

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

OFFICE OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE

APPROVED Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, January 21, 2014

Members Present: Eileen Barrett, Luz Calvo, Jennifer Eagan, James Houppis, Patricia Jennings, Mark Karplus, Derek Kimball, James Murray, Mitch Watnik

Guests Present: Linda Dobb, Kim Geron, Jiansheng Guo, Nina Haft, Sue Opp, Glen Perry, Hank Reichman. Sophie Rollins, Dianne Rush Woods, Angela Schneider, Sarah Taylor

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

1. Approval of the agenda

M/S/P (Barrett/Eagan) to amend to move Items 3.A and 3.B after Item 8. M/S/P (Murray/Kimball) to approve as amended.

2. Approval of the minutes of January 7, 2014

M/S/P (Barrett/Houppis) to approve. There was one abstention.

3. Reports:

A. Report of the Chair (moved after Item 8 during approval of the agenda)

B. Report of the Provost (moved after Item 8 during approval of the agenda)

C. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

There was no report.

D. Discussion with Committee Chairs

There was no discussion.

4. Senate Replacement:

A. Replacement for Farnaz Ganjeizadeh, Winter 2014

M/S/P (Karplus/Barrett) to approve by acclamation Saeid Motavalli.

5. Winter 2014 Election:

A. Self-nominations approval

Watnik reported that there are four self-nominations for at-large senator (Elizabeth Bergmann, Political Science; Linda Ivey, History; Chris Moreman, Philosophy; and Grant Kien, Communications) and one self-nomination for ASCSU senator (Denise Fleming, Teacher Education). M/S/P (Barrett/Murray) to approve.

Item 7 followed Item 5.A.

6. Discussion of American Studies Association/Israeli University boycott discussion (time certain: 3:00 PM):

A. Dr. Reichman response to the ASA resolution, as posted on the AAUP's Academe blog here: <http://academeblog.org/2014/01/02/how-not-to-oppose-the-academic-boycott-of-israel/>

B. Dr. Reichman and AAUP President Rudy Fichtenbaum open letter to ASA members: <http://aaup.org/file/OpenLettertoASA.pdf>

C. Dr. Reichman issued AAUP statement, post vote: http://aaup.org/sites/default/files/AAUPStatementASAVote_0.pdf

D. Dr. Reichman op-ed piece published during the ASA vote: [insidehighered.com: http://www.insidehighered.com/views/2013/12/12/essay-criticizing-concept-academic-boycotts](http://www.insidehighered.com/views/2013/12/12/essay-criticizing-concept-academic-boycotts)

E. For more in-depth background, AAUP's full 2005 report and policy statement "On Academic Boycotts" is here: <http://aaup.org/report/academic-boycotts>

F. AAUP's online Journal of Academic Freedom, vol. 4 (2013) includes articles and responses from both sides of the debate. (Dr. Reichman especially recommends the piece by Marjorie Heins and the reader response from Ernie Benjamin): <http://aaup.org/reports-publications/journal-academic-freedom/volume-4>

Reichman explained that AAUP opposes academic boycotts. He urged ASA members to not support the boycott resolution. When the resolution passed, it was seen by AAUP as a setback to academic freedom, but not a major assault on academic freedom. Reichman emailed Chancellor White and copied President Morishita. Reichman thought it was okay that the Chancellor issued a statement; the Chancellor didn't say he was speaking on behalf of the CSU, although Reichman feels the Chancellor has the right to speak on behalf of the institution.

Calvo offered an alternative point of view. She personally knows some of the members of the national council of ASA. She stated strong disagreement with the AAUP position and that ASA was equally in defense of academic freedom. She likened the BDS movement to divestiture from South Africa and the activism formed in that political moment. As a faculty member with first-hand experience working in Palestine, Theatre and Dance Professor Nina Haft spoke in

support of Calvo. She would be uncomfortable with the academic senate or statewide academic senate taking a position without there having been open discourse.

Item 8.B followed item 6.

