Approved Minutes
Subcommittee on Lecturers
Faculty Affairs Committee
Academic Senate

25 January 2016
2:00 – 3:30 pm
SA 3200A

Present:
Linda Dobb, Diane Mukerjee, Jeff Newcomb, Gretchen Reevy, Diana Wakimoto, Jessica Weiss

1. Chair Reevy called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda: M/S/P (Mukerjee/Weiss) to approve agenda as amended to include item 4.5, Election of Lecturers to the FAC Subcommittee on Semester Conversion.

3. Need for Secretary: Members agreed that the Secretary position could rotate among Members from meeting to meeting. Newcomb will serve as Secretary for today.

4. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting, 11/30/2015: M/S/P (Mukerjee/Weiss).

5. 14-15 FAC 15, Election of Lecturers to Senate: Chair Reevy announced that 14-15 FAC 15, as amended and passed by Senate, is going to tenure line faculty for a University-wide vote scheduled between 1/28 and 2/10. She explained that the measure provides for clearer procedures for electing the University’s Lecturer Representatives at-Large to Senate, and urged support for its approval.

There was discussion over low turnout for the measure, as only three items appear on the ballot. Weiss and Reevy expressed concern about whether the subject line on email sent to voting faculty is clear about the purpose of 14-15 FAC 15. Reevy agreed to contact the Senate office: a brief summary of the measure in a new email to voting faculty, with a more specific subject line, may help.

6. Lecturers for FAC Subcommittee on Semester Conversion: Dobb, Reevy and Newcomb commented on the substantial turnout of interest by lecturers in each of three open FAC Subcommittee positions for the remainder of this academic year: 20+ candidates from CEAS, 20+ candidates from CLASS and 4 from CBE. ExCom chose one candidate from each college to serve. The high level of lecturer response is attributed to an increased engagement among lecturers, and increasing interest in Semester Conversion outcomes.
7. Broader Representation for Lecturers in Senate Standing Committees:
Reevy introduced the value of Lecturers being able to serve on Senate standing committees. It may be inadvisable to argue for Lecturer service on FAC and COBRA, positions reserved for tenure line faculty. But Lecturers could serve on four other standing committees: CIC, CAPR, CR and FDEC.

Dobb suggested that we as a Subcommittee work to seek representation with these four. Mukerjee expressed the general concern about Lecturers doing University work for free, without compensation or release time. Weiss offered that all contributions are welcome; while participation by Lecturers is voluntary and uncompensated, it is inclusive. Once you are in, you are in.

Mukerjee asked about what to do with a committee appointment if a Lecturer has no teaching assignments. This was the situation necessitating the mid-year election of three new Lecturers to the FAC Subcommittee on Semester Conversion. Dobb suggested considering language adapted by CSU Northridge, distinguishing “Active” Lecturers as those Lecturers currently teaching in an entitlement appointment.

Further discussion centered on moving forward with a proposal in which standing committees should have dedicated “Lecturer” seats. There was agreement among those present that the focus for an initiative should be on four standing committees: CIC, CAPR, CR and FDEC. As at this point in the meeting no quorum was present, no vote was taken.

8. Lecturer Emeritus: Wakimoto advised that the FAC report on emeritus status for faculty is up for ExCom review in February, and Senate approval. The report includes a process and requirements for minimum of twelve years’ service, a letter of support and sign-off from the president.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Newcomb
Acting Secretary