

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

OFFICE OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE

Approved

Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting, January 23, 2006

Members present: Tom Acord, James Ahiakpor, Tom Bickley, David Bowen, Brady Calma, Calvin Caplan, Dennis Chester, Lynn Comerford, Amber Doliner, Jennifer Eagan, Levent Ertaul, Denise Fleming, Jair Fory, Vahid Fozdar, Kara Gabriel, Liz Ginno, Shivani Gupta, Tom Hird, Cathy Inouye, Derek Kimball, Dawna Komorosky, David Larson, Jane Lopus, Christopher Lubwama, Eve M. Lynch, Bijan Mashaw, Nan Maxwell, Melissa R. Michelson, Laura Nelson, Robert Norton, Emily Nye, Susan Opp, Chung-Hsing Ouyang, Janet Patterson, Robert Phelps, Reuben Ramirez, Gretchen Reevy, Henry Reichman, Jeffery Seitz, Eric Soares, Barbara Storms, Eric Suess, Jay Tontz, Sam Tran, Bruce Trumbo, Steve Ugbah, Mitchell Watnik

Members absent: Kevin Callahan, Audeen Carrol, Karina Garbesi, Carol Lauzon, Mohammad Qayoumi, Rosalinda Romero, Dianne Rush Woods, Jin Yan

Guests: Carl Bellone, John Charles, Nan Chico, Linda Dalton, Maria DeAnda-Ramos, Fred Dorer, Rosanne Harris, Donna Hemmila, Christine Ianieri, Mark Karplus, Jose Lopez, Penny McCullagh, Don Sawyer, Marilyn Silva

Meeting called to order at 2:04 PM

1. Approval of the Agenda

M/S/P (Caplan/Soares) to approve the agenda

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 21, 2006 (emailed to Senators)

M/S/P (Caplan/Suess) to approve the minutes of November 21, 2006, as amended

3. Reports

A. Report of the Chair

The Chair reminded Senators that he sent a lengthy report to them at the end of December; subsequently, ExCom heard a report on proposed faculty and staff housing on the former Highland School site; this would be a joint project between CSUEB and Hayward Unified School District.

Reichman announced that Homecoming week, part of CSUEB's 50th anniversary, is January 24-February 4; this year's theme is Pioneer Pride. Events include a Squeeze concert, various athletic events, and the Homecoming dance after basketball games. The Chair encouraged everyone to post the Homecoming Week poster. Other events include the Renaud-Wilson Dance Festival, February 2-4, in the University Theatre; the Jewish Culture and History Series continues with Corey Fischer's "Sometimes We Need a Story More Than Food" on February 7 in the University Theatre; a showing of "An Inconvenient Truth" followed by a panel discussion, sponsored by the Department of Geological Science, on January 30 in Business & Technology; the Annual Internship Faire on January 31, and Super Sunday II on February 18.

The Chair introduced Linda Dalton, the new VP of Enrollment and Planning. Mike Mahoney, the new Provost will be here on February 26. The search for a new Vice President of Administration

and Finance and Chief Financial Officer is ongoing. Finalists will begin visiting campus January 20; there will be public meetings and ones with ExCom.

The Accessible Technology Initiative calls for us to make all electronic materials accessible to students with disabilities; this includes web sites, instructional materials, and procurement. Reichman thanked Jennifer Eagan for her leadership on the initiative. Reichman met with Eagan and Nan Chico to plan the next steps. Jean Wells produced videos that featured eight of our students with disabilities; these videos, now on the web, are being made available system-wide. Wells is looking for student volunteers for the next videos, especially from Math and Science. Wells is working with Mary Cheung to combine the videos with other training materials to assist CSU faculty in making their classes more accessible.

The Access to Excellence system-wide strategic planning initiative calls for campus conversations; ours will be on March 1. Trustee Lou Monville is scheduled to be in attendance; Trustee Craig Smith has expressed interest in coming. Either Bill Wilson or Gary Richard will represent the Chancellor's Office. Reichman urged all senators to be present for as much of the conversation as possible.

