CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, HAYWARD

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of
the ACADEMIC SENATE 
Approved as presented

Minutes of the Meeting of November 21, 2000

Members present: Kevin Callahan, Cal Caplan, William Langan, Sally Murphy, Henry Reichman, Don Sawyer, Eric Soares, Emily Stoper, Steve Ugbah

Members absent: Sue Opp, Norma Rees, Don Wort

Guests: Carl Bellone, Stanley Clark, Myoung-ja Lee Kwon, Mack Lovett, Leigh Mintz, Charlotte Perry, Sonjia Redmond, Arthurlene Towner

1. Approval of the agenda

M/S/P (Caplan/Sawyer) to approve the agenda with the addition of item 7A: 00-01 CIC 9.

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2000

The minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2000, were not yet available.

3. Reports

A. Report of the Chair
The Chair reported that official Fall enrollment figures show that CSUH enrollment is up 38 students but down 70 FTES from the previous Fall.
- The Chair reported that some faculty, and in particular faculty of color, were asking what faculty government was going to do about the El-Sayed court decision finding against the University.

M/S/P (Langan/Ugbah) to refer the question of the difference in the rate of granting or denying tenure to ethnic minority faculty as compared to non-minority faculty to the Committee on Faculty Equity and Diversity.

B. Report of the President - There was no report.

C. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators There was no report.

4. Appointment of Spring Quarter Replacement for Steve Ugbah (Marketing & Entrepreneurship) on the University Advancement Faculty Liaison Committee

The appointment was postponed until a later meeting.

5. 00-01 CIC 6, Proposed Replacements for Cluster Courses

M/S/P (Murphy/Sawyer) to place 00-01 CIC 6 on the Senate agenda.

It was explained that these numerical and title changes were necessitated by the new Degree Works software.
6. 00-01 CIC 7, Proposed List of Courses Satisfying Upper Division General Education Requirements Under the 1998-2002 G.E. Program; Effective Spring Quarter, 2001

M/S/P (Murphy/Callahan) to place 00-01 CIC 7 on the Senate agenda.

7. 00-01 CIC 8, Application of ENGL 2075 to G.E. Area F

M/S (Soares/Murphy) to place 00-01 CIC 8 on the Senate agenda.

Discussion questioned the appropriateness of counting creative writing as a performing art or activity. Mathematical research is very creative, for example, but does not count as a "performing art". It was agreed that this issue should be raised when General Education undergoes its Five-Year Review next year.

The motion passed.

7A. 00-01 CIC 9, Proposed New Cluster Course, ES 2130, Ethnicity and Humor (Replacement for SOC 2421 in Sophomore Humanities Cluster, American Popular Culture)

M/S/P (Soares/Murphy) to place 00-01 CIC 9 on the Senate agenda.

8. Proposed Amendments to 98-99 BEC 6, Faculty Participation in the Tenure-Track Allocation Process

M/S (Reichman/Ugbah) to place 00-01 BEC 11 on the Senate agenda.

Reichman made the motion, accepted as friendly, to replace the words "five-year" in the first sentence proposed for section C with the word "unit", and to replace the words "its five-year plan" in the second sentence proposed for section C with the word "that", and to eliminate the words "since originally written" from the same sentence.

Langan made the motion, accepted as friendly, to add a second sentence to the new Section B to read as follows: "In subsequent years, CAPR may revisit the criteria in light of changing circumstances."

M/S (Soares/Caplan) to add a new paragraph to 00-01 BEC 11 stating that implementation of 98-99 BEC 6 as amended by 00-01 BEC 11 will not become effective until Fall, 2001.

It was argued that the Fall Quarter is almost over, and requiring departments to refer to plans in any way during the Fall Quarter of this academic year is too burdensome at this late date. The motion passed. (The vote was 5-3-1.)

Reichman attempted to withdraw his original motion, but Caplan argued that the motion, once made, seconded and amended by the Executive Committee, no longer belonged to the original maker. The Chair ruled Reichman's attempt to withdraw his motion out of order.

M/S/P (Sawyer/Caplan) to reconsider the motion just passed.
It was pointed out that 00-01 BEC 11, as amended, had the effect of suspending 98-99 BEC 6 and thus returning us to the situation in place during the 98-99 academic year, for which no process involving faculty input into the tenure-track allocation process existed. Dean Towner explained that the only objection the deans had to 00-01 BEC 11 or 98-99 BEC 6 had to do with timing, since the Fall quarter was nearly over and departments had not been informed about the specific conditions of 98-99 BEC 6.

The motion, now under reconsideration, to add a new paragraph to 00-01 BEC 11 postponing implementation of 98-99 BEC 6 until Fall 2001, failed.

Langan made the motion, accepted as friendly, to add a sentence to the first paragraph proposed for section C to read as follows: "For the academic year 2000-01, departments may make their requests as soon as possible in the Winter Quarter."

The motion (originally made by Reichman and seconded by Ugbah) to place 00-01 BEC 11, as amended by the friendly motions (above), on the Senate agenda passed.

9. Reconsideration of Referral to the Faculty Affairs Regarding Non-Academic Related Student Complaints

The motion (made by Caplan and seconded by Reichman at the November 24th meeting of Ex Comm) to reconsider the motion of October 17, 2000, to refer to FAC a proposal to expand the Fairness Committee's charge to include non-academic-related student complaints passed unanimously.

The Chair explained her consultation with Mack Lovett and others about the desirability of outlining a code of conduct, and the helpful language in the Faculty Handbook prepared by the Center for Faculty Development, and expressed her desire to pursue the matter further before we refer any proposal to FAC for action.

Caplan pointed out the difference between a code of behavior, which could be specific, and a policy for handling student complaints about faculty behavior, which should be general and procedural, as opposed to being a litany of specific actions taken in response to specific complaints.

The motion, now under reconsideration, to refer to FAC a proposal to expand the Fairness Committee's charge to include non-academic-related student complaints failed.

M/S/P (Soares/Reichman) to empower the Chair to consult with appropriate administrators and faculty on this issue and to report back to Ex Comm at its first meeting in February, 2001.

10. Adjournment

M/S/P (Soares/Reichman) to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

William Langan, Secretary