

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

OFFICE OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE

Approved Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, January 28, 2014

Members Present: Eileen Barrett, Luz Calvo, Jennifer Eagan, Denise Fleming, James Houpis, Mark Karplus, Derek Kimball, James Murray, Mitch Watnik

Guests Present: Endre Branstad, Linda Dalton, Linda Dobb, Kim Geron, Liz Ginno, Jiansheng Guo, Sue Opp, Glen Perry, Gretchen Reevy, Sophie Rollins, Dianne Rush Woods

1. Approval of the agenda

M/S/P (Kimball, Calvo) to approve as amended, with the time certain of Items 6.N and 6.O changed to 3:40 and 3:45, respectively.

2. Approval of the minutes of January 21, 2014

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

3. Reports:

A. Report of the Chair

Watnik reported that the President has suggested the formation of an elections committee. M/S/P (Fleming/Murray) to refer to FAC the question of whether this would be a good idea. An ExCom member commented that they thought ExCom was the elections committee. Another commented that it is unclear what problem this is seen as a solution for.

B. Report of the Provost

Provost Houpis presented a two-sided flyer from U.S. Education Delivery Institute entitled "Our Higher Education Workshop Series," listing five different one-day workshops each priced at \$10,000 for groups up to 25 at a campus. He was seeking input from ExCom regarding which of these workshops or other workshops the campus would have an interest in, particularly those aimed at increasing student success. M/S/P (Kimball/Barrett) to place discussion of workshops on the ExCom agenda in two weeks. Standing committees will be noticed on the discussion.

Provost Houpis met with the Committee on Research regarding the recommendations in 13-14 CR 1. He issued a written response to the recommendations, later forwarded to ExCom. ExCom will discuss the recommendations and response at its next meeting and can then forward both as information items to the Senate.

C. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

Fleming reported on the January ASCSU plenary, at which Chancellor Timothy White met with the ASCSU and CSUEB Professor Hank Reichman reported on AAUP activities. Resolutions that passed included a commendation of Faculty Trustee Bernadette Cheyne, a resolution on the reinstatement of RSCA funds, and recommendations related to nursing preparation. A resolution on the eligibility of lecturers for emeritus status was tabled to allow time to collect information on lecturer emeritus policies from campuses. Resolutions introduced at first readings included Selection of Faculty Representatives in Shared Governance, Concerns Regarding a Community College Baccalaureate Degree Pilot, and In Support of Ethnic Studies.

There was brief discussion about “intrusive advising” and whether there is better wording than this “industry” term, for example, “proactive advising.” Provost Houpis stated, “We can use a more friendly term.”

4. Winter 2014 Election:

A. Self-nominations approval

M/S/P (Eagan/Calvo) to approve the self-nominations for at large Senate seats of Monique Manopoulos, Modern Languages and Literatures; Josh Kerr, Statistics and Biostatistics; Linda Ivey, History; Grant Kien, Communication; and Chris Moreman, Philosophy. There were abstentions. There was discussion regarding the eligibility of a faculty member who self-nominated who has served four years as an elected senator from CLASS and whether there is ambiguity in the Bylaws regarding the four-year rule. M/S/P (Fleming/Watnik) to refer to FAC the question of whether there is ambiguity in the Bylaws regarding the four-year rule. M/S/P (Kimball/Eagan) to not approve the self-nomination of the aforementioned faculty member who has served four years as an elected senator from CLASS. There was an abstention. The faculty member will be notified of ExCom’s decision.

5. 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

M/S/P (Calvo/Murray) to place on the Senate agenda 13-14 BEC 12 as amended below. There was discussion about increasing “25%” in the document’s proposed Constitution Article IX, Section 3. Geron read from a table of percentages of faculty turnout in elections going back to 2008. M/S/P (Kimball/Karplus) to change “25%” to “one-third.” M/S/P (Karplus/Kimball) to insert “a majority” with strikethrough after “one-third” in Section 3. M/S/P (Karplus/Kimball) to delete “either” and “or that the approval occurs at a meeting of the University Faculty” from Section 3. M/S/NP (Karplus/Eagan) to insert in Section 5 “or no more than twenty (20)” after “ten (10)” in the third sentence, and delete the final sentence beginning with “The election...”

The language proposed in Section 5 of 13-14 BEC 12 would permit the Senate to specify when a document is to be placed on a ballot; the motioned changes would align Article IX with Article X. The motion failed. M/S/P (Kimball/Watnik) to add a Section 7, parallel to the language in Constitution Article X, Section 5, except that “Constitution” is replaced by “Bylaws.”

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

i. Suggested addition to 13-14 FAC 5

M/S/P (Murray/Kimball) to place 13-14 FAC 5 on the Senate agenda. M/S (Barrett/Kimball) to amend with the “Suggested addition to 13-14 FAC 5,” which clarifies that faculty may continue to have two classes evaluated using the paper form in addition to the electronic form. M/S (Kimball/Eagan) to further amend, clarifying that the results of the paper forms will automatically go in the PAF. It was suggested that these amendments be made on the Senate floor. The first proposed amendment, (Barrett/Kimball), was withdrawn. Regarding the move to all-online, there were comments regarding the engagement of faculty in the discussion and whether faculty have been provided adequate data. Members were reminded of broader concerns regarding student evaluations that have been raised previously at ExCom and at Senate.

Time certain Item 6.N followed Item 5.B.

6. New Business:

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

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

This item followed Item 6.N. M/S/P (Eagan/Kimball) to approve. There was one abstention. It was noted that the document does not specify whether the subcommittee will be regular or special and does not specify the membership of the subcommittee.

Time certain Item 6.O followed Item 6.B.

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

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

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

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

G. 13-14 CR 4: Proposal for the China America Business and Education Center

H. 13-14 CAPR 10: Academic Program Review Procedures proposed changes

I. 13-14 CAPR 11: Indefinite extension of 12-13 CAPR 4

J. 13-14 COBRA 2:COBRA Policies and Procedures for Committee Operation document update

K. 13-14 FDEC 5: Resolution on location of Senior Investigator Position (formerly EEO Officer)

L. 13-14 FDEC 6: Recommendation of UARC Review of University Diversity Officer (UDO)

M. Discussion of Online Teaching

N. Draft Senate agenda for February 4, 2014 (time certain 3:35pm (changed to 3:40 during approval of the agenda))

M/S/P (Calvo/Eagan) to approve as amended to include 13-14 BEC 12 and 13-14 FAC 5, both of which will be placed at the beginning of Action Items on the agenda, and to add a report on Planning for Distinction under Report of the Provost.

Item 6.B followed 6.N without objection.

O. Closed session (time certain 3:40pm (changed to 3:45 during approval of the agenda))

7. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Karplus, Secretary