

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

OFFICE OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE

Approved

Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting, Tuesday, February 1, 2011

Members Present: Dee Andrews, Eileen Barrett, Becky Beal, Elizabeth Bergman, Cal Caplan, Chris Chamberlain, Christina Chin-Newman, Don Choi, Emily Cleveland, Roger Doering, Jennifer Eagan, Lynn Eudey, Denise Fleming, Susan Gubernat, Erik Helgren, Mark Karplus, Chris Knaus, Lokesh Kumar, Evelyn Lopez-Munoz, Eve Lynch, Michael Mahoney, James Mitchell, Christopher Moreman, James Murphy, Mo Qayoumi, Jeffery Seitz, Aline Soules, Carl Stempel, Ellen Veomett, Mark Weisbecker, Dianne Rush Woods, Meiling Wu, Yan Yan Zhou

Members Absent: Nick Baham, Laura Banuelos, Mavis Braxton-Bailey, Korey Brunetti, Maliika Chambers, Sharon Green, Sara Holdridge, Scott Hopkins, Barbara Jackowski, Brady Landry, Danielle Lane, Michael Lee, Monique Manopoulos, Bijan Mashaw, Julia Olkin, Nandini Premmanisakul, Asha Rao, Khal Schneider, Michael Schutz, Tammie Simmons-Mosley, Jean Simutis, Jennifer Stern, Eric Suess, Diana Wakimoto, Annette Walker

Guests: Debbie Brothwell, Luz Calvo, Linda Dalton, Toni Fogarty, Jiansheng Guo, Rosanne Harris, Jim Houpis, Brian Mckenzie, Sue Opp, Cathy Sandeen, Angela Schneider

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

M/S/P (Grewe/Chamberlain) to approve the agenda as amended

M/S/P (Karplus/Gubernat) to move items 10a and 10b to 3e and 3f

2. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting on 11-30-10 as amended

M/S/P to approve the minutes of 11/30/11

3. Reports

A. Report of the Chair

The Chair announced that CSUEB has been heavily involved in the Super Sunday program, which targets African American churches for the purpose of encouraging families and mentors to prepare their students to engage in higher education (not just at East Bay). What can be done to prep children for that experience? Faculty and other volunteers will visit 27 different churches over three days, with 2/20 being the primary day. Church members are grateful and the program connects to our regional stewardship.

This is Homecoming Week; all are encouraged to wear red and black. Events include an American Idol contest at the Commons, an office decorating contest, Pioneer fashion show, "Kiss the iPod" contest, basketball, water polo, and a tailgate party on Saturday. ExCom continues its tradition of contributing towards a scholarship for a student athlete with the highest academic average.

University-wide elections are in progress; results should be in around 2/12.

The Chair announced campus-wide town hall meetings for faculty and staff to discuss questions and concerns regarding the STEM initiative.

Woods thanked members of the Research Task Force: Lettie Ramirez, Jeff Seitz, Jed DeVaro, Diana Wakimoto, Aline Soules, Nan Maxwell, Evaon Wong-Kim; she is also on the task force. Woods went into detail about the work of the task force, which has met weekly since 9/10. They looked at student-centered research, support models, models from other universities. They interviewed Chris Brown, Michael Tomasell (University Advancement), and Rhea Williamson. The Task Force met with the Provost, held conference calls with the CO, SDSU, and auxiliary associations. There was a focus on what works for faculty and how to operate in ways that make faculty feel they are being heard and supported. The Task Force also collaborated with the Committee on Research to develop a survey to send out to all faculty and lecturers (140 responses to date). An additional qualitative piece included focus groups (57 participants). The Task Force is in the process of putting together their final report; at the end of F10, they sent interim report to the Provost, who has already been responsive to many of the recommendations.

B. Report of the President

The President also encouraged all to participate in Super Sunday participation events to encourage a college-going culture. He also reiterated the invitation for all to participate in Town Hall meetings on 2/8-9 to dialogue about what the STEM center will do for the campus community.

Qayoumi reported that the University broke ground on the new fuel cell project, which is funded by PG & E. The fuel cell is expected to deliver 1.4 MW of power. We will benefit from exhaust heat for four or five of our buildings. The costs to connect the system will be about \$600K and will result in an annual savings of about \$160K per year. In case of any emergency, we will have about one-third of the power needed to run the campus in the event of disconnection from the main grid.

