Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, September 27, 2011

Members present: Nick Baham, Denise Fleming, Sharon Green, Susan Gubernat, Sally Murphy, Gretchen Reevy, Jeffery Seitz, Mitch Watnik, Dianne Woods

Members absent: Leroy Morishita

Guests: Susan Correia, Linda Dalton, Linda Dobb, Jiansheng Guo, Mark Karplus, Michael Lee, Sue Opp

The meeting was called to order at 2:03pm

1. Approval of the agenda

M/S/P (Woods/Seitz) to approve the agenda as amended to delete items

2. Reports

A. Report of the Chair

The Chair welcomed all and thanked those who voted for him. Introduced Tamra Donnelly, our new Senate Coordinator. Donnelly stated that she lived in Paradise (near Chico) for the past seven years. Since she is originally from San Francisco, she is “coming home” to the Bay Area. The Chair asked all Ex Com members to introduce themselves, as well.

Mahoney stated that ExCom is excited about our new president, Leroy Morishita. Both Morishita and Provost Houpis were at the retreat, which went quite well.

Mahoney stated that there are several new faces on campus. Brad Wells is the Interim CFO, replacing Sean Bibb who has joined SJSU. Borre Ulrichsen (from SFSU) has replaced John Charles as AVP, IT Applications & Support. Denise Needleman (also from SFSU) is the Interim AVP of HR, replacing Jim Cimino, who has retired.

In terms of searches, the Chair stated that the search for the CLASS Dean is well under way; applications will be reviewed on September 28. The search committee has been formed for the AVP, Research & Sponsored Programs (to replace Rhea Williamson, who left in June and is now at Humboldt). There will also be a search for the CFO and for a permanent Associate Provost (Dobb is Interim).
Mahoney informed the Committee that there will be 20 new tenure-track faculty searches this year; only one new TT faculty was hired last year. In addition, both the Provost and President agreed that we need additional faculty. Our TT ranks have fallen to about 300, from 350-360 three or four years ago. Mahoney will check on how many tenure track faculty separations there have been in the last year.

The Chair stated that freshmen enrollment has increased to about 1200. Although our overall head count is down a bit, the unit load is up somewhat. Dalton added that we are about 3% over target. Mahoney added that we need to meet or exceed target, so that we do not lost funding, as we did in ’05.

Mahoney stated that the Chancellor’s Office did not provide funding support for RSCA, which meant an immediate cut of $82K for faculty research. However, he stated that the Provost has committed to filling that gap and more in order to support faculty research.

CSUEB’s proposal for the A2E2 fee has been approved by the CO. This program will start in W12 (rather than F11) and incur $40 per quarter per student, rather than the $120 per quarter that had been proposed. Beginning W12, these fees will replace all course fees of $50 or less. Currently, the fees primarily fund athletics. The new fees will support academics and can be used to replace equipment, send students on field trips, and support literary reviews. We will have an A2E2 committee, with faculty representatives from each college and the library; the Senate Chair will also serve.

In response to Seitz’ question about IRA (instructionally related award) money, the Chair stated that students will no longer pay $8 per quarter in IRA fees; some of what were labeled “IRA” were not. Previously, $43 per quarter went to athletics and students will still pay this. Programs under IRA & expansion of those programs will also be paid out of A2E2. There are sufficient funds to put out a call for new IRA proposals; we are transitioning to an enhanced IRA program.

Mahoney announced that President Morishita will hold approximately 15 “listening sessions” for faculty and staff to gather input about concerns and vision. With regard to STEM, Mahoney also noted that Morishita has changed the university description from “stem-centered” to “stem-infused.”

On Wednesday, Oct 12, from 5-7, in the UUMP, there will be a reception for all faculty, including lecturers and emeriti.

The Chair stated that the dedication for the Fuel Cell project (outside MB) will be held at 10 a.m. on October 14. The fuel cell is up and running, along with an informational touch screen display. President Morishita has also expressed his desire to see an academic component.

Mahoney reminded all that, as of October 22, Google will no longer provide access to services other than those supported by CSUEB, e.g., Mail, Calendar, Documents, and
Sites, Contacts, Groups. The easiest way to have access to other Google services is to open a personal Gmail account.

Warren Hall's status as the most (seismically) unsafe public building in California has made its total demolition a top priority; the former plan called for removal of the top six floors only. A CSU lease revenue bond will fund the project, which is scheduled to take place in the next 1-2 years. As of now, all offices and functions, with the exception of the Data Center (which will be moved to SSA soon), have been moved out of WA.

