CAMPUS REENGINEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 18, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Larry Furukawa-Schlereth
Theresa Alfaro-Velcamp
Matthew Benney
Amanda Burke
Letitia Coate
Jennifer Crist
Erik Dickson
Bridgette Dussan
Ben Ford
Bill Fusco
Ian Hannah
Sue Hayes
Lori Heffernon
Mike Kiraly
Paula Lane
Paul Lange
Matthew Lopez-Phillips
Richard Ludmerer
Neil Markley
Susan Moulton
Peter Neville
Saeid Rahimi
Katie Robinson
Robert Rosen
Kathleen Spitzer
Tim Tiemens
Jason Wenrick
Richard Whitkus
John Wingard
Leslie Witter

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Ruth Burke
Dan Condron
Barbara Danelia
Christopher Dinno
Susan Kashack
Daniel Malpica
Sally Miller
Janice Peterson
Chuck Rhodes
Brian Wilson

GUESTS PRESENT:
Herb Dickerson
Elizabeth O’Brien
Valinda Kyrias
Janet Henker
AGENDA

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – February 4, 2011
II. VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT
III. DON’T ASK, DON’T TELL
IV. BUDGET PLANNING
V. TRAVEL POLICY CHANGES
VI. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
VII. STUDENT CENTER
VIII. ITEMS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

OPENING COMMENTS

Larry Furukawa-Schlereth called the meeting to order at 2:09pm.

I: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – February 4, 2011

The minutes from the February 4, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

II. VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Parking Sub-committee
Sally Miller is chairing the parking sub-committee, in her absence Mike Kiraly gave an update on the sub-committee. Kiraly stated the committee is in the process of looking into the needs of the parking program. The sub-committee has three more upcoming meetings and will report back at a later CRC.

Conflict of Interest Update
Schlereth and other members of CRC have been following Senator Yee’s bill, which is related to CSU auxiliaries being applicable to the California Public Records Act. The budget may have affected the priority of the bill. ASI President, Bridgette Dussan stated that there is an expected update on the bill this week. The impact of the bill will mostly affect the Student Union and Associated Students Inc. Erik Dickson stated there will be a hearing scheduled on March 29th, 2011.

Provost Search
Schlereth stated that himself, Ben Ford and Bridgette Dussan are just some of the people who are on the search committee for the Provost position. The application close date will be April 8th, 2011. A first review is anticipated over Spring Break. The committee is hopeful that out of the ten to twelve in-person interviews, three to five
will be invited back for in-depth interviews. All on-campus groups will have an opportunity to meet with the finalists.

**Green Music Center**
The long standing goal for the GMC has been to complete the building and open by Fall of 2012. Schlereth announced that if things go well the Concert Hall will be completed by December 2011 and ready for performances by February 2012. A very generous gift from a donor is anticipated and will make this possible and the deadlines realized. On-Campus Presents will be planning a summer 2013 season. The Green Music Center Advisory Board will be created.

**Common Human Resource System**
The Common Human Resource System is moving along at the system level. Jason Wenrick has been assisting with the project. This consolidation will not affect students to much, but will have any impact on faculty. All designs are to make human resource management easier. The feasibility study will be brought back to CRC at a later date.

**III. DON’T ASK, DON’T TELL**
The military’s policy, Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell, was discriminatory and lead to Sonoma State University to not accept sponsorships, until the military repealed the policy. The policy has now been changed and now Athletics would like to resume the partnership with the military as a funding source. The Athletics Advisory Committee unanimously approved such support. Schlereth wanted CRC feedback. Discussion ensued, and there was a good consensus that SSU should allow funding again. When voted on, there were no objections and no abstentions on the topic. Schlereth will pass along the information to President Armiñana.

**IV. BUDGET PLANNING**
Schlereth announced the Town Hall Meeting on budget was held on Monday, March 14, 2011. Updated information was presented at the meeting. As of Wednesday the 16th, President Armiñana came back from Long Beach with a chart indicating the Sonoma State University budget cut would be $8.5 million plus an additional $1 million in mandatory health care costs. Letitia Coate, Janice Peterson and Schlereth are working to understand the chart along with the details that should arrive next week. Schlereth anticipates an update in time for Thursday’s Presidents Budget Advisory Committee.

Schlereth spoke on a number of budget related topics. The first being the need to begin planning the fall class schedule and the difficulty that brings with the uncertainty of budget cuts. Interim Provost Saied Rahimi agreed with Schlereth that waiting to plan the schedule was not an option. He recommended that the Deans prepare schedules for the fall. Discussion ensued.
On another budget related item, Schlereth met with the Labor Council to discuss a summertime schedule of four, ten hour days. Currently engaging and meeting with unions on the subject. This is anticipated to save the University in utility costs over the summer months. Schlereth also re-confirmed that SSU is under a non-faculty hiring freeze. Any new search approved by the President will be limited to on-campus applicants only. Lastly, Schlereth announced another budget reducing goal. He stated the need to reduce the number of MPPs on campus. If a MMP position opens, it may not be filled.

V. TRAVEL POLICY CHANGES
The CSU has come up with a new travel policy. All campuses are required to implement effective April 1, 2011. There is one area Seawolf Services was looking for guidance on prior to implementation. The new meal reimbursement allows for the traveler to claim actual costs for out-of-pocket meals. For meals over $24.99 a receipt is required. Total claims for meals cannot go over $55 for a single day. Should SSU reimburse for alcohol? The travel policy leaves this open for campus interpretation. After some discussion the overall sense of the committee was that alcohol should not be reimbursed through the new travel policy.

VI: AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
The CSU only requires each campus to have audited financial statements every three years. Sonoma State University has chosen to have audited financial statements every year. Given the state of the budget, should SSU follow the CSU and have the statements audited every three years. This would result in about $100,000 in savings. Schlereth will be bringing this question to PBAC but also wanted to discuss the topic at CRC. Discussion ensued. It was noted that the unaudited financial statements would still be posted to aid in transparency. General guidance was provided to follow the three year model with the following concerns in mind:

- Donors, philanthropic organizations, or others may request to view audited financial statements
- Effect on WASC
- Effect on Grants

VII: STUDENT CENTER
Peter Neville, Erik Dickson and Neil Markley presented a power point on the Student Center. The power point included the following topics:

- The organizations that will occupy the building
  - Everything currently in the Student Union
  - The Bookstore
  - All Dining except Charlie Brown’s and Toast
- Layout of the three story building
- Timeline for construction and opening
o Construction to begin Summer 2011 and the building will be open Spring 2013

VII. ITEMS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Schlereth adjourned the meeting at 4:10pm.
Minutes prepared by Jenifer Crist