CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

OFFICE OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Members present: Nick Baham, Denise Fleming, Sharon Green, Mike Mahoney, Sally Murphy, Gretchen Reevey-Manning, Mitch Watnik

Members absent: Leroy Morishita (excused), Jeff Seitz (excused), Dianne Rush Woods

Guests: Linda Dalton, Jiansheng Guo, James Houpis, Silvina Ituarte, Derek Kimball, Michael Lee, Sue Opp, Angela Schneider, Borre Ulrichsen

Chair Mahoney called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

1. Approval of the agenda

M/S/P (Reevy/Watnik) to approve the agenda as amended (remove item 10, proposed Criminal Justice certificate, to afford CIC a chance to review and recommend)

2. Approval of the minutes

M/S/P (Green/Reevy) to approve the minutes of February 14, 2012

3. Reports

A. Report of the Chair

Chair Mahoney reminded those present that the election was active, and asked that they remind their colleagues of the importance of voting.

The A2E2 Committee has been meeting weekly. Denise Fleming is the A2E2 chair and Mahoney is on the committee. The Foundation Board is rewriting its bylaws. A Virtual Desktop Interface is being piloted around campus, Mahoney is one of the testers. ITS has been reorganized and a relevant report will be presented later.

The Statewide Senate Chairs met with Chancellor Reed for an hour at last week’s meeting in Long Beach. Reed commented on the governor’s proposed budget, said that the CSU would be taking a disproportionately large reduction; he discussed the three tax proposals that might appear on the ballot, mentioned that health care expenses are a significant unfunded factor in the CSU budget. Mahoney referred anyone interested in more details to the minutes of the Statewide Senate meetings.

The Senate Chairs (without the Chancellor) also discussed Cal State Online. Executive Director Black is adjusting to the collaborative governance style in the CSU, which is different from her earlier experience in a non-public university. There is faculty involvement; Jodie Ullman, Senate Chair at San Bernardino, was elected secretary of the Cal State Online Advisory Board.

Cal State hopes to roll out the first programs in fall 2012. An RFP for an administrative “suite of services” will be distributed soon. Presently, all programs considered for participating in Cal State Online are self-
support; there is no intention that Cal State Online will be considered a “24th campus” or a separate auxiliary. Any revenue generated by a campus through its online programs will remain with the campus. Each campus that chooses to use the suite of services of Cal State Online will be charged a fee based on usage. The goal is to increase access to education and bring in additional revenue.

The Statewide Senate has received increased funding for this academic year—there is an additional $100,000 available. Associate Vice Chancellor Ron Vogel was applauded for his efforts in this regard.

Sacramento State has a program prioritization tool for use by the Provost and President when making budget decisions.

B. Report of the Provost

Provost Houpis reported that the campus must plan and implement its budget next year on the assumption that any tax initiative that appears on the ballot in November will fail. If an initiative does pass and there is more revenue, we will “ramp up” expenditures at that time.

The Open Letter from Cal State Online Executive Director Black is being edited and will be sent out to Senate Chairs for distribution to faculty. Houpis recommended reading the Online White Paper recently issued by the ASCSU.

Don Sawyer reported that there have been changes to the structure of IT on this campus four times in the last two years. The current change will recentralize academic technologies (MATS, OHSC) under the ITS division.

C. Report of the Statewide Academic Senator - none

4. Appointments - none

5. Summaries of Action(s) Procedural Change (Mahoney)

M/S/P (Fleming/Green) to postpone in order to allow time for other agenda items.

6. 11-12 CIC 3 rev, Declaration of Major Policy

M/S/P (one nay vote) to place on Senate agenda

7. 11-12 CR 2, Modification to Centers and Institutes Policies and Procedures

M/S/P (Fleming/Reevy) to refer back to Committee on Research for discussion and clarification. CR Chair Kimball discussed the committee’s thinking on the policy. Considerations include ensuring adequate faculty governance, while also ensuring that the approval process does not take so long that programs may lose out on grants.

8. 11-12 FAC 4, Revisions to Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Policy and Procedures (RTP)

M/S/P to place on Senate agenda

9. 11-12 CAPR 9, Recommendation to Approve Modifications to Program Review Policies to accommodate SB 1440

M/S/P to place on Senate agenda (with agreement to fix typographical error)

Discussion ensued and suggestions were made.

11. Adjournment

M/S/P (Fleming/Murphy) to adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Fleming, Secretary