FAC Lecturer Subcommittee meeting minutes 11/30/15

Attending: Linda Dobb, Mark Karplus, Diane Mukerjee, Lindsay McCrea, Jeff Newcomb, Gretchen Reevy, Jessica Weiss

1. We discussed the document that our subcommittee worked on last spring, 14-15 FAC 15, Lecturer Subcommittee Recommended Changes to the CSUEB Bylaws. The document is on the Senate agenda for tomorrow (Dec 1), receiving its second reading. Mark mentioned that at the Senate meeting he will move to change the “Action Requested” from the following, “That the Academic Senate place the attached Bylaws amendment on the Fall 2015 ballot of the University Faculty” to the same language, but replacing “Fall 2015” with “Winter 2016.” Additionally, he mentioned that in both an ExCom and a Senate meeting, one or more Senators expressed concern about the following language that our subcommittee recommending adding to the document, “The Office of the Academic Senate shall publish the names of those qualified for membership in the lecturer electorate and publish a request for self-nominations.” The concern was that the Academic Senate does not directly have access to the list of the lecturer electorate; rather, Academic Affairs has access to the list. He suggested some language to address these concerns. As a committee we agreed that his suggested language would be helpful and we agreed that at the Senate meeting tomorrow he should make a motion to amend the document with his language.

2. We discussed a topic which we began discussing last spring: whether to work on a document that recommends changes to the CSUEB bylaws so that lecturer faculty will be eligible to serve on standing committees. Gretchen stated that she thought it would be most fair to focus on standing committees upon which all tenure-track/tenured faculty can serve, but that we should not argue that lecturers could serve on committees upon which untenured tenure-track cannot serve (such as FAC). We began to discuss a number of issues, including: should lecturers be eligible to serve if they are not paid for serving?, would allowing this unpaid service set a precedent that we do not want to set?; will lecturers be able to serve their full term given that their appointments are contingent and temporary (or, more specifically, might lecturers be unable to serve because they may not be reappointed after being elected)? We discussed some responses to these concerns. For instance, we could restrict lecturer eligibility to those whose appointments are more secure, for example, the lecturer electorate (lecturers on an annual appointment of half time or more). Additionally, perhaps lecturer representation and enfranchisement should take precedence over the pay issue. We will have to discuss these and other issues further. Toward the end of our discussion we decided that someone should investigate lecturer service on standing committees at other CSUs. As Mark stated, many CSU campuses do allow lecturers to serve on standing committees. Mark volunteered to do this investigation over the holiday break. Diane and Lindsay both stated that lecturers are...
allowed to participate in governance at the department level in their departments (Teacher Ed and Nursing/Health Sciences) and that they will find the language will describes this service.

3. Mark suggested that we elect a chair of the subcommittee. Mark moved to elect Gretchen as chair and Diane seconded. The motion passed.

4. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Reevy