Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, January 11, 2011

Members present: Jennifer Eagan, Denise Fleming, Susan Gubernat, Mike Mahoney, Mo Qayoumi, Asha Rao, Jeff Seitz, Tammie Simmons-Mosley, Dianne Rush Woods

Members absent: Jim Mitchell

Guests: (sign-in not distributed)

1. Approval of the agenda

M/S/P (Gubernat/Seitz) to approve the agenda as amended to strike item #10 (moved to next week) and #11 (moved to next week) and to add item 7a. Discussion of All-Senate Listserve.


M/S/P (Fleming/Gubernat) to review minutes next week

3. Reports

A. Report of the Chair

The Chair stated that she attended the meeting of the East Bay Economic Developmental Alliance here last Friday. Many state and local elected officials were present (Lonnie Hancock, Nancy Skinner, Keith Carson, mayor of Oakland). President Qayoumi was the annual honoree at this event; the award was presented by CEO of Bayer.

Woods reported on the work of the Research Strategic Planning Task Force, which met through the summer and Fall. She commended the committee for its hard work, which has included looking at best practices at other universities and at the Chancellor’s Office. The committee developed a shortened version of a CO survey (currently in circulation) and will follow with sponsored focus groups. Results will be presented to ExCom and the Provost by the end of W11.

The Chair requested that all consider donating sick hours to Dr. Alnor, who needs 2-3 months of additional hours to help him bridge to his retirement.

There will be a CFA meeting today at 4 p.m. and tomorrow at noon in the Biella room.

B. Report of the President

The President wished all a happy new year and his hopes that all enjoyed a restful holiday season. He stated that the university community is saddened by the passing of Dan Cerutti, who is survived by his spouse and children. There is no information yet on funeral arrangements.

Qayoumi announced the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Recreation and Wellness (RAW) center, one of the first such buildings in the system; the project came in on time and under budget. He also announced the ground-breaking ceremony for the fuel cell project, which will save the University about $800K annually. The project costs $7M and is funded and operated by PG &E; excess heat will be used to heat campus buildings. When the project is up and running, we will have more than 1/3 of our energy coming from green resources.

The governor’s announced budget reductions will be harsh, cutting $500M from CSU, $500M from UC, and $400M from the CC system. Pending a voter-passed outcome on the June tax
extension measure, California stands to gain an additional $18B in revenue. If the measure does not pass, there may be additional cuts in higher education and the K-12 sectors.

In terms of the $500M cut proposed by the Governor, a very preliminary estimate is that CSUEB will be facing a $13M cut. Fee increases imposed last September will mitigate about $5.5M of this amount. The June elections will determine a great deal in terms of funding and cuts. At this point, it is hard to say what the impact will be on enrollment for 2011-2012. The President is pleased to see that current enrollment is high.

Just the beginning of the process. Hopefully the budget will pass (only needs 50% with new law). After that, further severe budget cuts may be in store if voters do not approve an extension of the state sales tax.

In response to Gubernat’s question regarding our position, the President stated that, because of our small stateside Summer 10, our annualized enrollment has been down. He reminded all that this is just the beginning of the process. Hopefully, the state budget will be passed more smoothly with the new 50% passage initiative in place.

C. Report of the Provost

The Provost announced that the funding model is fully implemented. The final version has been distributed to the deans, who are reviewing the model with chairs to strategize how to use funding to best advantage. The model provides clarity in terms of how funding provides for resources. The Provost also complimented chairs, faculty, and deans on enrollment management.

Provost Houpis, Brian Cook, and the deans of CEAS, CLASS, and SCI recently met with representatives at the Lawrence Livermore Lab. The Lab is moving from high security to an open campus model and is looking for partners. These were preliminary discussions and we will have a better sense of the possibilities later this quarter. There is a shuttle from Dublin Bart to the Lab; having a campus outside their fence is a good opportunity for our students.

In response to questions, Houpis stated that the campus will serve a larger population, including those from the outer areas of the east of Livermore, who are poorly served. It is not as yet known if programs will reside in Extended Ed. Grad programs will likely come first. The President added that faculty could work with some of the Lab’s PIs on joint projects and students could engage in research, so this is about more than just courses.

D. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

Gubernat stated that she and Woods will attend Plenary at the end of next week and the Board of Trustees meeting directly after that. Gubernat has posted resolutions on Senate website and urged all to read and comment. Gubernat will be in attendance at an agenda-setting meeting with Chancellor Reed and will report back. She encouraged all to sign up for discipline groups for AB1440 transfer degree programs.

4. Appointments, including the Search Committee membership for the AVP position in PEMSA

M/S/P (Fleming/Mahoney) to approve Robert Lin (CBE) on FDEC, replacing Steve Ugbah (term 10-12) and to confirm the email approval for Toni Fogarty to replace Scott Hopkins on FAC during Winter 11.

M/S/P (Gubernat/Rao) to appoint Jennifer Eagan to the Time, Place & Manner Task Group.

M/S/P (Eagan/Rao) to approve the nominations of IRA members: Nancy White (HRT), Dianne Woods (Senate Chair), Sinan Goktan (FIN), Mike Hedrick (BIOL), Tom Bickley (LIB) to IRA.

Search Committee for the AVP Planning and Institutional Research still needs 2 representatives from within CEAS/Science/Library. We will revisit this next week.
M/S/P (Rao/Gubernat) to approve Khal Schneider (HIST) to replace Linda Ivey on the Senate for Winter11

5. Confirmation of email approval of the Winter University-wide Election Schedule

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

6. Approval of the Winter Preliminary List

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

7. Diversity discussion (no more than 10 minutes per bullet point)

M/S/P (Seitz/Eagan) to refer change of bylaws to FAC to make FDEC and CCAC standing committees

M/S/P (Fleming/Gubernat) to refer to FDEC to revise and update their charge and define their work

M/S/P (Fleming/Gubernat) to consider motions for CCAC until next week

The Committee discussed possible identification of a President’s Cabinet Liaison to FDEC. The President stated that there is a strong relationship between the Senate and the President, with regular meetings. The role of UPBAC was expanded to bring diversity to the fore; is not sure what a liaison would do. Dalton is already doing much of what a liaison would do.

Terry Jones spoke in favor of a liaison, in part for transparency and to help measure and monitor diversity progress. It is important to have a member of the President’s Cabinet on the committee. Woods stated that the issue is more relational and perceptual than bureaucratic.

Discussion ensued about the proposed role of the liaison. Fleming stated that there are different ways to look at this. It makes sense that those in administrative roles would think in terms of job description, place on the organizational chart, etc. She added that faculty and staff often infer through symbols, so it makes sense that the liaison is seen as having symbolic importance. She suggested that we revisit this topic in 2-3 weeks; in the meantime, a job description should be developed so that we can all see where the liaison is expected to be on the org chart and what functions he/she would serve.

7b. Discussion of all-Senate List Serve

M/S/P (Gubernat/Mahoney) to place 10-11 BEC 5, Electronic dissemination of information, and discussion of an all-Senate List Serve, on the Senate agenda.

There was some discussion about the pros and cons of such a listserve, e.g., engaging more senators in discussion, issues of civility. A draft 10-11 BEC 5, Electronic dissemination of information, was provided.

8. 10-11 CAPR 5, Request for Five-Year Review Delay on document submission for International Studies program (info only)

M/S/P (Mahoney/Fleming) to place on the Senate agenda as an information-only item 10-11 BEC 5, Electronic dissemination of information

9. Revisit of 10-11 BEC 4, First-Second Readings and Consent Calendar

M/S/P (Mahoney/Gubernat) to divide the document between first-second readings and consent calendar and create two documents

M/S/P (Eagan/Mahoney) to delete “other than those requesting that items be removed from the consent calendar for discussion)

10. Concord Campus Strategic Planning
11. UIT Disbanding Discussion

12. The Senate meeting place move to UU

M/S/P (Eagan/Fleming) to move Senate meetings to the UU for the rest of the year

The committee briefly discussed the pros and cons of moving Senate meetings to UU. The majority agreed that the move would benefit students as this would free up the large-capacity classroom that is currently being used for Senate meetings.

13. Adjournment

M/S/P (Fleming/Eagan)

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Fleming, Secretary