The CO continues to work on retention and graduation; at CSUEB Sue Opp has been working with faculty. CSUEB is viewed as a model, since we started two years before the rest of the system.

The President provided an update on the budget. Cuts to higher education include \$.5B each for the CSU and UC systems and \$440M for the CC system. Further cuts will depend in large part on whether or not voters in June approve the \$8B of tax extensions. We still do not have numbers from CO on the actual budget. Based on percentages, CSUEB's cut could be about \$13M or so, but this is only an estimate and other factors may make this number higher or lower. Brothwell presented additional information on the budget; she and the President answered questions. In essence, CSUEB is not that much different than the rest of the country; what is different is that our student fees are much lower. See Brothwell's PowerPoint presentation on the web for more details.

In response to a question about the Philosophy name change: the matter was sent back to CLASS so that the incoming dean will have an opportunity to review.

C. Report of the Provost

The Provost stated that the Research Task Force was commissioned by Bibb and the Provost; both committed to scholarship on campus. MATS was moved to Academic Affairs; all the changes in AA do not cost any money.

Working on correcting the organization chart on SharePoint; this should be completed within the next two weeks or so and will include names for all titles. Working on centralizing those departments and resources that assist faculty in their work: Office of Research and Professional Development, McNair Scholars, etc. Faculty Development, under Eileen Barrett, will become

Faculty Professional Development and will expand beyond scholarship of teaching to include scholarship and service. Pre- and post-award will be under one head.

In response to questions about consultation, Woods clarified that faculty has been providing input on many of these topics for the past 3-4 years. In response to questions about the criteria for appointments, the position for the Online Director went through standard practices and the Foundation position had been advertised before.

D. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators (written report available on Sharepoint)

Woods reported on behalf of herself and Gubernat (senior senator). Four individuals have been reviewed for the Faculty Trustee position and will be forwarded to the Governor for his consideration.

The Early Start initiative continues; all campuses have submitted their plans, which are being reviewed. In addition, A1440 business continues to move forward rapidly, with curricula being established on CC campuses. There is an upcoming meeting in San Jose to discuss, although it appears to be a fait accompli.

All campuses are reviewing GE and thinking about modifying; similar processes are occurring at IHEs across the country. Focus is on reviewing the core curriculum to address globalization, and how to develop and implement high impact practices, e.g., freshmen learning committee, learning abroad, service learning, etc.

Resolutions (also on the SAS website) addressed adequate funding for the Academic Senate, creation of a task force to look at online degree programs, the sale and distribution of classroom materials by Note Utopia (resulting in a cease and desist order by the CO), and assessing the Early Start program. Aline Soules was noted for her work on high impact programs.

Discussion ensued about whether or not CSUs will have veto power in the event of AB1440 conflicts; difficult to know with certainty.

4. **10-11 BEC 4**, First-Second Readings

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

5. **10-11 BEC 7**, Consent Calendar

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

6. **10-11 CAPR 4**, Inclusion of procedure timeline flow-diagrams and liaison memo templates in 08-09 CAPR 23 (revised)

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

Mahoney congratulated CAPR for their work. Dalton noted that, because self-studies are due by end of fall quarters, data will always be a year old; fall data is not available until after winter quarter.

7. **10-11 CAPR 5**, Request for Five-Year Review Delay on document submission for International Studies program (info to ExCom)

Withdrawn

8. **10-11 CIC 3**, Honors Policy

M/S/P (Mitchell/Caplan) with one abstention to approve

9. **10-11 BEC 5**, Electronic dissemination of information (via Senate listserve)

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

Discussion about the pros and cons of listserves: need for information and quicker communication, netiquette issues, and communication with lecturers.

10. Other Reports

A. Report of CFA

Brian MacKenzie, Chapter President of CFA, announced that elections for CFA positions will be held in Spring. Introduced members of the CFA board: Calvos, Karplus, Eagan. CFA begun a series of strategic initiatives to build a community of faculty. Stalled contract talks and attempted take backs on the part of the CO. 80% of faculty are members of CFA; encourages all to join.

MacKenzie announced that Button Week will run from April 12-15; asked all to wear a button for solidarity. A demonstration, organized by Luz Calvos, is planned for 4/13. Plans include a picnic, work with Senate on luncheon forums.

B. Report of Student Government

No Report

11. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Fleming, Secretary