

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

OFFICE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

APPROVED Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, February 21, 2017

Members Present: Denise Fleming, Karina Garbesi, Kim Geron, Susan Gubernat, Nina Haft, Michael Hedrick, Edward Inch, Mark Karplus, Jeffrey Newcomb

Guests: Diana Balgas, Margaret Harris, Lindsay McCrea, Mark Robinson, Sophie Rollins, Maureen Scharberg, Angela Schneider, Donna Wiley

Members Absent: Erik Helgren, Leroy Morishita, Meiling Wu

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m.

1. Approval of the agenda

M/S/P (Geron/Garbesi) to approve the agenda, as amended to postpone discussion of 4G

2. Approval of the 2/14/17 minutes

M/S/P (Garbesi/Newcomb) to approve the minutes (one abstention)

3. Reports

A. Report of the Chair

Chair Karplus reported that there is a full slate for the Winter University-wide election. There is still a need for four faculty members for the AVP Advancement search committee; currently, CEAS is the only college with a nominee.

M/S/P (Garbesi/Haft) to push the election back three days to allow for time to secure the additional nominees needed

A call will be put out for the next two-year DELO term. Members suggested that the call give nominees at least two weeks to put their names and statements forward.

Chair Karplus invited the Provost to provide an update on the Faculty Advising Fellows (see item 3B: Report of the Provost).

B. Report of the President

President Morishita was in Long Beach at the Chancellor's Office

C. Report of the Provost

In response to Chair Karplus' request for an update on the Faculty Advising Fellows, Provost Inch reported that the initiative will fund training and reassigned time (4 WTU per quarter with an hourly stipend for summer work) for one master advisor from each of the six largest departments on campus (Biological Sciences, Criminal Justice, Kinesiology, Health Science, Psychology, Sociology, and Social Services). Together, these six departments serve 5500 students. Inch stated that his goal, if funded, would be to grow the program beyond the six departments.

CSUEB's initiative is modeled after a similar program in use at Georgia Tech and also employed at other CSU campuses. Advisors are trained to identify and anticipate complex problems using predictive analytics. For example, students who earn a grade of C in an entry-level course in the major are more likely to struggle in future major coursework. By identifying these students, advisors can provide early guidance.

At Georgia Tech, STEM degrees awarded to

- black students rose by 69% percent
- black male students by 111% and
- Hispanics by 226%

Further, average time to the BA/BS decreased by more than half of a semester, saving the Georgia Tech Class of 2016 \$15M in tuition and fees.

Low income and first generation students can benefit from this type of intrusive advising as they are less likely to have family members or friends who can assist them in navigating the system and its resources.

Several ExCom members stated that it would be very beneficial to have a couple of "floating" advisors to assist students and faculty in departments without master advisors.

The Provost next addressed the Graduation Initiative. The Legislative Analyst's Office has recommended putting a hold on funding for all three segments as the initiatives "lack justification" at this time. In the event more funding is forthcoming, we need to be ready to implement. To that end, there will be a series of open fora to talk about how funds might best be utilized. Graduation rates increased about 1%; we are in the process of evaluating how the initiatives that were funded this year worked.

Inch reported that the average number of units to degree has increased from average number of 213.5 to 217.7 over the past year. This means students are staying almost one extra year to graduate and incurring an extra \$20-30K in costs.

While some delay is due to changing majors, often students' lives are so complex that they may take a class that works with their life schedule, rather than a specific graduation goal.

D. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

Friday is interim committee meetings.

E. Report of Semester Conversion

Professor Hedrick reported that the Advising Subcommittee will hold an open meeting this Thursday in UU102 from 2-3 pm.

Hedrick stated that a review of the semester conversion timeline shows that the process is behind in some areas (e.g., GE course review and approval due F 16). We are on target for undergraduate program review to be completed by SP17. Most departments completed major programs and overlays. Courses with overlays continue to be submitted. The catalog and advising are proceeding well and on time. Hedrick will discuss any priority items for the catalog with Chair Karplus.

4. New Business

A. 16-17 CIC 51: Developmental English and Math Policy

M/S/P (Fleming/Gubernat) to bring this back next week

B. 16-17 CIC 6: Online and Hybrid Instruction (referred to CIC by Senate on 11/29/16) and 16-17 CIC 6 revised

M/S/P (Haft/Garbesi) to place on the Senate agenda

C. 16-17 CAPR 8: Request for the discontinuance of the MA program in Sociology

M/S/P (Garbesi/Gubernat) to place on the Senate agenda

D. 16-17 CIC 56: Graduation Filing Policy

M/S/P (Garbesi/Gubernat) to place on the Senate agenda

Items 4E-4J were not addressed prior to adjournment

E. 16-17 CIC 58: Prerequisite Enforcement for Second-Tier Writing

F. 16-17 CAPR 7: Suggested changes to submission timelines in the Academic Program Review Procedures document

G. 16-17 CIC 65: Approval of M.S. Environmental Geosciences

H. 16-17 FAC 1: Updating of FAC Policies and Procedures document

I. 16-17 FAC 5: Appointment and Review of Department Chairs Policy and Procedures with Quarter to Semester changes

J. 16-17 FAC 6: Evaluation of Tenured Faculty policy with Quarter to Semester changes

5. Discussion items

Item 5A was not addressed prior to adjournment

A. Recent assaults on academic freedom

Item 5B was discussed due a time certain

B. Three-year pilot for time modules under the semester calendar

Chair Karplus reviewed the amendment to BEC 6, specifically “that there be a three-year pilot to evaluate and recommend adjustments to the model, details of the pilot to be determined by the Executive Committee.” Discussion ensued around whether this year or next year’s ExCom should devise the pilot, what other campuses are doing, what a framework might look like, and how to evaluate the University hour from the perspectives from various constituents (students, faculty, staff).

Items 5C-5D were not addressed prior to adjournment

C. Postponement of AVP of Financial Services review

D. Smoke and Tobacco Free Environment campus task force i) Draft Executive Order

6. Information Items

Items 6A-6I were not addressed prior to adjournment

A. 16-17 COBRA 1: Summary of the 2016-17 CSUEB Budget Highlights

B. 16-17 COBRA 2: Report on the CSUEB Classroom Renovation Feedback Survey  
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C. 16-17 COBRA 3: Update on Classroom Upgrade Project and Recommendations on  
Prioritization of Classrooms for Summer 2017

D. 16-17 CIC 55: Revision request for B.A. Environmental Studies

E. 16-17 CIC 59: Revision request for B.A. History

F. 16-17 CIC 60: Revision request for Certificate in Public History

G. 16-17 CIC 61: Revision request for B.S. in Psychology

H. 16-17 CIC 63: Revision request for B.A. Ethnic Studies

I. 16-17 CIC 64: Revision request for Minors in Ethnic Studies

7. Adjournment

Chair Karplus adjourned the meeting at 4:01p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Fleming, Secretary