Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, January 19, 2010

Members present: Jennifer Eagan, Susan Gubernat, Derek Kimball, Chris Lubwama, Jim Mitchell, Mo Qayoumi, Henry Reichman, Dianne Woods

Members absent: Denise Fleming, Asha Rao,

Guests: Linda Dalton, Toni Fogarty, Michael Lee, Tom McCoy, Sue Opp, Glen Perry, Don Sawyer, Terri Swartz, Gale Young, Jim Zarrillo

1. Approval of the agenda

M/S/P (Reichman/Lubwama) to approve the agenda

2. Approval of the minutes of 11-10-09, 11-17-09, 1-5-10 and 1-12-10

No minutes to approve

3. Reports

A. Report of the Chair

- The chair handed out a list of committees that the Senate Chair sits on, with those that she can attend highlighted. The others need an ExCom designee.

  ExCom members volunteered to be designees on the following committees, in order to help lighten the workload of Chair Woods, as follows:
  - Chris Lubwama, Space Advisory Committee
  - Susan Gubernat, Student Success Assessment Committee
  - Derek Kimball, Campus Fee Advisory Committee
  - Henry Reichman, University Athletics Council
  - Jennifer Eagan, Instructional Materials Accessibility Plan
  - James Mitchell, Instructionally Related Activities Board
  - Henry Reichman, Associated Students Board meetings

- Regarding the recommendation to Tarjan (statewide senate chair) regarding the lack of a Faculty Trustee, there are 4 courses of action on his memo and ExCom needs to choose one as a recommendation. Statewide Academic Senate had strong concerns over lack of faculty representation on Board of Trustees. Gubernat put forth a resolution that was shorter than the ASCSU Resolution and gave background to this issue. After a long broad discussion, the resolution idea was dropped.

  M/S/P (Gubernat/Mitchell) with one opposed, that the Chair send an email to Tarjan to express the support of EB (will of the body) of option 2 (Pursue tactics to persuade the Governor to appoint one of the two current nominees.)

B. Report of the President

- The Provost could not attend today, so Sawyer and Dalton will take notes and the issues brought up at the meeting today regarding the continuing discussion of the EB plans for meeting the anticipated budget cuts in Academic Affairs, will be addressed later. ExCom members may also email questions. Provost will present at the UPABC meeting.

- The Provost search is concluded and the committee did a great job. An announcement will be sent later this week.

- The Board of Trustees meets next week and will discuss the Governor’s Budget.
C. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

Meetings will be Wednesday-Friday

4. Appointments

M/S/P (Reichman/Eagan) to approve Bridget Ford, History to serve as a Winter Quarter replacement for David Woo on CIC.

M/S/P (Mitchell/Lubwama) to approve Dan Cerutti as the Science rep to the Writing Skills Subcommittee. When approved by ExCom, 09-10 CIC 8 will be revised to include him.

Regarding the request made by AVP Susan Opp that Donna Wiley serve as the APGS representative (designee for the AVP) on CAPR, ExCom decided that it was up to CAPR to decide if they accept.

5. Approval of the Preliminary list for the Winter ‘10 University-wide election

M/S/P (Mitchell/Eagan) to approve, with the correction that Nidhi Mahendra should withdraw from one of the two senate seats on the upcoming ballot; Chair Woods will contact her.

A Faculty Marshall is still needed.

6. 09-10 CAPR 7 New Options for the BA Chemistry, Biochemistry, Biology and Physics;
   09-10 CIC 13, New Options in Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Physics

M/S/P (Eagan/Mitchell) to be placed on the Senate agenda

7. 09-10 CIC 11, Taxation Certificate offered online

M/S/P (Lubwama/Mitchell) to be placed on the Senate agenda

8. 09-10 CIC 12, Application of Music Courses for GE Area C1

M/S/P (Gubernat/Eagan) to be placed on the Senate agenda

9. 09-10 CAPR 10, Change of Status of Multimedia Program

M/S/P (Lubwama/Mitchell) to be placed on the Senate agenda

Woods noted that this was presented to CLASS chairs and they approved. Young noted that CAPR made a recommendation 2 years ago that Multimedia have an academic home. The interdisciplinary aspect is no longer happening.

