

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

OFFICE OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE

Approved

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, January 31, 2012

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

Members absent: Nick Baham, Leroy Morishita

Guests: Eileen Barrett, Linda Dalton, Jiansheng Guo, Rafael Hernandez, Phil Hofsteter, Jim Houpis, Pat Jennings, Mark Karplus, Michael Lee, Sue Opp, Kathleen Rountree, Gale Young

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

1. Approval of the agenda

M/S/P (Murphy/Green) to approve the agenda

M/S/P (Watnik/Fleming) to amend the agenda to include item 13; adding the use of clickers into the standing rules

M/S/P (Fleming/Murphy) to amend the agenda to include appointment A2E2, Winter Election, Peg Winkleman to replace Rita Liberti on the GE Subcommittee.

2. Approval of the minutes of January 24, 2012

No minutes to approve

3. Reports

A. Report of the Chair

In the interest of time conservation, no report.

B. Report of the Provost

The Provost reported that the CLASS Dean search is near completion and there should be an announcement regarding the hire in two weeks. He added that there will be a “post mortem” to look for ways to improve future search processes. Houpis reported that the two top business faculty candidates have been hired.

In response to Woods’ question, the Provost stated that the 125% compensation rule for faculty is interpreted inconsistently; this will require a change in the policy.

C. Report of the Statewide Academic Senator

Woods reported that ASCSU will meet in a week or so. There is still controversy about limits on assigned time and shared governance.

4. Appointments

M/S/P (Fleming/Murphy) Chris Chamberlain to replace Mary Fortune on the ad hoc IT Advisory Committee

M/S/P (Fleming/Murphy) Keri O'Neal to replace Nidhi Mehendra on the Committee on Research for 11-12

M/S/P (Fleming/Murphy) to appoint Dana Edwards replace Korey Brunetti on A2E2 Committee

M/S/P (Green/Woods) Peg Winkelman to replace Rita Liberti on the GE Subcommittee for SP12

ExCom members volunteered to serve, and have their names appear on the Winter Quarter Election Ballot, as follows:

Foundation Board: Woods

Review committees:

AVP Enrollment Management Systems: Murphy and Fleming

Director SCAA: Green

Woods stated that service on review committees takes a great deal of time and reports can be rejected. Fleming suggested we consider recruiting a super committee to conduct all reviews; this could be similar to what is currently in place at CSU Chico, as outlined at the following link: <http://www.csuchico.edu/prs/EMs/2003/03-010.shtml>.

Singley's status should be corrected to read Associate Professor on the Winter Ballot.

5. Updates to RTP Policy – Eileen Barrett, Chair of FAC **11-12 FAC 2**, RTP Policy update, Proposed RTP Updates

M/S (Seitz/Murphy) to begin discussion

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

M/S/P (Seitz/Fleming) to refer items 5.3.2 and 6.4.3 of the RTP policy to FAC

CFA noted two inconsistencies between the current RTP policy and the CBA, one of which is addressed in the RTP policy revision. However, the other issue, “a request for reconsideration of a negative decision will be denied if a grievance has been filed,” has not been addressed. This may appear to be a reprisal, since filing a grievance results in rescinding the right to reconsideration of a negative decision.

Barrett stated that the second issue was not referred to FAC and there was no charge regarding grievances.

6. Academic Calendar discussion (Watnik)

M/S/Withdrawn (Watnik/Reevy)

There were questions about the numbers of Academic Mondays being inconsistent; Sue Opp will review and report back; any inconsistencies should be referred to her office.

7. Time Certain 3pm: University Directives – Interim VP Brad Wells

Brad Wells reported on the development of an alternative structure that would bring existing policies to one location. During a pilot phase, Wells stated that approximately five policies will be posted. Each one will have information about the policy's subject, when the policy was approved, and whom to call with questions.

Wells discussed how Executive Order 11-06 evolved. He stated that there were meetings with the President's Cabinet, the CFA, the ASI and attorneys.

8. Draft Senate Agenda for February 7, 2012

Chair will include times certain, will report on the possible use of clickers for voting, but not a time limit on speaking in the Senate agenda

9. Tone of discussion at Senate meetings (Fleming)

Fleming stated her concern about the tenor of the last Senate meeting, particularly around FDEC, and perceptions of argumentum ad hominem. She believes that there can and should be full, rich discussions, but these should be on the merits (or lack thereof) of proposals and should not include direct or indirect attacks on others who may disagree. She encouraged ExCom members to be mindful of tone, just as we would in our classrooms.

10. Revision of proposed Resolution regarding system wide online initiative

11-12 FUFM 1, Resolution Calling for Suspension of the CSU Online Initiative,
Proposed Resolution

Reevy explained the changes made to the FUFM. Discussion ensued, including perceived need to get a resolution out, content of the resolution could be more positive and specific, and whether or not to wait until Director Ruth Black comes to campus.

11. Attendance of Senators at Senate (Fleming)

Fleming stated that she was contacted by senators concerned with lack of attendance by senate colleagues at senate meetings. She suggested that we gather attendance data and encourage those senators who have not attended to do so.

12. 11-12 CAPR 3, Recommendation to approve the creation of a School of Arts and Media, Proposal for School of Arts and Media (SAM)

M/S/P (Seitz/Green) to place on Senate agenda

Michael Lee and Dean Rountree responded to questions, stating that SAM would be resource neutral and that current resources will be reallocated. This should be in the section on resource allocation. No intent to change current governance policy. Watnik commended the four departments and the Provost's Office for their collaborative efforts.

13. Amending the Standing Rules to add the use of clickers. This will be on the next ExCom agenda for more discussion.

M/S/ (Fleming/Woods)

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Fleming, Secretary