

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

OFFICE OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE

Approved as presented

Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting, Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Members Present: Dee Andrews, Becky Beal, Korey Brunetti, Luz Calvo, Cal Caplan, Chris Chamberlain, Don Choi, Rohan Dixit, Jennifer Eagan, Denise Fleming, Erik Helgren, Linda Ivey, Evelia Jiminez, Derek Kimball, Michael Lee, Rita Liberti, Christopher Lubwama, Eve Lynch, Mike Mahoney, Monique Manopoulos, James Mitchell, Christopher Moreman, Julia Olkin, Mo Qayoumi Gretchen Reevy-Manning, Henry Reichman, Michael Schutz, Jeffery Seitz, Elaine Shingleton Aline Soules, 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, Lynn Eudey, David Epperson, Kelly Fan, Toni Fogarty, Melissa Grottkau, Susan Gubernat, Barbara Jackowski, Joshua Kerr, Joanna Lee, Evelyn Lopez-Munoz, Bijan Mashaw, Lynn Paringer, Asha Rao, Jillian Trevisanut, Meiling Wu

Guests: Emily Brizendine, Rosanne Harris, Jim Houpis, Gigi Nordquist, Sue Opp, Glen Perry, Carol Reese, Don Sawyer, Donna Wiley, Gale Young

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

M/S/P (Lubwama/Reichman) to approve the agenda as amended to strike item 9

2. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting on 5-4-10

M/S/P (Mitchell/Caplan) to approve the minutes as amended

3. **09-10 BEC 6**, ExCom Recommendations Regarding Concord Campus Representation

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

M/S/NP (Schutz/Seitz) to change “but no less than annually” to “no less than once each quarter.”

The Chair stated that she has attended two Contra Costa Advisory Board meetings; there is a need for improved communication between committees and the Contra Costa Advisory Board. The proposed committee liaisons would serve that purpose. There was some discussion as to the logistics of implementing this amendment; it was noted that liaisons could communicate in person or by email/telephone. Two levels of reporting are proposed – at the committee level and between the CCAC and Senate Chairs.

4. **09-10 BEC 8**, Resolution Against Hate Crimes on CSU Campuses

M/S/P (Eagan/Kimball) to accept the resolution

This resolution stemmed from a discussion at the last Senate meeting. Eagan reminded all that there is a presentation on Hate Speech at 5 p.m. today; Eagan and Dr. Barbara Hall will be

presenting. Reichman stated that a variant of this resolution was approved at the statewide senate last week.

5. **09-10 CAPR 11**, Philosophy Option Discontinuances; and **09-10 CIC 24**, Philosophy Major Revisions and Option Discontinuances

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

Eagan stated that the Philosophy department is reducing options so as not to be spread too thin and allow for a “much more open major.”

6. **09-10 CAPR 13**, New Early Childhood Development Certificate; and **09-10 CIC 26**, Certificate in Early Childhood Development

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

7. **09-10 CAPR 14**, Modifications to the English BA Program; and **09-10 CIC 25**, English Major Option Discontinuances and New Option

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

8. **09-10 CAPR 15**, Revision of the Policy on Temporary Suspension of Programs

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

9. **09-10 CAPR 17**, Option in Administration of Healthy Communities, M.S. Health Care Administration and **09-10 CIC 31**, M.S. HCA Option Discontinuance

M/S/P (Mitchell/Lubwama) to approve discontinuance of M.S. HCA Option

10. **09-10 CIC 20**, Approval Process for New Degree Programs

M/S/P (Lubwama/Kimball) to accept the report

It was noted that this is clarification of the process. The Chancellor’s Office’s fast track process to approve new degree programs is still available, but we are moving away from its overuse and planning ahead is encouraged. It was noted that other CSUs plan 5 years into the future. This document shows that the approval process includes two steps; 1) the initial planning and placement of the program on the EB Academic Plan (which does not require curricular details), including Chancellor’s Office approval, and 2) the approval of the curricular details of the proposal prior to placement in the catalog, including Chancellor’s Office approval. Discussion ensued regarding implementation and ensuring that proposals are given adequate faculty governance consideration in advance, as, in the past, there has been a sense that some program proposals have been presented as *fait accompli*. It is hoped that faculty who are interested in proposing a new degree, as well as chairs and deans, will become familiar with this document.