7. Old Business:

A. Constitution and Bylaws Discussion

i. Presidential veto, voting minimum not met

ii. 12-13 FAC 9 amended; proposed drafts of 13-14 BEC 11, 13-14 BEC 12

It was noted that it would be too late to place these items on the Winter ballot. M/S (Kimball/Murray) to refer 12-13 FAC 9 to FAC. It was suggested that we still move forward with a measure like 13-14 BEC 12. M/S/P to approve a substitute motion to postpone the Winter election two weeks. M/S (Kimball/Eagan) to discuss 13-14 BEC 12. (M/S/P) (Kimball/Barrett) to table discussion on 13-14 BEC 12 until the next ExCom meeting. It was noted that members of the University Faculty, including administrators, can be encouraged to vote so as to increase turnout on ballot measures, and that they can abstain. It was noted that in an upcoming vote on a measure like 13-14 BEC 12, there will be no minimum threshold, since it will be a constitutional amendment; nonetheless, it would be advisable to have a good turnout on this important vote.

8. New Business:

A. 13-14 BEC 10: Creation of Elected Subcommittees

M/S (Kimball/Murray) to place on the Senate agenda. Karplus expressed concern that the BEC as drafted is overlaying two proposals, providing for two-year terms on subcommittees and adding a new type of subcommittee, elected subcommittees. The proposed language does not specify how a standing committee representative on a subcommittee will be determined. M/S/P (Kimball/Murray) to refer to FAC.

Time certain Item 6 followed Item 8.A.

B. 13-14 CR 1: Resolution Endorsing the Recommendations of the 2011 Research Strategic Planning Task Force

M/S (Jennings/Murray) to approve and place on the Senate agenda as an information item. Provost Houpis will be meeting with CR. CR can then report back to ExCom and the Senate. M/S/P (Jennings/Murray) to approve a substitute motion to move back to committee.

C. 13-14 CR 2: Proposal for the Financial Literacy Center

M/S/P (Barrett/Kimball) to approve and place on the Senate agenda as an information item. The link to the proposal will be added.

D. 13-14 CIC 10: Revised Policy on Withdrawals

M/S/P (Murray/Eagan) to place on the Senate agenda, amended to change the effective date to Spring 2014 and add “effective upon the signature of the President” to the Action Requested.

E. 13-14 FAC 1: Interpretation of the Rules on Quorum

M/S/P (Jennings/Murray) to place on the Senate agenda, amended to change the action requested to approval by the Senate and adopting the reformatting introduced by Karplus.

F. 13-14 CIC 6: Modifying Online Schedule Links to Separate Extension and Stateside Courses

M/S/P (Murray/Barrett) to place on the Senate agenda, amended to add “effective upon the signature of the President.”

G. 13-14 FAC 5: Recommendation on the Continuation of Online Student Evaluations

M/S (Murray/Kimball) to place on the Senate agenda. Barrett noted that the document does not include the provision for faculty to request paper evaluations for two classes. Karplus noted that the recommendation in the Background to continue online evaluations “from Fall 2013 onward” puts no time limit on continuing online evaluations. Watnik noted that there have been three quarters of pilot study. Calvo described difficulties she encountered when requesting paper evaluations for herself. She encourages untenured faculty to request two paper evaluations. Watnik suggested Barrett draft language to address the paper evaluation issue. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

M/S/P (Eagan/Kimball) to adjourn and move to closed session, time certain Item 8.O.

H. 13-14 FAC 4: Policy Regarding the Development and/or Creation of a School

I. 13-14 FDEC 3: Establishment of the Campus Climate Subcommittee of FDEC

J. 13-14 CIC 12: Formation of an ad-hoc Subcommittee on Affordable Learning Solutions

K. 13-14 FDEC 4: Resolution of Support for Creation of a Campus Diversity Officer

L. 13-14 CAPR 9, 13-14 CIC 11: School of Engineering Proposal

M. 13-14 FAC 2: Revised Proposed Faculty Awards

N. Discussion of Online Teaching

O. Closed session (Provost Houpis, time certain 3:45 PM)

9. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Karplus, Secretary