Minutes
for the 441st Meeting
of the
SENATE OF KEENE STATE COLLEGE
Wednesday, September 10, 2014
4 p.m., Mountain View Room, Student Center

10:23 III. Secretary's Report
Nothing to report

10:32 IV. Courtesy Period
10:42 Senator Stanish - The courtesy period is a time you can make announcements in this group about activities that are going on around campus that may be of interest to anyone in this group. It doesn't need to be directly related to this group.

10:42 Explained how the Senate functions while in session.

12:52 Senator Schmidl-Gagne - Tomorrow 12-2pm - Event, Teach-In located in the Flag Room - topic on Market Basket.

13:27 V. Subcommittee Reports

13:32 • Executive Committee
13:36 ~ Meeting Notes [SD 14/15-01]

14:35 Senator Schmidl-Gagne will serve as Parliamentarian for the year.

15:33 Cheryl Martin will serve as Senate Clerk

15:54 Senator Welsh is on a leave of absence from the Senate for the semester due to other commitments and Senator Martin will serve in his place.

16:34 Integrative Studies Program Committee changes. [SD 14/15-02]

19:05 Motion: The SEC moves that the Integrative Studies Program Committee Revised Membership and Charge be approved by the Senate.

19:20 Friendly Amendment: Senator Stanish - Update all titles and words of Office or the

Integrative Studies Program Committee.
Discussion:

Senator Stevenson - What are we discussing, the friendly amendment or the motion?

Senator Stanish - We will discuss the motion as amended.

Discussion continues from Senator Stevenson with a request to table the motion until next meeting due to amount of notice to approve a significant structure and campus discussions need to happen.

Senator Martin gave three concerns.

Senator White - Stanley explained the work the ISP had done last year and there is nothing new or different in the revised document dated 9/10/2014.

Provost Zakahi - A couple of things in the document were at his request. The goal with this is to have vigorous conversation this year about the ISP and to have a structure in place that keeps this running for the current year and come to some decisions as a campus about the ISP.

Discussion continues

Senator Harfinest - If this new structure is passed today when would we expect to have this new committee formed? The recommendations we put forth last year, were those taken into account, were they looked at, what happen to those?

Senator Stanish - The committee would convene as soon as possible. In terms of what this group did last year, the ISPC and the co directors report, to be honest we did not go through and update and we would like the committee to continue to work on that charge.

Senator McCarthy - Why not keep those two co-directors?

Provost Zakahi - They have decided not to continue.

Senator Sandy - What structure is in place right now?

Senator Stanish - The 2013-2014 is still the Senate approved document so that committee structure is still what we have approved. Interim Provost Leversee and Provost Zakahi has supported that. We could not follow through with the elected director piece and Provost Zakahi has appointed the Associate Provost as a manager.

Senator Sapeta - Is it we didn't follow through with the process or is it we did follow
Senator Sapeta - Is it we didn’t follow through with the process or is it we did follow through with the process and did not have any candidates?

Senator Stanish - We did not have much response to the call for nominations. Interim Provost Leversee made an executive decision to stop that call for nominations and to appoint.

Senator Sapeta - Could we follow that process now and see if there is any interest?

Senator Stanish - We could, as a Senate recommend that, ultimately, it is up to the Provost to approve anything. Also, that would delay us quite a bit and we would be well into October or November.

Senator Lucey - We are not rushing this as there actually is a Senate approved document.

Senator Stevenson - Is this a temporary policy? Is there a sunset provision in this?

Senator Stanish - We did not put a sunset provision on here but we could add one as an amendment.

Senator Stevenson - I would offer that as an amendment.

Senator Fleeger - The approved document from last year remains in effect.

Senator Stanish - Yes, however, we do not have a director.

Senator Fleeger - I thought a manager has been appointed?

Senator Stanish - If you look at the 2013 document, we say the ISP Director elected by the faculty but the faculty did not elect for 2014-2015. The attempt with the document today is to replace Director with the ISP Manager that the Provost has named as the Interim Associate Provost to keep the committee running.

Senator Martin - Is there a term of office for members of the ISPC?

Senator Stanish - There is not.

Senator Stevenson - With regard to the amendment and given the structure of the document there is no place to put in a time limit. I would suggest the membership, the manager and charge would expire on July 1st, 2015.