11. **09-10 CIC 27**, CIC Action on GPA for Honors Numbers for 10-12 Catalog

M/S/P (Mitchell/Lubwama) to accept

Eagan stated that by policy, honors are calculated by percentage, as opposed to GPA. This action essentially renorms the target GPAs for each honors category. Kimball added that we may want to consider calculating honors percentages by colleges as the Provost has suggested. CIC thought the issue should be revisited, perhaps by referral next year.

12. 09-10 CIC 28, General Education application of courses, *Areas C2, D1, D4, C4*

M/S/P (Fleming/Chamberlain)

M/S/P (Reichman/Caplan) to remove HIST 3240 History of Science, as it was approved previously.

13. 09-10 CIC 30, Incomplete Grading Symbol Language in Catalog

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

14. 09-10 CIC 32, Pilot Revision of the University Writing Skills Requirement for Graduate Programs

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

Rush Woods noted that professional writing is different than undergraduate writing (e. g., evaluations, assessments, court reports). Reichman stated that students take a writing course only if they do not pass the WST; perhaps different versions of the WST could be used (especially if at no cost) for students in programs where different types of writing genres are prevalent.

15. 09-10 cFAC 7revised, Revision of Procedures for Evaluation of Tenured Faculty

M/S/P (Fleming/Mitchell)

Andrews stated that the former Senate Chair (Opp) referred the procedures to FAC to review and update the document. Post-tenure review is not the same as an RPT evaluation. Nine items were changed, including expanding the representation of what should be included as documentation. In past, only evaluations were included; however, the CBA does not state that only evaluations should be included.

The term “dossier” has been struck and replaced by “documentation.” The process will continue to align with what common practice has been in departments. Committees will need to go to Provost’s Office and consult the PAF; documentation remains in department offices. A timeline was added.

Correct date in background to 12/09/09

16. 09-10 cFAC 8, Revisions in Policies and Procedures Governing Faculty Participation in Appointment and Review of Administrative Officers and Department Chairs

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

Andrews stated that FAC spent more than a year deliberating what started out as a review of the chair and associate chair’s portion of the document. Faculty responses (with faculty names redacted before moving forward) will be accepted only in written form for appointment

procedures. Each year FAC goes through Appendix A (list of all administrators), which is now organized by division, to determine who is included and to update the position titles.

Chair commended FAC for their work on the revisions.

17. 09-10 CIC 29, Policy Measures Regarding High Unit Seniors

M/S/P with 1 abstention (Fleming/Suess) to endorse as amended

M/S/P (Reichman/Kimball) to incorporate change effective in Fall 2010 that all upper division “transfer students” including impacted majors must declare a major prior to enrollment in their second “quarter”.

M/S/P (Reichman/Eagan) to strike #9

Eagan stated that these policy measures are part of the Student Success Assessment Committee’s “Facilitating Graduation” plan. For #7, PEMSA will be the body to flag high unit seniors. Advisors will identify courses and substitution for requirements.

Extensive discussion took place regarding whether to substitute “quarter” for “term” throughout the document and how to implement item #9 (responsibility for monitoring and advising). Since item #9 is not a stated policy, but rather a suggested way to help students who are unable to successfully register for needed classes, the document could essentially move forward without that paragraph. There was also some ambiguity noted in item 1a, regarding applicants for upper division admission declaring a primary major prior to their second term.

M/S/NP (Caplan/Kimball) to replace “term” with quarter throughout the document

M/S Withdrawn Eagan/Andrews: Replace the beginning of the second sentence in #9: If a student is unable to register for an available class section, then the student may meet with the appropriate advisor...

