

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

OFFICE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

APPROVED Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, October 28, 2014

Members Present: Denise Fleming, Liz Ginno, Susan Gubernat, Michael Hedrick, James Houpis, Linda Ivey, Mark Karplus, James Murray, Rachael Stryker, Mitch Watnik, Meiling Wu

Guests Present: Endre Branstad, Sue Opp, Glen Perry, Sophie Rollins, Angela Schneider

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

1. Approval of the agenda

M/S/P (Murray/Wu) to approve, amended to place Item 5 in closed session with a time certain of 3:45 and give Item 9.B a time certain of 3:30.

2. Approval of the minutes of 10/14/14

M/S/P (Ginno/Wu) to approve, amended to change 3.a to Report of the Chair, change 3.c.i. to “Senators have been meeting between plenary sessions via teleconference rather than on-ground because even though the economy has bounced back, the budget has not been restored,” specify the GE, Cultural Groups and Women, and Critical Thinking subcommittees in 5.d, and add Watnik and Ivey as motion and second for 6.a.

3. Reports:

A. Report of the Chair

Chair Hedrick will miss next week’s ExCom meeting; Vice Chair Eagan will substitute. There is no ExCom meeting the following week, and the Senate meets on November 18. Hedrick attended a Chancellor’s Office conference on the 2025/10-year initiative to improve graduation rates. Information for each campus is posted at www.calstate.edu/dashboard. This Friday is Academic Senate Assistant Coordinator Endre Branstad’s last day. He will be missed.

B. Report of the Provost

Provost Houpis reported that the classroom upgrades master plan survey sent to regular faculty may have been sent prematurely. It was suggested that another email be sent advising that the survey not be responded to just yet. 13-14 COBRA 4 amended, which passed last year’s Senate, may provide background. The Provost handed out two Academic Affairs Directives: 2014-02, Guidelines for New Faculty Release Time; and 2014-04, Special Session programs. The first states, “Initial contract that new probationary faculty sign will include 33% release time each year to [sic] for the first two academic years of their assignment.” The second provides for a distribution of surplus CERF funds as follows: 60% of net share to College, 25% of net share to AA/Provost, 15% of net share to University Extension. M/S/P (Watnik/Gubernat) to place the directives on the Senate agenda as information items. He also provided two additional handouts containing three articles: The Long, Lonely Job of Homo academicus; In Search of Lost Time; and For one college, re-engineering faculty workloads also benefitted students.

C. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

Statewide Senate Gubernat reported that the CSU Academic Conference will be held next week at the Chancellor's Office. She noted that with the exception of Long Beach and San Jose, campuses continue to experience problems in the processing of 120/180 unit limit exception requests. The issue was discussed further under Item 9.A below.

4. Appointments:

A. A2E2 appointments

i. CSCI: Jennie Guzman, Physics

M/S/P (Watnik/Wu) to appoint. Watnik noted the considerable amount of work that service on the A2E2 Committee entails and that committee members should highlight their service in RTP.

B. FDEC

i. Paul Carpenter, CEAS, Fall 2014

ii. Colleen Fong, Ethnic Studies, 2014-15

M/S/P (Wu/Stryker) to appoint.

Item 6 was next. (Item 5 followed Item 10.)

5. Co-Directors of Q2S Conversion

A. Review of volunteers (closed session at 3:45 pm)

6. Election

A. Approval of nominees

The list of nominees was approved.

7. New Business:

A. 13-14 CIC 26: Revised policy for Online & Hybrid Instruction

M/S (Murray/Wu) to place on the Senate agenda. Karplus questioned the proposed 24-hour turnaround in Section III.A.1 on Page 2, the highlighted and bracketed formatting in III.B.11.f on Page 5, the intent of III.B.14 on Page 6, and the intent of V.A on Page 9, and suggested noting the Collective Bargaining Agreement in the second sentence of II.B.2 on Page 3. Fleming questioned the 24-hour turnaround and whether the rule would be clear, for example, in a hybrid class that might be in person except for one meeting. She also stated that the policy would hold online instructors to a different standard that might not be equitable to on ground courses. Murray stated that while faculty who come to the University are expected to know how to teach

in person, it is less likely that they are expected to know how to teach online. There was debate as to whether to send the document forward. Discussion was interrupted by time certain Item 9.A, which was next.

B. 14-15 FAC 1: Updating of the FAC Policies and Procedures document

C. 14-15 CIC 1: Policies and Procedures for CIC

D. 14-15 CIC 2: Proposed Amendment to the Faculty Bylaws

E. 14-15 CIC 3: Approval of PHYS 3080 for B6 Status

F. 13-14 FAC 14: Request for Reconsideration of Academic Senate Resolution 12-13 FAC 13, amended, Suggested Changes to the Policies and Procedures Governing Faculty Participation in Appointment and Review of Administrative Officers of CSUEB

G. 14-15 FAC 3: Proposed policy on adding courses exempted from student evaluations

8. Reminders:

A. 13-14 Senate called for Excom to revisit:

i. 13-14 COBRA 9: COBRA's Executive Summary for CSUEB 2014-15 Operating Base Budget and Key Budget Issues for 2014-15

ii. 13-14 CIC 19: Prerequisite Enforcement (replaces 12-13 CIC 8)

9. Discussions:

A. 120/180 Unit Exceptions Requests (CSCI Dean Michael Leung and Saied Motavalli, 3:00 pm time certain)

CSCI Dean Leung provided an overview of how the 180-unit limit is impacting the education we are providing by putting a ceiling on quality and the ability of programs, especially engineering, to be accredited. Engineering Chair Motavalli explained that Engineering has received no decision on exception requests sent to the Chancellor's Office over a year ago and has a new program that is also being held up.

Time certain Item 9.B was next.

B. Formation of new University colleges (Division of Undergraduate Studies/College of Health and Social Services) (3:30 pm time certain)

Hedrick stated that in light of the President's questioning how big we want East Bay to be and that we are approaching an enrollment of 15000 students, we may want to form task forces to discuss the formation of a Division of Undergraduate Studies that could house GE and Student Success and other programs, and a College of Health and Social Services that could house Nursing and Social Work and other programs.

Item 10 was next.

C. Discussion of Online Teaching

D. Discussion of campus workshops

E. Discussion of Lecturer emeriti policy

i. CSUDH Emeritus Status for Non-Tenure Track Faculty

ii. CSUDH Initial and Continuing Placement of Temporary Academic Personnel on the Salary Schedule

F. Discussion of LAO 14-15 Analysis of the Higher Education Budget report

G. Discussion of uniformity of elections procedures

10. Adjournment

The open meeting adjourned at 3:45 and moved to closed session for time certain Item 5.A.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Karplus, Secretary