

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERISTY, EAST BAY

OFFICE OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE

Approved as corrected

Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting, Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Members Present: Dee Andrews, Thomas Cadwallader, Calvin Caplan, Jennifer Eagan, Levent Ertaul, Kelly Fan, Farnaz Ganjezadeh, Liz Ginno, Julie Glass, Vish Hegde, Tom Hird, Cathy Inouye, Derek Kimball, David Larson, Rolla Lewis, Frank Lowenthal, Christopher Lubwama, Eve Lynch, Nan Maxwell, Sally Murphy, Susan Opp, Chung-Hsing Ouyang, Diane Petersen, Xeno Rasmusson, Henry Reichman, Aline Soules, Emily Stoper, Jay Tontz, Sam Tran, Mitchell Watnik, Jin Yan, Shirley Yapp

Members Absent: Vibha Chandra, Li-Ling Chen, Lynn Comerford, Jesus Diaz-Caballero, Joseph Corica, Dana Edwards, Isioma Emordi, Bridget Ford, Jair Fory, Vahid Fozdar, Karina Garbesi, Silvina Ituarte, Dawna Komorosky, Mo Qayoumi, Felipe Razo, Gretchen Reevy-Manning, Michael Schutz, Bruce Trumbo, Dianne Rush Woods

Guests: Carl Bellone, David Cain, Linda Dalton, Janeith Davis, Kyzyl Fenno-Smith, Rosanne Harris, Mark Karplus, Myoung-ja Lee Kwon, Mike Mahoney, Tom McCoy, Colin Ormsby, Don Sawyer, Jodi Servatius, Arthurlene Towner

1. Approval of the Agenda

M/S/P (Larson/Maxwell) to approve, with additions as follow: AVP David Cain (Facilities, Planning and Operations) will give a report on landscaping before "Approval of the Minutes", 07-08 BEC 9 will follow reports, and 07-08 BEC 11 will be part of the Report of the Chair.

AVP Cain noted that maintenance staff can be reached by calling 885-4444 and then gave a presentation about current and upcoming landscaping projects on campus. These projects are being done at a lower cost than originally anticipated by using CSUEB maintenance staff. Projects include irrigation and planting along the ADA zigzag below the Valley Business and Technology Building, along the Harder Road/West Loop turn, and the Stadium Oval (to be completed in time for commencement). The plants will be drought resistant/tolerant, and will include natives. In the next few weeks faculty will receive a web-survey about facilities areas of concern and/or in items need of repairs or upgrade. Facilities Planning and Operations was praised for recent speedy responses to calls from the Philosophy Department. AVP Cain noted that they are working to change the culture and to add much needed staff.

2. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting on 2-19-08

M/S/P (Caplan/Murphy) to approve as presented

3. Reports

A. Report of the Chair

- The first Faculty Honors Convocation on February 29th was a great success including great food and a great presentation by Outstanding Professor Michael Hedrick. CSUEB is establishing a new tradition of events to honor our community starting with Fall Convocation, followed by the Fall reception for faculty, the Faculty Honors Convocation, the Student Honors Convocation and then Commencement.
- The 15th annual Musica delle Donne featuring women composers in honor of Women's Herstory month is March 14th and 15th. MB 1055
- Two campus wide forums will be held to gather feedback on the University Physical Master plan on March 11th and 12th, 12:00-1:30. It is anticipated that the campus master plan will go to the Board of Trustees in Spring, 2009.

- There will be a Budget Summit on March 13th. Every CSU campus is holding such a summit. There has been a lot of cooperation between the CO, CFA, and campus administrations in working to address the serious threat to the CSU budget.
- M/S/P (Tontz/Opp) to approve **07-08 BEC 11**, Support for CSU East Bay Budget Summit, which asks that the Senate endorse and encourage all members of the University community to attend. The vote was unanimous.
- There will be a Diversity Symposium on Friday, March 14th, starting at 9AM sharp (with coffee and pastries at 8:30AM). Please RSVP. Input will be sought on the Diversity Plan. There will be a key-note speaker, Dr. Damon A. Williams, Assistant Vice Provost for Multicultural and International Affairs at the University of Connecticut, followed by breakout sessions and/or workshops.
- The last week or so has been very trying on campus because of controversy surrounding the State requirement for employees to sign an unaltered loyalty oath. A mathematics instructor was recently fired for refusing to sign an unaltered oath. The Senate leadership was engaged and working with the administration to resolve the issue quickly. Everyone is delighted to report that the issue was resolved and the instructor has been re-instated.
- The alternative consultation process for the change from Division III athletics to Division II is complete. The CFAC will meet and make a recommendation on the basis of this consultation. The current leadership of ASI would like to hold a referendum, but none is scheduled at this time. The alternative consultation process showed broad support for the change. There is also a faculty/academic side to this issue including the fact that Athletics is housed in the Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education. That department will meet on the issue this week. If the move to Division II is approved, the Chair expects that it will eventually come to the Senate as a proposed academic change.
- In Spring quarter all student e-mail will be housed on a new e-mail server: Horizon e-mail by Google. Google will provide and maintain server space of 6 GB per student. Students have been and will be notified of the change. The students will have increased email space and the University will not have to maintain the server.
- The Assigned Time Task Force has now met several times. The initial draft of a report will go to Excom and the Provost soon. The task force consists of Thomas McCoy (CFA), Calvin Caplan (CEAS), Dee Andrews (CLASS), Lynn Parringer (CBE), Kevin Brown (COS), Hank Reichman (AS), Arthurlene Towner, Michael Leung, and Armando Gonzales.