The campus is entitled to equal replacement square footage (WA is 100K f2). The relatively new SSA is 60K f2; a new 40Kf2 building (still subject to approval) would be located on the former childcare center site and would primarily house single-person faculty offices, as well as a few classrooms. Dalton noted that the 2009 Master Plan is still in litigation; the new building, if approved, would necessitate a separate amendment to that plan. In response to questions about the cost of litigation, the CSU is self-insured, lawsuits are filed against the CSU system, and legal representation is, therefore, centralized at the CO.

Mahoney stated that either Brad Wells or Debbie Brothwell will report on the budget to Ex Com, Senate, COBRA, and UPABC.

The Chair urged all to review WASC’s response to CSUEB’s Interim Report (found on the CSUEB WASC Accreditation website). WASC highlighted seven areas, some complimentary and some that need attention. Regarding the next WASC visit, Opp stated that it may be two years from now—or even longer, as WASC is in the process of updating its handbook. Mahoney noted that President Morishita is a WASC commissioner.

Mahoney stated that the SB1440 response to the American Institution Requirement will be referred to CIC.

New draft Senate standing rules include first and second readings and implementation of a consent calendar function. There was an effort to change the status of the President to a non-voting member and the Provost to a voting member of ExCom and Senate, but faculty voter turnout was below the 50% required.

Mahoney stated that the Senate Listserve will be populated asap with the current year’s senators.

There is paperwork in process to hire for Jackie Alnor’s former position in the Senate Office. Carol Reese is the administrator in charge of the Senate; Donnelly reports to her. Woods requested that ExCom review the job description.

B. Report of the President
C. Report of the Provost

(not in attendance)

D. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators (Gubernat and Woods)

ASCSU held its first meeting of the year. Resolution to include campus visits for presidential candidates had unanimous support. Although well-written, the resolution did not sway BOT. Woods stated that the *San Francisco Chronicle* article reported on the resolution, calling it a pyrrhic victory. New Faculty Trustee Bernadette Cheyne cast the sole nay vote. Trustee Monville asserted that the need for faculty and staff to have input was minimal. Chancellor Reed stated that the CSU lost some excellent candidates who refused to be a finalist when informed that their names would be publicized. The argument is that we are potentially doing harm to candidates by having an open and transparent process; it was stated that some candidates had been terminated from their jobs as a result of having their applications to the CSU made public.

Other resolutions (which may also be found on the ASCSU website) include acknowledging the 50th anniversary of the CSU system, support for establishment of a system-wide professional doctorate advisory committee, support for establishment of California Community College GE Pattern and nursing prerequisite courses to match the CSU GE breadth requirement, maintaining quality in the CSU, presidential compensation, and maintenance of public access to the CPEC data.

Chancellor Reed attended Plenary, where he stated that running the CSU will be unsustainable in the event of additional cuts. The $100M additional reduction to the CSU will likely be triggered; it is unknown whether or not this is a one-time cut or one that will impact the base and the way we are budgeted for the foreseeable future. In the event of the cut, our share will be $3.5M; we are not expected to see a loss.

The Chancellor has asked for $315M for 2012-13 to grant 3% across the board increases to all faculty and staff. This contrasts with current contract negotiations and issues regarding collective bargaining and the contract, workload issues, and the security of lecturers. The CSU has lost 600 tenure-track positions. A fact finder found that the CSU should compensate those who did not get the modest equity pay to which they are entitled. The CO equates withholding that pay with canceled classes.

The CO is preparing a template for a campus climate survey; we need to see how that will interface with any CSUEB campus climate survey.

GE reports: COMPASS meeting, WASC, 12/1 LAX funded for COMPASS function work; gap is widening between underrepresented groups.
SB1440 and the American Institutions waiver are both causing lots of conversation, as well as some inaccurate information and misunderstandings. Woods noted that 16 transfer model curricula (under SB1440) are currently being vetted and encouraged all to take a look at them. In addition, Early Start will begin in Summer 2012; as of now, enrollment is forecast at 17K for math and 7K English. All campuses but one have submitted plans. The CO wants more of an online presence, too.

The Academic Freedom amendment is on its way to passing at most campuses; CSUEB did not pass the amendment last year due to low faculty voter turnout.

Doctorates in Physical Therapy and Nursing have been approved.

Woods stated that all news stories/clips about the CSU are now centralized; she will forward the link.

