

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

OFFICE OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting, Tuesday, October 5, 2010

Members Present: Dee Andrews, Nick Baham, Becky Beal, Elizabeth Bergman, Mavis Braxton-Bailey, Cal Caplan, Chris Chamberlain, Maliika Chambers, Christina Chin-Newman, Emily Cleveland, Roger Doering, Jennifer Eagan, Lynn Eudey, Denise Fleming, Toni Fogarty, Sharon Green, Susan Gubernat, Linda Ivey, Mark Karplus, Eve Lynch, Michael Mahoney, Monique Manopoulos, Bijan Mashaw, Christopher Moreman, James Murphy, Julia Olkin, Mo Qayoumi, Michael Schutz, Jeffery Seitz, Tammie Simmons-Mosley, Jason Singley, Jean Simutis, Carl Stempel, Eric Suess, Ellen Veomett, Diana Wakimoto, Mitch Watnik, Dianne Rush Woods

Members Absent: Laura Banuelos, Eileen Barrett, Korey Brunetti, Don Choi, Sara Holdridge, Scott Hopkins, Barbara Jackowski, Brady Landry, Danielle Lane, Michael Lee, Evelyn Lopez-Munoz, James Mitchell, Nandini Premmanisakul, Asha Rao, Aline Soules, Jennifer Stern, Annette Walker

Guests: John Charles, Linda Dobb, Holly Fowler, Kim Geron, Jiansheng, Guo, Rosanne Harris, Sue Opp, Glen Perry, Carol Reese, Gretchen Reevy, Kathleen Rountree, Cathy Sandeen, Don Sawyer, Terri Swartz

The chair called the meeting to order at 2:04

1. Approval of the Agenda

M/S/P (Gubernat/Caplan) to approve the agenda

2. Approval of the Minutes from the Organizational meeting on 06-01-10

M/S/P (Schutz/Gubernat) with one abstention to approve the minutes

3. Reports

A. Report of the Chair

Rush-Woods welcomed all to the first Senate meeting of the year and asked all present to introduce themselves to the body. The Chair stressed the importance of community and expressed her hope that we will work closely together during the coming year.

The Chair will set an orientation meeting for new senators and will forward the date to all. She will also stay after today's meeting to work with senators who have questions about SharePoint.

The Chair reported that she met with the chairs of all the standing committees to discuss the referrals that they will be receiving. The referrals have already been shared with ExCom and are on SharePoint. There are a number of vacancies on committees that need to be filled. Vacant faculty positions document is also on SharePoint. Caplan is willing to serve on the Space Advisory committee if the bylaws permit emeritus faculty to do so. There are still openings on the Committee to Evaluate the VP of Enrollment and Student Services. The Chair encouraged all to become familiar with the committees that need members and to help familiarize new faculty with the committees.

Rush Woods stated that, due to FERP, retirements, and resignations, we have lost approximately 30 regular faculty, leaving us at 319 tenured/tenure track faculty. Rehiring will hopefully begin next year.

The Chair made the following announcements: There will be a Holiday Reception for the Academic Senate on December 3 from 4-6 p.m. The first brown bag lunch with the Senate Chair is tomorrow, October 6, from noon-1:50 in LI2250. Textbook adoption orders for the W11 are due by October 25. The earlier date is related to accessibility; Student Disability Services needs to scan books in time to make them available by the beginning of the quarter. October 8 is the end of Open Enrollment for employee benefits; she encouraged all to make any needed changes and to advise others in their departments about the deadline. All are invited to the upcoming Student Life and Leadership club information meeting.

The Chair encouraged all to sign the commendation for Hank Reichman.

Karplus announced that there will be an Annual Lecturer Reception on October 19, from 4-6 p.m. in the Faculty Development Office.

B. Report of the President

The President greeted all. He introduced Dr. Cathy Sandeen, an ACE Fellow, who will be spending the month of October with us as well as a month in the Winter and Spring quarters. Dr. Sandeen is the Dean of Continuing Education and UCLA Extension Center at UCLA.

Qayoumi stated that the year is off to a good start. Enrollment is on target and we will be accepting admissions for W11 and Sp11. The budget situation is also improved over last year; no furloughs, budget cuts, or layoffs on the horizon. State leadership have a tentative budget agreement and are meeting tomorrow. If all goes well, the State may have a budget by Thursday, which the governor will then hopefully sign.

The President stated that the Recreation and Wellness Center is nearing completion and will be open on a limited basis in December. The official opening will be on 01/11/11.

In response to questions, Qayoumi stated that the recent court ruling in favor of the governor's right to impose furloughs will not impact CSU faculty; the ruling dealt more with SEIU. With regard to enrollment, the President explained that some targets were dropped for a few of the smaller campuses. Larger campus' enrollment was reduced by 10% and CSUEB had a 9.5% decrease in enrollment or about 1100 FTE. Our enrollment target has been adjusted twice; the \$106M in one-time federal funds was used to restore about 5% or about half of the lost FTEs. We have no idea of whether the \$106M will be included in the proposed \$305M budget increase for the CSU, but at least part of the \$305M will be base funds.