B. Report of the President

- The President is at the CO, and the report was given by Provost Mahoney.
- There was an article about CSUEB in the New York Times regarding plans to work collaboratively with other western universities to reduce out of state tuition for students in western states.
- Congratulations were offered to the university as a whole for their efforts at the Latino and African American Summits, and Super Sunday. The campus efforts were impressive and productive with numerous students enrolled and/or entered into the Mentor system before the deadline.
- Freshman admissions are far surpassing past years. This is especially good news because there are new dorms to fill.
- There is a Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Exhibit on Thursday, 3:30 – 6:30 in UU102.
- The WASC Commission report has been received. Carl Bellone reported that the letter was positive. He contrasted the current report with that received during the capacity and

preparatory review portion of the accreditation process. The letter will be available online tomorrow. The commission shared the visiting team's assessment that the campus is alive with optimism and change. They noted the significant progress that had occurred on campus. The campus needs to keep up the good work so as to be up to speed for the next campus visit in 2014-2015 for a capacity review.

- Provost Mahoney praised Carl Bellone, Gale Young, and the entire campus for their efforts.
- The Provost acknowledged the difficulties of the past week in regards to the loyalty oath controversy. He noted that the campus is doing great things and will continue to move forward.
- A question was asked about new procedures for foreign travel and the new policy was clarified. The policy originated in the CO in response to budget issues. It requires that all foreign travel be approved by campus presidents. Faculty are still able to submit requests for foreign travel and those requests will be forwarded to the President's office.

C. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

- The ASCSU met last week. There were several resolutions and items for first reading.
- A resolution changing the bylaws to broaden the charge of TEKR, now called the Academic Preparation and Educational Programs Committee, passed.
- A resolution in support of a new Doctorate in Nursing Practice passed. The resolution urges the CO and BoT to seek authorization for a new DNP. The UC system is not opposing this new degree. Because of the budget situation, if this degree were to be approved, it is likely that no new funding would come with that approval. Also under consideration is a Doctorate in Physical Therapy. The possible Doctorate in Audiology has been tabled in part because of opposition from UC.
- A resolution about The Collegiate Learning Assessment program calling for cooperation in the evaluation of the program but no further commitments on the part of the CSU without faculty consultation passed.
- A resolution in support of predictable budget for the ASCSU passed. Some information and background was provided about how the ASCSU is funded and the need for a clear and stable budget.
- There was a first reading of Commendation about successful remediation efforts at the campus level.
- Reichman will forward John Tarjan's (Vice Chair and CSU Senator from Bakersfield) synopsis of the meeting to the Senate. Links are available on our Senate web NEWS page, for those interested in reading further information about the Statewide Senate actions/issues.

D. Report of CFA

The budget cuts have not yet been made and we need to work together to make sure they don't get made. There seems to be a new resolve on the part of the legislature to protect education funding. McCoy read from an e-mail from Don Perata describing a moral responsibility to support high quality education and to give it the priority it deserves. For CSUEB and the CFA, Step 1 is the Budget Summit at which pledge cards will be circulated (as well as elsewhere) for participation in various actions to fight the budget cuts. Step 2 will be regional meetings followed by a field campaign, leading ultimately to successful blocking of these cuts.

E. Report of Student Government

There was no report.

4. **07-08 BEC 9**, Resolution on Loyalty Oath Controversy

M/S (Caplan/Cadwallader) to approve the resolution.

This resolution is in response to the controversy surrounding the termination and subsequent reinstatement of a mathematics instructor who refused to sign an unaltered loyalty oath.