10. Continued discussion of the EB plans to meet the anticipated budget cuts

Kimball did an analysis using Dorer’s memo versus data obtained earlier and noted a concern that the dots are not all connected regarding enrollment management on page 2. He noted an 18.6% drop in AA vs a 9.5% enrollment reduction. He also noted a 16.4% reduction with a bridge fund, which he thought was disproportionate and/or unclear. He noted a comparison in 08-09 ($258 per SCU) vs 10-11 ($229 per SCU). He also noted that the lecturer reduction was heavy. Kimball is concerned about meeting enrollment targets with the proposed budget, and
more information should be provided on this issue. We need enough sections of the right classes in the right timeslots. Kimball agreed to send his data/calculations to ExCom and to Dorer.

Qayoumi noted that the only element that is new in the Gov budget is the $60M, which may or may not materialize in negotiations between legislature and governor. If, in the 11th hour, funds become available for enrollment growth, the Deans are working with Dorer on a contingency plan including 3% increase in enrollment.

Gubernat brought up writing courses going to self-support and noted that the Chancellor keeps saying no. Discussion ensued on that topic. Reichman pointed out that disadvantaged students are the most affected by such a move. This is an administrative question of whether these are allowed to be fork-lifted into self support. There is a larger question of student access and fees.

Swartz responded to a question about MKTG 3495, which was removed as a required course from their program, but is a 2nd tier writing course, and encouraged appropriate committee to review/discuss. Eagan noted that this creates a bigger impaction on CLASS to fulfill this requirement. There is also a problem of cuts in one college affecting other colleges, as writing courses eliminated in CBE and CS shift burden to CLASS.

Reichman inquired if we are at a stage to discuss the effects on courses left and layoffs for faculty/staff. We would want to avoid/minimize layoffs for anyone. Qayoumi noted that most of Reichman’s questions (emailed earlier) need to be addressed by Dorer. Eagan asked if UPABC will meet again, as they have only met on Dec 15th.

Qayoumi noted that in some sense the University Committee on Layoffs (UCL) is 30 years old and out of date. He would like faculty governance to look at how much of the procedure is still relevant. The Employee MOUs (CBAs) trump any Academic Senate policy. Eagan agreed that it is old, but that the principle of a faculty body providing recommendations is valid. Qayoumi agreed and noted that there were a lot of recommendations from ExCom on the Fall document. A lot happened, but not through the University Committee on Layoffs (UCL). Woods offered to discuss the issue further with the President.

It was noted that college strategies are different/unique. It is difficult to analyze these vs cost savings and making essential cuts vs meeting target. Kimball noted that 2 colleges ran a significant deficit in 08-09. They are getting hit in 2 ways - solving old problems and dealing with cuts. It was also noted that the target reduction of 9.5% is based on 09-10 and compared with 08-09 there are differences not taken into account. Dalton warned ExCom not to compare expenditures with base budget and targets, as they are apples and oranges. She added that colleges got one-time funds in the past which do not carry forward into the new base budgets. ExCom noted that if the base budget and enrollment relationship was spelled out, it might be easier to understand the 10-11 draft plan. They asked to have a more developed plan shared with the Senate and discussed on Feb 15th. Qayoumi noted that is starts with Dorer.

11. Vice Chair of the Academic Senate

M/S/P (Kimball/Lubwama) to vote for a Vice Chair of the Academic Senate, with nominations from the floor of the Senate

Eagan noted that she proposes to nominate Cal Caplan, who is a good choice due to his previous experience on ExCom.

12. Further items for the Senate meeting
Woods noted that FSSAC has a presentation regarding the upcoming email migration to Google.

M/S/P (Reichman/Mitchell) to place it on the agenda at the end of the meeting

13. Adjournment

    Respectfully submitted,
    Derek Kimball, Acting Secretary