18. Reports

a. Report of the Chair

Rush Woods thanked senators and committee members for their hard work. She stated that she sees a desire from Senators to be more involved in process of the University. She encouraged all to continue to remain involved, ask questions, and report back to departments and colleagues about what is happening.

The Chair congratulated Jeff Seitz, who was chosen by FAC as Outstanding Professor for 09-10..

Rush Woods attended and enjoyed the Honors Convocation on May 15. There was great pride and joy among faculty mentors watching their students walk across the stage; in hard times, these are the important moments. She looks forward to seeing all at the five upcoming graduation ceremonies.

b. Report of the President

The President reported on the May Revision of the state budget; the good news is that it remains close to the January budget. The Governor has removed conditions on the stim funds of \$50M and \$255M and continues to target an additional \$60M or so for a 2.5% enrollment increase.

Depending on the final budget numbers, CSUEB stands to receive funds ranging from nothing to about \$10M. This will be a hard fight as it goes through the legislature; Qayoumi expressed hope for a resolution soon so that we have some sense of our enrollment target and what our budget will be. The President added that he attended a Republican debate and noted that higher education was not mentioned even once; we have some PR work to do.

The lawsuit over the self-support summer fee has been resolved; we will offer both self-support and state-supported courses during the 2010 summer term. The “state university fee” will be the same in both cases; the difference is that we can charge an additional \$60 per unit for self-support classes to pay for student support services (such as library & advising) for those students. In terms of summer, idea of going with self-support is where we will end up in capital enrollment. In answer to a question regarding our enrollment target, he noted that if we get \$62M system-wide, on top of the \$305M, we will not have to reduce our enrollment by 9.7%, but, he sees this as a long shot.

c. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

Reichman reported that at the organizational meeting of the Statewide Academic Senate (SAS), Susan Gubernat was elected as the second member-at-large to the SAS’s ExCom. The committee consists of a chair, vice chair, two at large members, and the immediate past chair. This is quite an accomplishment for a second year senator.

The last SAS meeting was somewhat troubling; there was much discussion about shared governance and a failure of CO to consult with the SAS and faculty, even on issues in which we would be in full agreement.

Reichman stated that SB 1440 would establish community college transfer degrees, which we would be obliged to accept. Each CC district would create lower division degree majors (18 semester units; 27 quarter units). The worst case scenario could have CC offering 109 versions of majors, including ones we do not offer. We would also be required to accept as equivalent any CC course that is similar to ours, with no description of what constitutes “similar.” The legislative senate chair acknowledged the difficulties in the bill’s language and will try to work on it.

Reichman encouraged all to read the Statewide Academic Senate report provided on SharePoint.

d. Report of CFA

Reichman reported. After 10 years as Chapter President, Tom McCoy has resigned for personal reasons and is headed to his retirement home in Arizona. The CFA Executive Board agreed to ask Kim Geron to serve as Interim Chapter President until a new president can be elected in the Fall.

CSU and CFA have released their sunshine proposals; this was discussed yesterday at a meeting in the Biella room. Usually these proposals are vague wish lists; the actual bargaining will be tough. CFA did propose a 1-year extension of existing contract, which the CSU declined. The current contract will expire June 30, but, absent a new contract, will continue into effect with the exception of anything that has an ending date, e.g., FERP and there are no requirements to deal with arbitration (e.g. cannot auto-furlough) .

CFA is continuing to work on getting the \$305 and \$62M into our budget. The good news is that the Governor is in favor of these funds going to the CSU and of loosening restrictions on the funds. Reichman noted that if all the prisons in California were closed, the resulting savings still would not meet half of our state deficit. In addition, there will be drastic cuts in welfare and other social services programs, as well as possible increases in sales tax and vehicle registration costs.

e. Report of Student Government

Rohan Dixit reported that ASI is holding elections. There is a record number of candidates with 55 students running for 15 positions. Asked faculty to encourage all students to make an educated vote.

19. Adjournment

M/S/P (Fleming/Lubwama) to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Fleming, Secretary