Reichman reported a snag in the plans to set aside a room for faculty during lunchtime in the new University Union. There is some question about allocating room space to faculty or others without compensating students, as they paid for the building.

Reichman reported that plans for the University's 50th anniversary are being made. Any planned events may be included on the University's list of events; we may use the 50th anniversary logo on our syllabi.

B. Report of the President

Dorer stated that President Qayoumi is at the Board of Trustees meeting in Long Beach. Interim Dorer reported that he will be working with the President and Provost Mahoney to ensure a smooth transition.

Dorer reported on the Campus Improvement Initiative. President Qayoumi has been able to obtain some augmentation of funds through the Chancellor's Office to improve campus facilities and grounds. Upgrades, to be done in February and March, include new boards, blinds, carpet, paint, and ADA compliant furniture. Landscape improvements will focus on entrances and inner campus; this should be completed by May or June. Currently, there are three generations of exterior signage on campus; replacement signage will be installed in March.

Reichman added his appreciation to faculty who responded to the survey about classroom needs and to the administration for their efforts to improve the campus.

C. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

Reichman reported that the Statewide Senate met last week. There is increasing controversy and tension over the bargaining woes between CFA and the CSU. Reichman was saddened to report that Professor Paul Persons, statewide senator from Chico, passed away; he represented the best of CSU faculty.

In March, the Board of Trustees will hear a report on remediation courses required by entering students. The system has not made significant progress on meeting its goal of reducing

remediation to 10% by 07. Nonetheless, Caplan reported that there continue to be positive comments about the success of the Early Assessment Program (EAP). The program encourages high school juniors to take an assessment to determine their readiness for college-level English and math courses. A group of CSU faculty has created learning modules together to help high school teachers prepare students for the academic literacy demands they will encounter in college. There is a group of professors working on a similar set of modules for math.

Caplan stated that six CSU's have submitted proposals for Ed.D. programs; East Bay's Ed.D. will be part of the second wave. Programs will undergo review by WASC and CPEC; the quality of the faculty will be an important consideration.

There will be a Proposition on the 2008 statewide ballot asking voters to consider a reduction in fees from \$21 to \$15 per unit; the measure contains a concomitant guarantee of 10.67% of the annual state budget for the community college system. If the proposition passes, the remaining pieces of the fiscal "pie" for the CSU and UC systems will be smaller.

Statewide Academic Senate resolutions call for: adequate resources for high quality independent doctorates, a task force to study the student fee policy, library resources for all graduate and undergraduate programs, recognition for faculty service in government in the RTP process and awards for outstanding service in this area, and settling the contract between CSU and CFA.

Caplan said the statewide senate had a first reading on resolutions of support for a masters of science degree in audiology, physical therapy, and others, with strong linkages to business and technology; to eliminate penalties on those districts who do not participate in the elementary and secondary education act, ease requirements for "highly qualified" teachers in rural areas, establish more balance in content curriculum, and set goals for English learners.

D. Report of CFA

No report

E. Report of Student Government

Brady Calma reported that ASI worked with President Qayoumi to extend library hours and asked that faculty encourage students to take advantage of the new hours.

ASI's Board of Directors has completed revision of their bylaws and is awaiting President Qayoumi's final approval; ratification by the student body will occur once they are finalized, probably at the end of this quarter or the beginning of Spring quarter.

Funding Policy for Student Organizations:

ASI has already amended the funding policy for student organizations and hopes to once again rewrite them to make the funding process easier for student leaders. ASI would like faculty, especially those who are advisors for clubs, to notify their club members of the available funding source from ASI, which is up to \$1000 per quarter.

ASI has established a Colleges Committee to address academic issues ranging from course availability to advising; Stephen Bok will chair this committee. In addition, Tolo Aria and Nursing major Tiana Santos have assumed the Directors-at-Large positions on the Board.

Calma announced that Dr. Diane Beeson and Dr. Emilia Ianeve, from the organization Hands off our Ovaries, will speak at ASI's Board of Directors meeting in January on the risks to female college students who donate eggs.

