CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY
OFFICE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

APPROVED Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, February 13, 2018

Members Present: Paul Carpenter, Denise Fleming, Karina Garbesi, Margaret Harris, Edward Inch, Mark Karplus, Dawna Komorosky, Leroy Morishita, Jason Smith, Meiling Wu

Guests: Linda Dobb, Jim Murray, Glen Perry, Mark Robinson, Sophie Rollins, Maureen Scharberg, Jeff Seitz

Members Absent: Susan Gubernat

The meeting was called to order at 2:0 p.m.

1. Approval of the agenda

M/S/P (Garbesi/Fleming) to approve the agenda, as amended
M/S/P (Karplus/Garbesi) to add as item 4b: Approval of Self-Nominations for Winter Ballot
M/S/P (Karplus/Garbesi) to add as item 5c: Substitute Progress Toward Degree
M/S/P (Karplus/Harris) to set a time certain of 3:40 for item 7E

2. Approval of 1/30/18 draft meeting minutes

M/S/P (Smith/Garbesi) to approve

3. Reports

A. Report of the Chair

Last Saturday, the Chair attended the Annual Meeting of CA-AAUP, and both participated and presented in sessions. Topics included shared governance and Executive Orders (EOs). After the meeting, there was a business meeting of the CA-AAUP, during which a strongly worded resolution on the Executive Orders and their devaluing of shared governance was passed.

Next Thursday, Chair Karplus will be in San Jose at the Council of Chairs, which he convenes. AVC Loren Blanchard will attend. There will likely be some discussion of shared governance and the EOs. Karplus stated that ASCSU Exec is still in discussion with the Chancellor’s Office about these topics.

B. Report of the President

President Morishita stated that the projected CSU budget remains a serious matter and has been discussed in his cabinet and at the Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting. The BOT will discuss the tuition increase at its March meeting in anticipation of a vote on the increase in May.
The total fee revenue is down because our enrollment is down about 500 heads for Fall.

A recent analysis shows the CSU is serving the highest 40% of high school graduates. The last time an analysis was conducted was 15 years ago.

C. Report of the Provost

Inch stated that he continues to discuss with deans different budget scenarios in the event Governor Brown follows through on the projected reduction of funding to the CSU.

Inch discussed the challenges posed to shared governance in the wake of the EOs and how those challenges are reflected in changing campus dynamics. He stated that we get many things right and some things not, but there is a lot of trust and positive achievements here that aren’t reflected at other campuses.

Chair Karplus shared a memo on the proposed CORE building. The window for input to affect changes opened last April and will close in mid-February. We are in the drawing phase; Administration and Finance receive the recent plans tomorrow. We can discuss afterwards. President Morishita added that building costs escalate over time. Also, if we delay, we may lose our place in line for a new building. We need to engage in fundraising and move forward.

Chair Karplus stated that the work that COBRA is doing (including tomorrow) still falls under the November 8 referral. He also thanked Provost Inch and Debbie Chaw for providing the plans in time for COBRA’s meeting.

Next, we discussed the Graduation Initiative 2025. There have been allocations to Math and English; Provost Inch reported that the CO had issued grants to support math and English curriculum and that Chair Karplus requested a status update on the grants. Inch added that when we receive funding from the CO, we make the allocations. The EOs take on a different weight and involve a lot of funding that have been ear-marked for specific processes.

D. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

No report

E. Report of Semester Conversion

Glen Perry reported that the Steering Committee met last Friday. Professional Development activities will continue through spring. Advising efforts are underway, as is planning for the University Hour. The date for conversion of the PeopleSoft database has been changed from 4/21 to 5/4, so as to not interfere with Welcome Day on 4/21.

In response to a question about the EOs, Perry stated that the Golden Four have been built into PeopleSoft. Double counts are also being built, in accordance with the original Senate policy.
4. Appointments and Elections

A. CEAS member on the Writing Skills Subcommittee for remainder of 17-18

M/S/P (Fleming/Komorosky) to appoint Margaret Harris

B. Approval of Self-Nominations for Winter Ballot

M/S/P (Garbesi/Harris) to approve

5. Discussion Items

A. Status of 16-17 FAC 9: Revisions to POLICIES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING FACULTY PARTICIPATION IN APPOINTMENT AND REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS document

Chair Karplus is in discussion with the President’s Office.

B. Memo from Provost Inch regarding faculty workload task force

M/S/P (Karplus/Fleming) to refer to the Committee on Research to study the original report and the Provost’s response, gather information, and report to the ExCom, potentially with recommendations.

M/S/P (Komorosky/Wu) to amend to also send to the Senate as an information item

Questions and comments on this item included potential referrals to FAC and FDEC. Also a concern was raised: what if colleges solve the financing issue differentially—what implications might that have for the CBA

C. Presidential Directives
   i. Degree Conferral for Eligible Students
   ii. Graduation and Change of Major

A new document, Progress Toward Degree, was substituted for the two previously presented documents. There was brief conversation about the new document, disseminated the prior day. It was noted that advising plays an important role in the new policy. That said, some ExCom members requested more time to review the new document and suggested the discussion be continued at the next ExCom meeting.

D. Graduate student theses and online publishing

Chairs Karplus will research further and report back.

E. Compilation of no-cost text list by OAA

Federal funds require knowing what things cost.
6. Information Items

A. 17-18 CAPR 3: Annual report submissions of 2016-2017 as information to the Provost and the Academic Senate

M/S/P (Wu/Smith) to place on the Senate agenda as an information item.

B. 17-18 CR 3: Principal Investigator Policy

M/S/P (Wu/Fleming) to place on the Senate agenda as an information item.

C. 17-18 CIC 39: Revised Clarification of B6 Standards
Not addressed prior to adjournment

7. Business

Items 7A-7D and 7F were not addressed prior to adjournment

A. CAPR 10: Request for discontinuance of six Math options
B. CAPR 11: Request for discontinuance of three Environmental Science options
C. 17-18 CIC 27: Request for SOC 3480 Course Modification to Online Only
D. 17-18 CIC 29: HON prefix for University Honors Program

Item 7E was taken up due to a time certain

E. 17-18 CIC 35: Timeline for Curricular Changes

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

F. 17-18 FAC 2: Formation of Special Subcommittee to address disruptive behavior

8. Academic Senate 2/20/18 draft agenda

M/S/P (Smith/Garbesi) to approve and place all items approved during today’s meeting on the Senate agenda.

9. Adjournment

M/S/P (Fleming/Komorosky) to adjourn at 4:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Fleming, Secretary