Senator Stanish - As the creator of the original motion I can accept that as the amendment.

Senator White-Stanley - Point of information, the committees do change from year to year.
Senator Stanish called on Senator Jean to represent the Senate Executive Committee due to a potential conflict of interest.

Senator Jean - Both amendments would be that we accept the Office of Director of Institutional Research and Assessment and that we set a time limit for the membership, the manager and the charge to end on July 1, 2015.

Discussion on amendment:

Senator Dunn - What will happen after the end date of July 1, 2015?

Senator Schmidl-Gagne - The Senate could look at it in April and vote to continue this committee. This leaves open the option that a whole new structure could come before the Senate. The bylaws state that any Senate can look at the previous Senate's work and change that.

Senator Stanish - This amendment forces us to that.

Senator Mallon - Why would we want to include the charge since the charge is an ongoing way to continue to deal with issues that have been raised about ISP?

Motion: Senator Stanish moves to continue discussion on the original motion and the amendment be approved by the Senate.

Vote: Motion carries.

Senator Stevenson - The logic behind having the charge included is because it would force us to revisit it. He suggests the SEC come up with a separate charge at their next meeting that we revisit this in March or April.

Senator Stanish - We can commit to discuss that at our next meeting.

Senator Lucey - Does that give us enough time to revisit it as a Senate?

Senator Stanish - We have an amendment on the floor but we could have a revised amendment.

Amended Motion reads: The committee membership, including the committee manager and the committee charge will expire on July 1, 2015.

Provost Zakahi - Point of clarification - If this amendment passes, essentially the mechanisms for the ISP disappear on July 1, if there is no change before that.
Senator Stanish - Yes, it would if you do not put something else in place.

Senator Fleeger - It doesn't seem wise to do that.

Senator Gianno - Having the sunset clause at the end means that we would have to actively recreate the ISP the following year.

Senator White-Stanley - If another structure is raised it would take a while to implement and meanwhile the need to keep as functional as opposed to dysfunctional in place and not change over the next academic year. It would be wise to keep the conversation going but not miss the opportunity to serve our students well by keeping the functionality of the current system.

Senator Jean - If during this academic year we have these discussions, could we as a Senate before the July 1 timeline, revamp this?

Senator Stanish - That is the exact commitment we would be making as a Senate.

Senator Stevenson - To address Senator White-Stanley's concern, if we do come up with a program that would take longer, we could always pass an extension of this.

Senator Mallon - I am becoming more and more uncomfortable with idea of forcing us to act. It is misinformation to suggest that the original ISP document was forced upon us. Why are we investing so much of being forced and pressured to do something that really is our job?

Vote: Amended motion does not carry.

Further discussion on friendly amendment to the motion:

Senator Martin - Propose the SEC motion's be itself amended in substance because there is a date worth discussing for short term items to be completed by May 2015. In the current proposed charge there are two dates for completing work, March 31, 2015 for immediate items and the next one was no date 2015 for short term items. He moves to amend May 2015 to March 31, 2015 for short term items to be completed.

Senator Schmidl-Gagne - Proposes to change the date to be due to the SEC on 4/27/15 so it can be presented to the Senate on 4/29/15.

Senator Martin - The reason for the March date is to give the Senate time to consider results of reports.

Senator Mallon - Could the March date be changed to something earlier for immediate items?
Senator Martin - I withdraw my amendment.

Senator Mallon - Moves to amend that immediate items be completed and submitted to the SCC February 2, 2015 and short term items to be completed by March 31, 2015.

Vote: Amendment to motion carries

Senator Stanish - Call for vote as we have reached the end of 15 minute discussion.

Vote: Amended motion carries

Senator Stanish - Concluded the SEC report.

Senator Denehy - We haven't received any meeting minutes since last fall. Can we make it an action item to get the printed short minutes for the October meeting?

Senator Stanish - Yes.

- Academic Policy Committee
  Nothing to report

- Academic Standards Committee

Senator Martin - Can we make it a policy that our bylaws be dated with two dates, one with the most recent date of amendment and one being the date on which they take effect?

Senator Stanish - Yes, we can do that.

- Curriculum Committee
  Nothing to report

VI. New Business

VII. Adjournment 5:10pm