Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting, Tuesday, March 8, 2011


Members Absent: Nick Baham, Laura Banuelos, Eileen Barrett, Becky Beal, Elizabeth Bergman, Mavis Braxton-Bailey, Chris Chamberlain, Maliika Chambers, Lynn Eudey, Sara Holdridge, Scott Hopkins, Barbara Jackowski, Lokesh Kumar, Brady Landry, Danielle Lane, Michael Lee, James Mitchell, Mo Qayoumi, Asha Rao, Khal Schneider, Michael Schutz, Jean Simutis, Carl Stempel, Jennifer Stern, Eric Suess, Diana Wakimoto, Annette Walker, YanYan Zhou

Guests: Jagdish Agrawal, Lynn Comerford, Linda Dalton, Jiansheng, Guo, Patricia Guthrie, James Houpis, Xinjian Lu, Carolyn Nelson, Sue Opp, Gretchen Reevy, Kathleen Rountree, Don Sawyer, Angela Schneider, Donna Wiley, James Zarrillo

1. Approval of the Agenda
M/S/P (Mashaw/Doering) to approve as amended
Doering/Knaus to add to the agenda “Physical amenities”
Lynch/Eagan to move CFA to 3:40

2. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting on 2-1-11
M/S/P (Caplan/Green) to approve the minutes of 2/1/11 as amended

3. Reports
   A. Report of the Chair

The Chair greeted the Senators and asked all to announce their names when called upon and stated that before speaking a second time on a topic, the Chair will first make sure that all those who wish to speak are heard a first time. Notice of Senate meetings for the remainder of the year have been distributed to all.

Woods announced the Senate list serve was launched on 2/24; list serve is for Senators to discuss, but not vote on Senate business. All Senators have been subscribed; can contact Senate Office to opt out. “Netiquette” was briefly discussed. Roger Doering volunteered to monitor the list serve.

In other announcements, there will be a St. Patrick’s Day luncheon on March 17, nominations for the Connie Sexauer staff award should be sent to the Senate office. Also, a reminder regarding Outstanding Professor nominations; a weekly update regarding faculty governance meetings is being sent, rather than individual announcements; and LI 2250 is open for faculty at lunch, as a 1 quarter trial—please be sure to keep it tidy.
B. Report of the President

No report

C. Report of the Provost

No report

D. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

Gubernat stated that the Plenary will take place from 3/16-3/18; CO Reed will be there for the first time. There will be a full roster of speakers, including Gary Rhoades from AAUP speaking on issues faculty affecting nation-wide.

Campuses waiting to hear back from the Chancellor’s Office regarding their Early Start reports; ETS developing a data base to track progress; will cost $160,000 per year.

Gubernat also reported that four individuals are in consideration for Faculty Trustee. Also, the Statewide Academic Senate is experiencing budget cuts; many meetings are now teleconferenced and or online.

E. Report of Student Government

ASI President Mohammed Beig, stated that ASI is recommending standardized faculty evaluations on campuses. Electronic evaluations are also part of a CSA resolution and are less expensive than paper evaluations. Dee Andrews, a member of the FAC Special Subcommittee on Student Evaluations, stated that a revised Student Evaluation Policy and Form are making their way through the Faculty Affairs Committee, headed by Eileen Barrett, and the approval process isn’t complete as yet. But the ASI Council should know that evaluations are part of the CBA, and are in the purview of the faculty. The Subcommittee has recommended all-electronic evaluations as well as a single set of questions for all faculty. If the Senate approves these recommendations, departments will still be able to add their own questions.

ASI has an ad hoc committee exploring feasibility and costs of electronic books as a less costly alternative to textbooks. Looking at different possibilities; open to suggestions. Soules noted that faculty are also looking into this, including open source materials. Mosley suggested a survey to faculty and students now using e-books, for feedback. Negotiations for 35% off cover price for 6 campuses happened and it was suggested that they connect with those ASI components.

4. 10-11 BEC 8, LGBT Resolution

M/S/ (Murphy/Andrews) to endorse – motion withdrawn

M/S/P (Andrews/Mashaw) to refer the resolution to FDEC

Senate discussion surrounded whether a CSUEB resolution would be better, rather than endorsing someone else’s. Rather than amending it, it was agreed to refer it to the Faculty Diversity & Equity Committee (FDEC)

5. 10-11 CAPR 7, Five-Year Program Review for all Externally Accredited CEAS programs

M/S/P (Caplan/Gubernat) to accept the report and approve the continuation of the programs without modification
6. **10-11 CAPR 9 revised**, Temporary Suspension of the MS in Business Administration (MSBA)

M/S/P (Mashaw/Eagan) to temporarily suspend the MSBA

7. **10-11 CIC 5**, WOST Online BA Program

M/S/P (Mashaw/Soules) to approve

Guthrie addressed the Senate and provided background, noting that their faculty were well trained to teach online.

7a. Physical Amenities

Roger Doering requested tables for Senators at Senate meetings. Woods noted that it was set up with ASI facilities to have tables at all meetings and she will contact them again to confirm.

8. CFA Announcements

MacKenzie stated that CFA promotes faculty participation in governance. Bargaining is not going well; there is a new proposal dealing with summer employment. Urged all to participate in the April 13 Class Action: “People’s University” at noon. Next CFA meeting on May 5 at noon in VPT 411

9. Adjournment

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

Chair asked if there are particular presentations that we would like and there were several suggestions, but no Senate actions. Andrews announced that the 100th anniversary of women’s suffrage in CA is approaching. There is a new book on the movement and there will be a history panel on 5/12.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Fleming, Secretary