nesbit (Psychology), Cyndi Dunn (SAC), Gowri Betrabet-Gulwadi (SAHS), Jim McCullagh (Social Work), Philip Mauceri (Dean)

I. Approval of the minutes from 9/20/10

The minutes were approved with no changes.

II. Faculty Awards

Action Step 2.A.2.a of the college Strategic Plan states that the college senate will “review and re-evaluate the awards process to enhance meaningful recognition of faculty efforts within the College.” The senate discussed and streamlined the application process for college and university awards that go through the college faculty senate as described below.

A. Regents Award for Faculty Excellence

This award recognizes “individuals who have been deemed to have a sustained record of excellence across the spectrum of faculty endeavors (teaching, scholarship, and service) or such outstanding accomplishments in one or more of the areas as to justify their selection.” The CSBS Faculty Senate may nominate up to three individuals.

Deadlines for this award are set by the Provost’s office. Chair Strauss has contacted them to ask about this year’s deadline, but has not yet received a response.

Given that the deadline is usually in early November, it was determined that the CSBS Faculty Senate should set a deadline in mid-October for individuals within our college to forward nominations to the Faculty Senate for consideration. This deadline should be prior to the third Monday in October to allow the nominations to be discussed at that meeting. Nominations sent to the college senate for approval should include 1) a letter of nomination explaining why the individual is deserving of the award and 2) a current vita. Once the senate has selected the candidates from our college, the candidate will assemble a complete dossier to forward to the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost.

B. Class of 1943 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching

This award recognizes “effective performance in the classroom.” The CSBS Faculty Senate may nominate up to two individuals. The deadline for nominations to the Faculty Senate is December 1. Nominations sent to the college senate for approval should include 1) a nomination form explaining why the individual is deserving of the award, 2) the candidate’s philosophy of teaching (maximum 500 words), and 3) numeric summaries of student assessments of teaching available from the Office of Institutional Research. Once the senate has selected the candidates from our college, the candidate will assemble a complete dossier to forward to the Office of the
Executive Vice President and Provost by the February 6 deadline. Faculty nominated for the Class of 1943 award are automatically considered for the CSBS Outstanding Teaching Award.

C. Ross A. Nielsen Professional Service Award

This award recognizes “a meritorious record of internal service and external service.” The CSBS Faculty Senate may nominate up to two individuals. The deadline for nominations to the Faculty Senate is December 1. Nominations sent to the college senate for approval should include 1) a nomination form explaining why the individual is deserving of the award, and 2) a current vita. Once the senate has selected the candidates from our college, the candidate will assemble a complete dossier to forward to the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost by the February 6 deadline. Faculty nominated for the Nielsen award are automatically considered for the CSBS Outstanding Service Award.

D. James F. Lubker Research Award

This award recognizes “exceptional original contributions to research and scholarship, including the creative and performing arts.” One nomination from each department may be made from the department head to the dean by Friday, January 14, 2011. After consulting with the College Senate, the dean will forward two names for consideration to the Graduate College by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 31, 2011. However, the senate’s normal meeting date, January 17, is a university holiday. The senate would not normally meet again until January 31, which is the day the nominations are due.

E. CSBS Tenure-Track Faculty Award for Scholarship and Creative Activity

The senate also decided to create a new award to specifically recognize the scholarly achievements of tenure-track faculty in the same way that the University Book and Supply Award recognizes excellence in teaching for tenure-track faculty. The senate approved the following criteria and process for the award:

“This award will be given in recognition of outstanding scholarly/creative activity achievement by a probationary faculty member in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, who is at least in their third year as an assistant professor in a department of the college. Candidate must be nominated by their department head, in consultation with the PAC, in a formal letter of nomination and must submit the following:

1. A complete and current CV
2. A summary statement by the nominee of their scholarly/creative activity agenda, including future directions.
3. Two representative samples of their scholarly work.

Materials should be submitted to the CSBS Senate by December 1, 2011. The Senate will forward its recommendation to the Dean.”
It was also discussed that recipients of the Charles Hill award for tenure-track faculty should be recognized at the dean’s annual address to the College along with other award recipients.

Once the senate has approved final wording on these awards, the deadlines and required materials will be posted on the CSBS website and will also be sent via email to all faculty in the college. Chair Strauss will contact Mark Dobie about arranging access to a mailing list for all CSBS faculty. Deadlines and criteria for the Charles Hill Award and the University Book and Supply Award should also be posted on the CSBS website.

III. Comments from Dean Mauceri

The dean had no further comments.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndi Dunn