Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting, Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Members Present: Dee Andrews, Eileen Barrett, Becky Beal, Elizabeth Bergman, Mavis Braxton-Bailey, Cal Caplan, Chris Chamberlain, Emily Cleveland, Roger Doering, Jennifer Eagan, Denise Fleming, Toni Fogarty, Sharon Green, Susan Gubernat, Linda Ivey, Mark Karplus, Chris Knaus, Lokesh Kumar, Brady Landry, Michael Lee, Michael Mahoney, Monique Manopoulos, Bijan Mashaw, James Murphy, Julia Olkin, Asha Rao, Michael Schutz, Jeffery Seitz, Tammie Simmons-Mosley, Aline Soules, Carl Stempel, Jennifer Stern, Eric Suess, Ellen Veomett, Mitch Watnik, Dianne Rush Woods

Members Absent: Nick Baham, Laura Banuelos, Korey Brunetti, Maliika Chambers, Christina Chin-Newman, Don Choi, Lynn Eudey, Sara Holdridge, Scott Hopkins, Barbara Jackowski, Danielle Lane, Evelyn Lopez-Munoz, Eve Lynch, James Mitchell, Christopher Moreman, Nandini Premmanisasakul, Mo Qayoumi, Jason Singley, Jean Simutis, Diana Wakimoto, Annette Walker

Guests: Jagdish Agrawal, Cal Caplan, Rosanne Harris, Jim Houpis, Sally Murphy, Sue Opp, Gretchen Reevy, Don Sawyer, Donna Wiley, Jim Zarrillo

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:05

1. Approval of the Agenda

M/S/P (Caplan/Seitz) to approve the agenda as amended to eliminate item 11 (withdrawn).

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

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

3. 09-10 COB 1, Annual Report and Recommendations to the President

M/S/P (Caplan/Soules) to accept the report

4. 10-11 CAPR 3, Philosophy name change

M/S/P (Fleming/Knaus) to approve 10-11 CAPR 3

5. 10-11 CIC 2, Fast Track Online proposal for the MS in Health Care Administration

M/S/P (Chamberlain/Schutz) with 3 abstentions to approve

There was discussion about the motivation for the move to self-support. Toni Fogarty stated that the program has been approved since 2003, but they want to go online with it. They have been moving toward online delivery for 5 years and this is part of the strategic plan for the department. They are not making decisions based on the current financial environment, but rather, are using a grant from Extended Ed to develop the online component. Since this is not a new program, it need be reviewed only by CIC. Accreditation is not an issue here, as there are no resources for accreditation at this time.

Online programs meet the needs of some students. Health care is a turbulent industry; those responsible for health care or in management positions cannot take courses on the ground, so this venue will serve them. The online format costs slightly less than stateside fees ($295/unit).
6. CSUEB Budget Update from AVP Debbie Brothwell (TIME CERTAIN 2:30)

Brothwell provided a handout to senators showing 2010-11 CSUEB Funding Estimates and presented the funding model. For purposes of this presentation, the funding model was discussed, rather than exact amounts in each category of the budget. The budget has changed due to changes in enrollment targets.

Our resident target is 10,057, which is lower than our planned target and is based on the assumption of what we will get for the coming winter and spring. We were funded for resident target 11,162, which we cannot make. We can make the 10,057. Even though we missed target by 10% we are allowed to keep the extra funding. Next year’s resident target is 11,660 and the budget will be increased proportionately. The BOT approved a 10% fee increase for next year. If Brown cuts funding, we will have the fee increase to shore up.

Brothwell stated that the Provost has crafted a funding model that goes along with this number and allows us to put items in the model and see what it would take to fund them. We are going to use the money we were allocated for the 11,162 and some $1.2M from lottery funds (these will pay for Teacher Performance Assessments and accreditation). Summer 2010 will remain self support and the CO will make one decision for all campuses for Summer 2011. Extra money from summer 2010 is going to be allocated to the Provost and then to colleges; there is no guarantee it will go to the departments.

The previous model included amounts from grants and contracts to fund courses. The Provost pulled those funds out of this model because we cannot rely on soft money for consistent, structural expenditures.

There was discussion about deferred maintenance, which Bibb estimates will cost about $100M, so the $1M allocated for this year will not go far. There is a list of over $4M for green initiatives. Parking garages and lots are paid for by student permits. Self-support includes parking, housing, etc.