In response to Karplus' question regarding why the President did not sign 09-10 FAC 5, which would reduce the number of years for emeritus faculty eligibility, Qayoumi stated that the Provost had objections, which were shared with the Senate Chair. There was also a question regarding how much money was brought in from the summer session, particularly the revenue generated from the \$60 per unit fee. Rush Woods stated that she would follow up with the Provost. Qayoumi clarified that summer courses were not Extension courses; they went through DCIE as a "pass through."

The President added that a portion of state sales tax is ending, which will cause a \$9B structural deficit for California.

In response to Rao's question, Qayoumi stated that we will hopefully see an upward trend in enrollment over the next few years and that the CSU is looking at an approximate 2.5% long-term enrollment projection. In answer to a question about tenure track faculty hiring, Qayoumi noted that increasing tenure track faculty has been a long-standing priority, one that he reaffirmed in his Convocation address. To that end, the Provost is working with the Deans on a multi-year hiring plan aimed at attracting high caliber candidates.

C. Report of the Provost

The Provost is ill; no report.

D. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

Gubernat reported that Hank Reichman stepped down from his position on the Statewide Academic Senate (SAS). There will be an election to replace Hank, through 2012. The SAS report was posted to sharepoint after the Plenary.

The SAS held an abbreviated session (two days, instead of three) and, due to time constraints, waived second readings on three resolutions. Resolutions included 1) the annual call for adequate and sustainable support for the CSU (resulting from some concern that the \$106M allocated to the CSU may be subtracted from the promised \$305M to come; 2) an endorsement of the October 27 National Day of Action in Defense of Public Education, in the hope that events will be lawful; and 3) call for a formation of a joint CSU and Community College AA transfer degree committee. Gubernat stated that Jane Patton, ICAS chair, is eager to move on SB 1440. Gubernat encouraged all to serve on the discipline panels for the transfer units since SB 1440 will affect our work.

Gubernat requested feedback on other resolutions, including the Troops to College Program. Returning troops should have catalog rights back to the time they left to serve; they will require special counseling and that will require funding support. Other resolutions include efforts to make learning solutions (textbooks, etc.) affordable to students. Gubernat noted that the Chamber of Congress has endorsed Meg Whitman; both the COs of the CC and UC systems have resigned from Chamber citing commitments to non-partisanship; Chancellor Reed has not resigned.

E. Report of CFA

Brian McKenzie teaches during this time slot. Kim Geron, Interim Vice President of CSUEB's CFA Chapter encouraged all to become familiar with Propositions 24 and 25. Eagan announced that October 7 is the National Public Day of Action. The event is cosponsored by CSUEU, APC, and CFA. During the rally, a variety of speakers will address the loss of staff and lecturers, layoffs, loss of course sections, and transparency issues. Eric Kupers will lead the group in "movement".

Karplus reported on contract negotiations and encouraged all to go to the CFA website (www.calfac.org) for bargaining updates. Over the summer, parties agreed to spend the PPI (post promotion increase program) and equity pay funds, which were put towards a raise of .045%. \$1M was rolled over for equity increases for associate and full professors. The parties were unable to reach agreement on the 09-10 salary increases.

Karplus stated that reopener bargaining started, with CFA reopening Article 6 and 38. The CSU packaged article 38 with articles 12 and 15. He encouraged all to read up on articles 12 and 15 on the CFA home page. There will be no October bargaining days; the next meeting will take place during the first long weekend in November.

F. Report of Student Government

No report

4. **10-11 BEC 1**, Standing Rules of the Academic Senate

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

5. **10-11 BEC 2**, Nominations for the Layoff Committee (UCL), 2010-11 (*mandated by the Bylaws to be approved at the first Senate meeting*)

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

6. **10-11 BEC 3**, Proposed Meeting Schedule for the 10-11 Academic Senate (*info to the Senate*)

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

Chair encouraged all to forward agenda item suggestions to her, such as information items and presentations.

7. **09-10 CIC 34**, GE application of Courses

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

HIST 3414: Civil War and Reconstruction

8. **09-10 CIC 35**, Online BA in Ethnic Studies

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

9. Overview of Virtual Labs

Dr. Eric Suess (Statistics and Biostatistics) gave a presentation on his experience piloting the usage of a virtual lab with his department's STAT 3010 course this past summer (also presented at Back to the Bay), with powerpoint and live illustrations showing how a faculty member would log into and use a virtual lab.

John Charles fielded several questions about lab and software availability, reiterating that we will still have computing labs, but they will look somewhat different. The old computing lab environment developed in an ad hoc way over the years, resulting in scheduling conflicts when multiple classes need a particular kind of software. This new configuration will allow all software to be accessed regardless of lab location, which will help in scheduling classes and using the software from home. The virtual lab project is still in growth mode and IT is dealing with some capacity issues. Since all that is needed are web browsers, the purchase costs for equipment to access the virtual labs will be much less. By working with other campuses, we can further reduce costs, increase capacity, and reduce unused processing power.

Charles stated that we are using a shared server, so there is a maximum number of concurrent users. IT is trying to deal with operational issues and make sure that faculty and student needs are met. Contact Holly Fowler for access.

The Chair suggested that Linda Dobb and Faculty Support Services might be able to assist with availability issues.

10. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Fleming, Secretary