ASI's Board of Directors unanimously passed a resolution supporting CSUEB faculty during collective bargaining. The resolution is the first of its kind across the state and will be forwarded to other ASI's across the system. ASI CSUEB will sponsor this resolution at the next California State Student Association in February.

Finally, Calma thanked Chair Reichman for his support at CSSA meetings; Reichman provides a balanced and informative perspective at CSSA meetings, and CSUEB ASI is extremely proud of his dedication and participation in shared governance within the CSU.

4. **06-07 FAC 1**, Proposed Changes to the Faculty Constitution and Bylaws regarding Lecturer Representation on the Academic Senate

M/S/P (Suess/Caplan) to approve 06-07 FAC 1

5. **06-07 BEC 4**, Resolution in Support of the proposed Ed.D in Educational Leadership

M/S/P (Caplan/Storms) to approve 06-07 BEC 4, with two abstentions.

Reichman stated that new programs can be perceived as a *fait accompli* by the time they reach the Senate; thus, BEC 4 on the Ed.D. is presented here for approval of both the concept and the university moving forward on plans for the independent doctorate.

Discussion ensued about the independent doctorate. Tontz suggested an amendment including a feasibility study as he does not think it appropriate to support a program before it has been written. Reichman stated that BEC 4 is not intended to approve the program, but to support the development of the program, which would not preclude the Senate from saying no to a particular form of the program at another date.

Caplan stated that the program must go through the entire governance and review process on campus. In response to Maxwell's concerns about funding what will be an expensive program, Lopez stated that we are following guidelines from the CSU; the Ed.D. will not come at the expense of enrollment growth and will be self-funding. The cost per student is approximately \$15K; fees will be in excess of that. McCullough stated that the third resolve in BEC 4 calls for inclusion of a funding plan when the doctorate comes before the Senate.

There was discussion about the process of bringing program concepts before the Senate for approval and support. Some senators were troubled by the process, seeing the Ed.D. as already well in motion and wondering if Senate approval of the concept constitutes a "blank check." Others expressed concern that voting no on BEC 4 would compromise CSUEB's ability to compete for the Ed.D. market. Caplan stated that BEC 4 represents the first time that the university has set out a program concept before the Senate affirming that all review processes will be met.

Reichman said that the intent behind ExCom to place on agenda is because CSU and campus administration is moving forward. We want to be able to have the faculty say we support the doctorate moving forward. The issue came up differently when the President and Provost informed Reichman that some faculty in engineering are thinking of a BA in construction

management, but it seems like a good thing to have faculty indicate whether they are interested in moving forward, not at the beginning, but eventually. Larson added that this action request is a departure from the way of doing things; when the social work program came before the Senate, it was at the last meeting of the year and Senators felt pressured.

6. **06-07 BEC 5**, Policy on Online (and Hybrid) Instruction

M/S/P (Eagan/Opp) to approve 06-07 BEC 5

There was much discussion about the online policy, including implementation issues, such as course numbering and internet accessibility. Reichman stated that implementation of the policy will go through committees.

M/S/NP (Brady/Kimble): amendment to change IIIa.6. to “. . . direct students to Blackboard for alternative remedies in the event of an internet problem.”

M/S/NP (Seitz/) to include “may be required to have a course number different than the same course taught in a traditional format.”

Fasnar stated that sometimes an online course will make when a face-to-face does not; going through CIC may compromise a department’s ability to quickly transform a face-to-face course into an online course. Reichman stated that there is a grandfather clause that will last a year. Departments should use this time to get their online courses approved. College CIC’s tend to work quickly.

M/S/ (Caplan/Seitz) to refer to FAC and CIC.

Reichman stated that the policy was reviewed by FAC and CIC; we would be referring back to discuss implementation procedures. Eagan and Seitz said their committees did not engage in a formal review. Discussion on this motion and the rest of the agenda will be held over until next Senate meeting.

M/S/P (Tontz/Watnik) to adjourn at 3.58

7. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Fleming, Secretary