Any centrally managed items leftover will become one-time funds the following year. Brothwell added that the budget funds the model and a $2.1M reserve. In theory, in 09-10, there should have been a budget reduction of 10% because of furloughs. This was not done. All components are now in the model, so that everything is funded depending on enrollment.

In terms of funding, we want to fund costs as if there were not assigned time; otherwise parts of grants, etc., would be funded at lecturer replacement cost. That presents an incentive in the colleges to compete for grants.

Summer yields more than 1K annualized FTEs. This makes a huge difference for our campus; the rest is achieved through recruiting. Last year, we had to close down recruiting as we were told not to go over our target. We have more applicants for fall 2011 than other bay area campus. Last year, our FTES were over 12K—our highest ever.

In response to a question about why the model uses the number of majors in the funding formula, Houpis explained that, in crafting the model, expenses across the university were examined. There was unreimbursed assigned time, e.g., coordinators for labs and art studios. There was no rhyme or reason explaining why colleges were allocated different amounts. So, using majors to allocate fund may not be best way, but it is better than nothing.

The Chair asked the Provost to present the academic funding model at an upcoming meeting so that we can ask questions and move toward clarity.

The body commended Brothwell for a clear and transparent presentation.

7. CBE Faculty Honors Policy
M/S/P (Caplan/Doering) to approve

8. Grad Initiative & Early Start Update (Opp)
Opp reported on the Grad Initiative and Early Start. She reminded all that the goal of the Graduation Initiative is to increase the six-year graduation rate and close the graduation gap for underrepresented minorities. Plans were submitted to the CO in December 2009 and have been revised and worked on since January 2010.

Opp stated that the goal of Early Start is to facilitate graduation by requiring that remediation start before freshmen enter in the Fall. Plans were due to the CO in November; once we hear back from the CO, we will address any needed revisions beginning in January.

Both of these programs were reported on in earlier Senate meetings; see website for additional information and PowerPoint presentations at https://sharepoint.csueastbay.edu/sites/AcademicSenate/Senate%20Meeting10/Lists/Agenda/DispForm.aspx?ID=14

Discussion ensued about graduation rates and related issues, with senators expressing concerns about Early Start program. Freshmen are our most vulnerable students; starting with the lowest quartile puts them more at risk. Rustick stated that Early Start is a 10-week model versus the 30-week model we currently use. Our model has won awards. The CSU English Council opposes Early Start.

Murphy added that cumulative expertise and concerns have been cast aside. He has just completed a study that examines students who attended CSUEB beginning in 2004 and up to 2010. Of the bottom quartile; their total graduation rate was comparable to overall numbers, i.e., approximately 40%. About 10% more are still working on their degrees and may well graduate in the next one-three years or more.

9. 10-11 BEC 4, First and Second Readings and Consent Calendar
M/S/P (Caplan/Eagan) to postpone to next meeting

10. 10-11 BEC 6, Faculty Trustee Nomination
M/S/P (Mahoney/Eagan) unanimous support for Jeff Seitz

11. Resolution on Early Start (withdrawn)

12. Reports
A. Report of the Chair

The Chair stated that Glen Perry suffered a heart attack approximately two weeks ago at Long Beach and remains in the hospital in critical condition. A card was passed around for signatures. The President is hosting a Holiday Reception for Senators on December 3. All are encouraged to attend and bring a guest.

The Chair welcomed the student senators and stated that it has been a good year working together and thanked the body.

B. Report of the President

No Report

C. Report of the Provost

Provost Houpis wished all happy holidays and thanked all for their hard work

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

In the interest of time, please see Senator Gubernat’s report online. All are encouraged to pay particular attention to the SB 1440 transfer degree.
E. Report of CFA

CFA has created a listserve to discuss access and equity issues around Early Start. Bargaining continues, with no agreement yet, except that FERP will continue. Karplus and Reichman are on the bargaining team. There will be a meeting on Tuesday to discuss issues and Kim will be on the radio (KPFA 90.7 fm) tonight at 7pm.

F. Report of Student Government

All are encouraged to attend the opening of the Recreation and Wellness (RAW) building. It was reported that it is free until the 11th (grand opening).

13. Adjournment

M/S/P (Caplan/Mahoney) to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Fleming, Secretary