CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

OFFICE OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE

Approved Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, November 5, 2013

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

Guests Present: Endre Branstad, Linda Dobb, Jiansheng Guo, Phillip Hofstetter, Glen Perry, Gretchen Reevy

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

1. Approval of the agenda


2. Approval of the minutes of October 29, 2013

There was discussion as to whether the action taken in Item 6.B of the October 29 ExCom meeting was appropriate given the status of ITAC. Discussion was continued in Item 3.A below. M/S/P (Murray/Kimball) to approve, with two abstentions.

3. Reports:

A. Report of the Chair

Chair Barrett asked Watnik to report on the Monday meeting of the Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC). Watnik reported that ITAC discussed the need for a policy on data loss that would include students’ rights and responsibilities when Blackboard or other services fail. There was discussion as to whether ITAC should be an ad hoc committee or something more permanent, perhaps a standing committee. It was suggested that a matrix be provided identifying existing technology-related committees. M/S/P (Gubernat/Fleming) to place on the Senate agenda a BEC requesting the Senate approve the continuation of the Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) as an ad hoc committee for one year, and charge ITAC to define what its status as a committee and mission should be.

Citing the email from the President that she forwarded to ExCom, Barrett repeated the President’s clarification that he does not envision East Bay implementing quarter-to-semester conversion in Fall 2017, as had been previously reported. Barrett also stated that she had requested Dr. Carl Bellone’s conversion report.
With Watnik’s return from leave, Barrett introduced BEC 6, Mitch Watnik’s return to Chair of the Academic Senate. M/S/P (Eagan/Murray) to place BEC 6 on the Senate agenda.

There was discussion about the meeting of ExCom with the President that had been scheduled and then cancelled. The meeting had been requested by the President but there were questions as to whether the meeting would be open or closed and what the agenda would be. In the future, the President would like to plan informal lunches with the Executive Committee.

B. Report of the Provost

Provost Houpis reported on the new case on the fourth floor of SA displaying publications by faculty. The President is establishing a Council for Retention and Graduation consisting of cabinet members and deans. The Provost reported on a phone meeting on the future of Cal State Online.

C. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

Statewide Academic Senator Susan Gubernat reported on the November ASCSU plenary. Resolutions were approved regarding ensuring the presence of a faculty trustee on the CSU Board of Trustees, supporting the Board of Trustees proposed 2014-15 support budget, supporting the Statway pilot project, legislative advocacy by the ASCSU, and minor editorial changes to the ASCSU bylaws. First reading items included resolutions relating to pre-nursing, the reinstatement of RSCA funds, the eligibility of lecturers for emeritus status, and unit limits for engineering degrees.

4. Appointments

A. Director of Online Campus Search Committee

i) CLASS – Christina Chin-Newman, Human Dev. & Women’s Studies

ii) CSCI –

iii) CBE – Chongqi Wu, Management

iv) CEAS – Li-Ling Chen, Teacher Education

v) LIB – Diana Wakimoto, Library

M/S/P (Fleming/Gubernat) to appoint Chin-Newman, Wu, Chen, and Wakimoto.

5. Old Business:

6. New Business:

A. 13-14 CAPR 1: Art and Multimedia Graduate Program merger
Art Department Chair Phillip Hofstetter spoke in support of the merger. M/S/P (Eagan/Murray) to place on the Senate agenda.

B. 13-14 CIC 4: Policy for Renewal of General Education Classifications

i) 02-03 CIC 12: 5-year Review of General Education

There were comments on the difficulty in getting information from the GE subcommittee regarding the status of requests for course approval and the need for a mechanism, perhaps online, for tracking and providing feedback from the subcommittee. It was suggested that agendas and minutes for the GE subcommittee would be helpful and noted that the policies and procedures document for CIC requires agendas and minutes for CIC subcommittees. M/S/P (Fleming/Murray) to place 13-14 CIC 4 on the Senate agenda. (Note that the 02-03 document was appended for information.)

C. 13-14 CAPR 5: Request for a postponement of the Modern Languages and Literatures 5 year review (added during approval of the agenda)

M/S/P (Fleming/Murray) to place on the Senate agenda.

D. 13-14 CAPR 6: Request for a reschedule of the Communications 5 year review (added during approval of the agenda)

M/S/P (Fleming/Murray) to place on the Senate agenda.

E. Draft 11/12/13 Academic Senate Agenda (renumbered from Item 6.C during approval of the agenda)

M/S/P (Fleming/Kimball) to approve the draft agenda, amended to include the items placed on the agenda in Items 3.A and 6.A-D above.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Karplus, Secretary