3. Appointments

Mahoney has been working with Jon Rood (IT consultant) to form an ad hoc IT Advisory Committee that would address IT-related problems impacting faculty. Members were appointed as follows:
M/S/P (Watnik/Seitz) to appoint Josh Kerr, SCI
M/S/P (Fleming/Woods) to appoint Jeff Seitz, SCI
M/S/P (Murphy/Gubernat) to appoint Mary Fortune, CEAS
M/S/P (Gubernat/Murphy) to appoint Rafael Hernandez, Michael Moon, CLASS
M/S/P (Fleming/Woods) to appoint Aline Soules, Liz Ginno, LIB

(Still waiting to hear from Gary McBride & John Tan (Business) regarding their willingness to serve.)

M/S/P (Watnik/Murphy) to appoint Woods to replace Colleen Fong on the Fairness Committee for fall quarter

M/S/P (Woods/Murphy) to appoint Gale Young (COMM) and Korey Brunetti (LIB) to FDEC

M/S/P (Woods/Murphy) to appoint Ellen Woodard (GEOG) as the Lecturer rep on CCAC; Tara Young and Arthur Jenkins were suggested as staff members who might be willing to serve on the committee.

M/S/P (Reevy/Murphy) to appoint Lynn vanHofwegen (Nursing) to FSSAC
M/S/P (Fleming/Gubernat) to appoint Joan Davenport (TED) to FSSAC
M/S/P (Watnik/Murphy) to appoint Fortune, Hernandez, McBride, and Moon to FSSAC

Advisory to the Online Campus
M/S/P (Seitz/Murphy) to appoint Korey Brunetti (LIB), Toni Fogarty (CLASS), Gary McBride (CBE) and Jim Mitchell (CEAS) to the Online Campus Advisory

M/S/P (Sietz/Murphy) to appoint Lindsay McCrea (SCI) to the CSUEB Alumni Association Board

M/S/P (Green/Fleming) to appoint Sweety Law to the Space Advisory Committee
M/S/P (Fleming/Seitz) to appoint Sally Murphy to the PeopleSoft Student Administration Steering Committee

M/S/P (Green/Gubernat) to appoint Dennis Chester, Margaret Rustick, and Kevin Callahan to the Early Start Team

4. Approval of the 2011-12 Five-Year Program Review Schedule *(ExCom approval only)*

M/S/P (Fleming/Watnik) to approve the schedule

5. Approval of the 2011-12 Administrative Review Schedule *(ExCom approval only)*

M/S/P (Fleming/Woods) to approve the schedule

Dalton suggested that reviews of those working in the same unit be done at the same time in the future. Mahoney will refer this to FAC. Woods stated that reviews are work-intensive and that the number of reviews has expanded in recent years. We need to articulate our expectations as to what will be done with the input faculty provide through these reviews.

6. Confirmation of email approval of the Fall Election Schedule *(ExCom approval only)*

M/S/P (Fleming/Green) to confirm the email approval of the schedule

M/S/P (Woods/Gubernat) to extend the meeting to 4:10

7. **11-12 BEC 1 draft**, Standing Rules

M/S/P (Murphy/Woods) to place on the Senate agenda

8. **11-12 BEC 2 draft**, UCL *(appointments needed at this meeting, per Bylaws!)*

M/S/P (Reevey/Fleming) to appoint Eagan
M/S/P (Woods/Fleming) to appoint Woods
M/S/P (Sharon/Fleming) to appoint Green
M/S/P (Seitz/Fleming) to appoint Seitz
M/S/P (Murphy/Fleming) to appoint Barrett
M/S/P (Fleming/Mahoney) to appoint Mitchell, who will also represent COBRA
9. **11-12 BEC 3 draft**, Proposed Meeting Schedule for the 2011-12 Academic Senate
   (ExCom approval only; info to the Senate)

   M/S/P (Woods/Seitz) to approve and place as an informational item on the Senate Agenda

10. **11-12 BEC 4 draft**, Constitution and Bylaws Voting Requirement Modification

   M/S/P 4 yea, 2 nay, 1 abstention (Fleming/Seitz) to place on the Senate agenda

11. **10-11 CR 2**, Center for Math Education Research (CMER)

   Postponed

12. **10-11 CR 3**, Center for Sport and Social Justice (CSSJ)

   Postponed

13. Placement of a Budget Report for 2011-12 on the Senate agenda

   M/S/P (Woods/Seitz) to place on the Senate agenda

14. Placement of the Interim WASC Report and Response Letter on the Senate agenda as information item

   M/S/P (Woods/Gubernat) to place on the Senate agenda

15. Adjournment

   M/S/P (Gubernat/Woods) to adjourn (4:10 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Fleming, Secretary