

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

OFFICE OF THE  
ACADEMIC SENATE

Approved

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Members present: Nick Baham, Denise Fleming, Sharon Green, Mike Mahoney, Sally Murphy, Gretchen Reevy-Manning, Mitch Watnik, Dianne Rush Woods

Members absent: Leroy Morishita, Jeff Seitz

Guests: Jim Houpis, Pat Jennings, Mark Karplus, Sue Opp, Glen Perry, Donna Wiley

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

1. Approval of the agenda

M/S/P (Murphy/Reevy) to approve the agenda as amended  
M/S/P (Fleming/Woods) to amend to add as items 9, 10, 11

9. Discussion of tone at last week's Senate meeting, specifically re: FDEC
10. Statewide Senate Resolution regarding online instruction
11. Senators not attending Senate meetings

2. Approval of the minutes of January 10, 2012

M/S/P (Watnik/Murphy) to approve the minutes of January 10, 2012

3. Reports

A. Report of the Chair

Chair Mahoney announced upcoming meetings: 1/31: ExCom, 2/7: Senate, 2/14 & 2/21 ExCom, then Senate on 2/28. For the remainder of the academic year, we will essentially follow a pattern of two ExCom meetings followed by a Senate meeting.

Mahoney, also chair of the Ad Hoc IT Advisory Committee, reported on the Blackboard crash last week. The committee met with Eugene Lim, who oversees most computer servers on campus. Blackboard had a disk crash; initially the backup disk kept the system up. However, when 3PAR (our soon-to-be former utility storage firm) replaced the first disk, the entire system crashed. Mahoney stated that ITS staff are also very concerned and are looking into the problem. They are working on the transition to NetApps (the new data storage company for the campus) in the near future.

Mahoney stated that, because Blackboard is notorious for being a poorly written program and with many add-ons, outside companies will not manage our systems. Houpis added that we do a lot of programming on Blackboard to meet faculty needs; this is not feasible for the long term. Woods added that the Communiqué regarding Blackboard did not include contact information or a landing page.

Mahoney stated that faculty member and ASCSU Chair, Jim Postma, has been added to the CSU (Calstate) Online Working Group. Ruth Claire Black has been hired as the Executive Director, will likely change name to Calstate Online to reduce confusion with other systems and universities. Initial offerings will be made up of campuses current online programs both from University Extension, as well as State-supported offerings. This may be helpful to our campus.

Postma joins the other faculty members Jody Ullman (San Bernadino) and Barry Pasternak (Fullerton); both are strong reps. Ruth Claire Black has been invited to campus; she wants to understand what faculty want. Our President wants someone on that working group.

The Chair announced that the Professional Leave Committee now has nominees.

CLASS Dean candidates are now in on-campus interviews, with Kathleen Rountree's open meeting today at 4 p.m. in the Biella Room.

Mahoney stated that last week's Senate meeting was somewhat frustrating, with over an hour spent on the FDEC discussion. He suggested time limits for speakers, times certain, and clickers for voting. Most ExCom members counseled against time limits.

#### B. Report of the Provost

Houpis stated that an online business degree may be one of the first developed by Calstate Online. He has invited Ruth Black to campus in February or March. He suggested a possible meeting with ExCom. The Provost also offered to buy clickers.

The Provost wants to bring John Walda, President and CEO, National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO), to campus. We need to have data at hand for agency and advocacy in community. Houpis presented an overview of Walda's "Living with 'The New Normal.'" Houpis also briefly discussed AAUP's stance on Academic Freedom and Tenure.

Science and Engineering Indicators for 2010 were also shared.

#### C. Report of the Statewide Academic Senator

Woods reported that ASCSU met last week. Two Senators resigned due to reduction in assigned time; attendance at the meeting was the lowest Woods has seen—at least 10 senators were not in attendance. Discussions focused on concern about the erosion of shared governance (viz: Early Start, American Institutions, SB 1440, and more), and the Board of Trustees determination to develop initiatives without adequate faculty consultation; Woods reported a "significant level of fury." There were discussions in every committee to hold a vote of No Confidence in the Chancellor, but there were not enough votes. In response, a super committee was formed to look at the shared governance issues.

Woods stated that the Chancellor attended the meeting and was very attentive; he listened to a lot of faculty complaints. Faculty trustee Bernadette Cheyne wants to visit campus; no date has been set. Watnik suggested that perhaps the faculty trustee can put the academic freedom resolution on the Board of Trustees agenda.

Funding per student is not consistent across campuses. Of 23 campuses, we are second or third lowest,

receiving about 5K per student; next year, we will receive close to 6K per student. Even so, 61% of tuition costs are paid by students.

#### 4. Appointments

M/S/P (Watnik/Fleming) to approve

Steve Peng to replace Tony Lima on FAC Winter 2012

Kim Geron to replace Colleen Fong on Fairness Committee Winter and Spring 2012

Glen Taylor to replace Asha Rao on Senate for Winter 2012

#### 5. **11-12 CIC 4:** Registration Policy Priority Registration and Registration Order as it affects Foster Youth

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

This is a state law and CIC4 codifies it. We don't know the exact number of foster youth attending CSUEB, since they self-report their status.

#### 6. **11-12 CR 1:** Policies for Committee Operations and **11-12 CR 2:** Modification to Centers and Institutes Policies and Procedures

M/S/Withdrawn (Murphy/Fleming) to place on the Senate Agenda

M/S/P (Watnik/Green) to refer back to CIC

#### 7. Academic Calendar discussion (Senator Watnik)

M/S/P (Fleming/Woods) to postpone to next meeting

#### 8. **11-12 FAC 2:** RTP Policy update (Eileen Barrett, Chair of FAC)

M/S/P (Fleming/Woods) to place on Senate agenda

M/S/P (Murphy/Green) to extend meeting to 4:05 p.m.

9. Discussion of tone at last week's Senate meeting, specifically re: FDEC (no action)

10. Statewide Senate Resolution regarding online instruction (no action)

11. Senators not attending Senate meetings (no action)

#### 12. Adjournment

M/S/P (Murphy/Reevy) to adjourn at 4:03

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Fleming, Secretary