M/S/P (Watnik/Kimball) to accept the friendly amendment of adding the Hayward Daily Review to item 6 of the resolution.

M/S (Andrews/Watnik) to remove the clause in item 5 “express its continued confidence... and”. This suggestion was made because of the feeling that this clause implies that there was a lack of or gap in confidence. Others argued that this was not the sense of the clause and that it was important to publicly declare support for the President and his administration. The motion did not pass.

M/S (Hird/Soules) to remove item 4 from the resolution. This suggestion was made because some felt that more information and/or educational opportunities would provide a stronger background and understanding about the intention/history of the oath. Many felt that the oath was clearly “anachronistic, unnecessary and counter-productive” as stated. Some explanation was given as to these sentiments. The motion did not pass.

Some felt that it might be better to wait until emotions were not so high to address this event in such a formal way. Others felt that a quick strong statement was just what was needed to resolve the issue and move forward.

A motion was made to add the word “consider” before “eliminate” in item 4. The motion died for lack of a second.

The original motion to approve passed but was not unanimous.

5. **07-08 BEC 10**, Standing Committee meeting times

It was explained that this item is in response to the change in class meeting times effective Spring, 2008.

M/S/P (Larson/Murphy) to approve with the addition of the Fairness Committee to the list of potentially affected committees in paragraph 3.

6. **07-08 CAPR 14**, Five-Year Program Review for the Sociology Program

M/S/P (Maxwell/Murphy) to approve.

7. **07-08 CAPR 15**, Five-Year Program Review for Information Literacy

M/S/P (Ginno/Tontz) to approve. There was one question about plans for alternative staffing, which are underway.

8. **07-08 CIC 20**, UDGE Application of ENGL 3850

M/S/P (Murphy/Maxwell) to approve.

9. **07-08 CIC 21**, UDGE Application of HIST 3125, 3223, 3230

M/S/P (Andrews/Murphy) to approve.

10. Presentation by Janeith Glen-Davis regarding “Community Response to Active Incidents”

Chief Jan Glenn-Davis, University Police Department, gave a presentation about campus safety in the event of an “Active Shooter incident”. The presentation has already been given to Excom

and will be given to others in the future. Chief Davis' presentation included campus safety processes, measures and planning. Recommendations included: programming the UPD direct emergency number, (510) 885-3333, into cell phones (it was noted that calling 911 from a cell phone does NOT result in the call being routed directly to UPD Emergency), participating in safety and evacuation drills, developing a personal safety plan, not calling UPD for information in the case of an emergency, gathering information from "All-Mail" email, the CSUEB Homepage, Blackboard, My CSUEB, Electronic Marquees, etc., or by calling 885-2000 for taped emergency information. Procurement of a mass e-alert notification system is in process; an outdoor public address system is also on the wish list. In the case of an emergency, she asked that you do not hang up on the UPD responder unless directed to do so. The first decision in your personal safety plan will be whether to hide or to escape, as best you can determine at the time. Look, listen and stay calm were words of advice. A first responder training will occur on 3/26/08 followed by a campus simulation/drill in April or May. Also in the works are student programs designed to help prevent an incident. Environmental Health and Safety will be having a emergency preparedness safety fair on April 17th.

The chief was asked if there is a "best way" to arrange the furniture in a faculty office. She suggested that faculty call 885-3791 and ask to have Sergeant Kevin Gonzales perform a safety inspection.

The number 885-3791 is also general dispatch and can be called for any non-emergency issues such as dealing with a (non-emergency) hostile student incident.

11. Presentation by VP Dalton on Strategic Planning (*a feedback form was enclosed for Senator review, which may be filled out by Senators and turned in at the end of the meeting*)

VP Dalton gave a Power Point presentation outlining the planning process so far and many of the elements that are being brought together by this process. These include the Mission, Vision, Values Statement, the 7 Mandates, the Academic Plan, feedback from the Workforce Roundtables, etc. The current discussion/feedback form is to gather input from the Academic Senate about planning priorities. This feedback sheet does not ask specifically for priorities, rather for what items need "more attention." This document has already been brought to the Council of Chairs of CBE, CEAS and CSCI for input. It was noted that the items on the feedback sheet are taken from the Academic Plan, and it was suggested that looking at the Academic Plan would provide further clarification. Several items were explained including Item 32 and 49. Senators were encouraged to fill out the feedback forms, and include notes as desired.

The feedback forms should be handed in at the meeting or mailed to Susan Correia by March 19th.

12. Adjournment

M/S/P (Caplan/Larson)

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Glass, Secretary