

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

OFFICE OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Members present: Nick Baham, Denise Fleming, James Houppis, Mike Mahoney, Gretchen Reevy-Manning, Jeff Seitz, Mitch Watnik, Dianne Rush Woods

Members absent: Sharon Green, Sally Murphy

Guests: Linda Dalton, Jiansheng Guo, Mark Karplus, Glen Perry

The chair called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

1. Approval of the agenda

M/S/P (Woods/Fleming) to approve the agenda, as amended

M/S/P (Woods/Seitz) to amend the agenda to add item 9a:

11-12 CIC 18, 11-12 CAPR 16, Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism discontinuances:
Discontinuance of the Minor in Recreation Therapy
Discontinuance of the Certificate in Youth Services Administration
Discontinuance of the Minor in Youth Services Administration

2. Approval of the minutes of April 10, 2012

M/S/P (Watnik/Reevy) to approve the minutes as amended

M/S/Not Passed (Reevy/Seitz) (3/3/2) to delete Fleming's comments on the *Pioneer* op ed

M/S/P (Seitz/Reevy) (7/0/1) to delete authors' names from Fleming's comments on the *Pioneer* op ed

3. Reports

a. Report of the Chair

Mahoney reported that standing committee chairs will be presenting annual reports in upcoming ExCom meetings. ExCom's annual administrative review will be held May 29 for an hour in closed session. ExCom members requested more time to meet with the President and Provost, so two hours will be scheduled that afternoon. The last Senate meeting will be June 5; that meeting will be followed by the annual organizational meeting.

Upcoming events include Honors Convocation (May 12) and Diversity Day (May 16).

VP Dalton continues to meet with committees to discuss strategic planning. A working document will be posted and will reflect changes and suggestions that have been made.

Mahoney reported on the activities of the ad hoc IT Advisory Committee, which has some overlap with FSSAC.

The A2E2 Committee is developing the EIRA call for funding proposals.

The Chair reported that we are at 101.2% FTES target for SP12 and 102.2% for year.

Mahoney attended the CSU Senate Chairs meeting last week at the Chancellor's Office. Jim Postma (Chico), is completing his second (and final) term as ASCSU Chair. SB1440 implementation continues and requires some campuses (including CSUEB) to be open in Summer.

Chairs discussed Cal State Online, which is looking to Extended Ed as a potential model. Chancellor Reed may write a new Executive Order for Continuing Education Reserve Funds (CERF). Provost Houpis added that CERF are governed by Title 5; thus, the BOT would need to take this into consideration. CERF may be used for professional development and equipment, but not for stateside faculty salaries.

Jodie Ullman (San Bernadino), Secretary of Cal State Online's Advisory Board, is working to ensure that faculty voices are heard. Mahoney encouraged all to review the Advisory Board minutes.

Mahoney informed President Morishita that there is overwhelming faculty opposition to suspending SUGs. If suspended permanently, some 20K CSU graduate students stand to lose \$90M that would not go to student support.

CSU 2012-2013 enrollment is not expected to change dramatically. The Board of Trustees will appoint new presidents on several campuses, including Fullerton, Dominguez Hills, Maritime, Monterey, Northridge, San Bernardino, Stanislaus, and San Francisco. Some presidents are leaving one CSU campus to head up another, which means no external candidates in those moves.

Mahoney urged all to vote their conscience on the CFA strike ballot.

Plenary resolutions:

Elizabeth (Beth) Ambos, Assistant Vice Chancellor, is leaving the CO to be the new director at the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) in DC.

b. Report of the Provost

Provost Houpis reported that AB 1501 will establish financial aid for a 12-13 scholarship program aimed at middle class students. If this passes, the question is whether or not the funds will be provided by the state or from campuses.

Faculty searches are nearing completion, with a few being rolled over to 12-13.

Houpis and all discussed the importance of the quality faculty-student interactions in classes, extracurricular activities, advising, office hours, and other activities. Such interactions have the potential to increase retention and graduation rates, as well as reducing outlays on students who drop out. The committee agreed that this is important, as is recognition for faculty service. The latter item will be on a future ExCom agenda. FAC Chair Barrett added that, in the past, teaching awards were granted.

WASC approved moving the undergraduate Women's Studies degree to self support.

California and the CSU will go through significant transitions in next few years. There will be no spring semester admissions at SJSU and SFSU, along with a possible system-wide drop in enrollment in 13-14.

c. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

Woods reported that the ASCSU is meeting in two weeks and will elect a new chair. ASCSU continues to struggle for survival, in light of financial reductions and issues surrounding faculty governance. Academic freedom and faculty rights are in play as the university makes decisions regarding partnering with corporate entities.

Woods stated that issues include presidential compensation, enrollment management, and ASCSU concerns over the lack of shared governance. She encouraged all to review ASCSU Resolutions online.

Woods encourage all to purchase tickets for the 9th annual CSUEB African American Faculty and Staff Scholarship dinner on 5/4/12. Tickets are \$40; those who cannot attend may donate their ticket to a student in need.

4. Appointments

None

5. Public Comments agenda item (discussion)

The Committee discussed the possibility of including a "public comments" period at each ExCom meeting. Woods checked with other CSUs and found that the majority do so. This will be discussed as part of the 12-13 standing rules.

6. Constitution and Bylaws (discussion)

The Committee discussed establishing a Task Force, with representatives from all Colleges, to review the Constitution and Bylaws.

M/S/P (Watnik/Seitz) to move to item 10 draft agenda
M/S/P (Woods/Seitz) to put all reports towards the end of the agenda

7. SALO (discussion)

Not addressed due to time constraints

8. Registration limits (discussion)

M/S/P (Woods/Reevy) to move to item 8. The registration limits item is already on the Senate Agenda. Fleming expressed concern about advising for those seeking to register for more than 17 units. It appears that students are not currently taking advantage of advising and the question of mandatory advising to enroll in excessive units was brought up. VP Dalton stated that as the policy currently exists, department approval is required for any enrollment over 22 units, and that would remain. PEMSA has found that the paperwork is done by administrative support staff with evidence of faculty approval. Provost Houpis mentioned that 22 units might not be good academic practice and suggested that academic advising should be required for high unit enrollment.

9. Fulltime Faculty Office Hour Policy (referral to FAC?)

M/S/P (Reevy/Woods) to refer faculty office hour policy

9a. **11-12 CIC 18, 11-12 CAPR 16**, Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism discontinuances:

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10. Draft Senate Agenda for 5/8/12

M/S/P (Woods/Fleming) to extend the meeting by ten minutes

M/S/P (Reevy/Fleming) to extend the meeting by two minutes

The Committee discussed next week's Senate agenda.

11. Adjournment

M/S/P (Fleming/Woods) to adjourn at 4:12pm

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Fleming, Secretary