

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

OFFICE OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Senate Meeting, April 6, 2010

Members Present:, Dee Andrews, Becky Beal, Korey Brunetti, Luz Calvo, Cal Caplan, Chris Chamberlain, Don Choi, Rohan Dixit, Lynn Eudey, Denise Fleming, Susan Gubernat, Erik Helgren, Linda Ivey, Joshua Kerr, Derek Kimball, Joanna Lee, Rita Liberti, Evelyn Lopez-Munoz, Christopher Lubwama, Eve Lynch, Mike Mahoney, Monique Manopoulos, Julia Olkin, Lynn Paringer, Gretchen Reevy-Manning, Henry Reichman, Michael Schutz, Jeffery Seitz, David Stronck, Eric Suess, Claudia Uhde-Stone, Ellen Veomett, Dianne Rush Woods

Members Absent: O. Bobby Aden, William Alnor Michelle Collay, Marissa DeHerrera, Roger Doering, Jennifer Eagan, David Epperson, Kelly Fan, Toni Fogarty, Melissa Grottkau, Barbara Jackowski, Evelia Jiminez, Michael Lee, Bijan Mashaw, James Mitchell, Christopher Moreman, Mo Qayoumi, Asha Rao, Elaine Shingleton, Aline Soules, Jillian Trevisanut, Meiling Wu

Guests: Linda Dobb, Rosanne Harris, Jim Houpis, Mark Karplus, Alan Monat, Sally Murphy, Sue Opp, Glen Perry, Don Sawyer, Terri Swartz

Meeting called to order at 2:09 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

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

2. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting on 1-26-10

M/S/P (Fleming/Schutz) to approve

3. **09-10 CAPR 9**, Environmental Studies BA program modifications; and
09-10 CIC 14, Option Changes in Environmental Studies B.A.

Ivy noted that the backup has conflicting titles. It was agreed that all references should be changed to "Environment & Society"

M/S/P (Seitz/Kendall) to approve as corrected.

4. **09-10 CIC 15**, Application of INTS Course for GE Area D4

M/S/P (Caplan/Lubwama) to approve

5. **09-10 CIC 16**, Application of Courses for GE Area C4

M/S/P (Schutz, Beal) to approve

6. **09-10 CIC 17**, Two-Year Extension of the Current Freshman Learning Communities

M/S/P (Mitchell/Chamberlain) to approve

7. **09-10 CIC 18**, Application of Course for GE Area D4

M/S/P (Calvo/Eudey) to approve

8. **09-10 CIC 19**, Application of Courses for GE Area B6

M/S/ (Schutz/Lubwama) to approve

M/S/P (Seitz/ Kimball) to separate into two motions

M/S/P (Caplan/Seitz) to approve PSYC 4220: Cognitive Processes

M/S/ (Choi/Reevy) to approve PSYC 3500: Social Psychology

Seitz raised concerns that PSYC 3500 does not appear to meet the description of a natural science course; might be more appropriate as a social science course. Don Choi, who teaches the course, stated that the course includes scientific study of cognitive processes. Choi offered to provide the details of the processes in a revised proposal. The domain interest is social science, but the process used is the scientific method and the research methods are the same.

M/S/P (Caplan/Gubernat) to refer PSYC 3500 back to CIC

9. **09-10 CIC 21**, Temporary Course Cap Increase for C4 and D4 UDGE courses

M/S/P (Andrews/Lubwama) to approve, with the tie broken by the Chair and the Secretary.

Caplan stated that this would increase faculty workload and dilute the quality of education. Removal of the cap is permissive, rather than required, does not protect the faculty workload, and dilutes the writing requirement. Liberti asked if a KIN cap at 30 would now be raised to 40. Reichman added that, because we do not have a consistent approach to course caps, each department sets their own caps at different numbers. An additional problem is that to be available for C4 credit, a course cannot have a cap greater than 35, although this policy is not lived out in practice.

Seitz stated that these issues were discussed in the CIC subcommittee. He added that the cap cannot be raised without faculty approval, so there are protections for faculty. He added that this was a better alternative than lifting the caps altogether.

Murphy stated that the Academic Senate gave her authority to enforce caps. She has already sent out warning letters this quarter to departments with GE courses over caps. If the course goes over cap again, the course will lose its GE status. Murphy added that access to upper division GE courses has been very difficult.

A motion (Schutz) to change to one year dies for lack of a second.

Discussion ensued about faculty workload, quality of student educational experiences, the

importance of the writing requirement, and whether the cap will be reduced when the time comes. Andrews noted that this attempts to control those course caps that are way over the limit.

10. **09-10 CIC 22**, Application of Course for GE Area D4

M/S/P (Fleming/Mitchell) to approve

11. **09-10 CIC 23**, Application of Course for GE Area C4

M/S/P (Andrews/Reichman) to approve

12. **09-10 cFAC 3**, Faculty Office Hour Policy Revision, as revised to add “or equivalent confidential means” after “by telephone.”

M/S/P (Fleming/Andrews) to approve

Discussion ensued about the need for special arrangements when one is away and the need for the change in policy to accommodate online teachers.

13. **09-10 cFAC 6**, New Interpretation of Rights of Faculty with FERP and PRTB Assignments to Participate in Elections and to Serve on Committees

M/S/P (Andrews/Gubernat) to approve

Caplan suggested that the names be spelled out the first time and then the acronym can be used thereafter.

14. Reports

a. Report of the Chair

The Chair thanked Senator Caplan for lending her Chico’s *Points of Order*.

Rush Woods attended the Faculty Honors event, *Chicago*, and the train exhibit. There is a lot of life on campus. Ten \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to students who agreed to work in disenfranchised populations.

Caplan relayed that the Women’s Water Polo team is now 20-9 rating and 9-1 (3rd) in their conference. They will be playing UC San Diego on Friday; if they win, they will be seeded second.

The Chair presented a resolution of appreciation and commendation to Sue Opp for her service and dedication as Chair of the Academic Senate. This commendation was passed at the prior Senate meeting.

b. Report of the President

The Provost stated that the President is presenting at a STEM conference. The Provost is continuing his review of CSUEB policies and is knee-deep in budget and research issues.

c. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

Gubernat encouraged all to read the extensive report of the Statewide Academic Senators on SharePoint and send feedback to Gubernat or Reichman. Ongoing issues include concerns about transparency in the accountability process regarding the MBA fees that are not always reverted back to programs for improvements. The Governor still has not appointed a faculty representative to the Board of Trustees. Other issues include the Early Start program and unfunded mandates. There is a link to the Statewide Senate on our Senate web page.

Liberti asked where the self-support fees go, which in the past were 10% to university, 10% to college and 80% to the dept offering the course. Gubernat offered to find out about other campuses. Parringer noted that DCIE takes a percentage.

d. Report of CFA

No report

Reichman noted that the CFA spring delegate assembly is this coming weekend.

e. Report of Student Government

No Report

15. Adjournment

M/S/P (Liberti/Shutz) to adjourn at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Fleming, Secretary