

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

OFFICE OF THE  
ACADEMIC SENATE

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

Members present: Nicholas Baham, Eileen Barrett, Emily Cleveland, Randi Cowdery, Denise Crozier, David Fencsik, Denise Fleming, Janet Green, Sharon Green, Susan Gubernat, Linda Ivey, Mark Karplus, Chris Kitting, Keith Kravitz, Sweetie Law, Michael Lee, Michael Mahoney, Monique Manopoulos, ZâNean McClain, Christopher Moreman, Leroy Morishita, Julia Olkin, Maria Ortuoste, Chung-Hsing Ouyang, Asha Rao, Gretchen Reevy-Manning, Jeffery Seitz, Tammie Simmons-Mosley, Jason Singley, Aline Soules, David Stronck, Diana Wakimoto, Johannes Wallmann, Mitch Watnik, Dianne Rush Woods, Meiling Wu

ASI Members present: Christopher Caldwell, Cesar Lafarga, Mark Lалан, Elizabeth Ortiz, Jay Patel, Christopher Prado

Members absent: Elizabeth Bergman, Maliika Chambers, Vibha Chandra, Christina Chin-Newman, Aaron Jason, Derek Kimball, Brian McKenzie, Sally Murphy, James Murray, Carl Stempel, Annette Walker, Helen Zong

Guests: Luz Calvo, Linda Dalton, E. Maxwell Davis, Linda Dobb, Jiansheng Guo, Rosanne Harris, Stan Hebert, Jim Houpis, Michelle LaCentra, Rita Liberti, Susan Opp, Glen Perry, Carol Reese, Kathleen Rountree, Angela Schneider, Donna Wiley

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

M/S/P (Reevy/Woods) to approve the agenda

2. Approval of the Minutes from October 4, 2011

M/S/P (Singley/Wu) to approve as amended to include names of those who attended but had not signed in.

3. Reports

A. Report of the Chair

Mahoney reported that the Senate Office is using links in the agenda to facilitate reading of documents that accompany Senate and ExCom business. Mahoney showed members where the Standing Rules of the Senate are housed on the Senate website and highlighted/reviewed the new First and Second Readings and Consent Calendar policies.

The Chair reported on his attendance last week at the University Undergraduate Advising Council (UUAC). The meeting was attended by advisors from several divisions across campus, including staff from PEMSA, AACE, and a few faculty members. Among other important advising issues, they discussed SB 1440 (transfers), the A2E2 fee (starts in Winter 2012), and Early Start (developmental math and English for incoming freshman). Mahoney encouraged all those who advise and work with undergraduates to attend future UUAC meetings, which are held once each quarter.

Mahoney stated that we now have about 1000 matriculated (regular enrollment) students who attend fully online, representing about 16% of our enrollment. We are the online leader in the CSU system because of institutional support and regular faculty control and engagement.

## B. Report of the President

The President greeted the body and stated that he has greatly enjoyed the four months that he has been here. He has met with a broad group of constituencies and all are excited about CSUEB. In the 13 completed “listening sessions” (two more are planned), Morishita has been impressed by how dominant the positive comments about CSUEB were.

Next week, the BOT will meet and approve a budget that will go forth to the Legislature. The CSU is asking for \$397M increase, of which 3% would be allocated to compensation and a larger portion to instructional items, such as equipment, etc. As of now, the CSU is down \$650M from historical highest funding watermark; if allocated the increase, the system would still be approximately \$250M short of recovering that amount.

This year, the CSU has nine campuses with more revenue from state university tuition fees than from the General Fund. This year, CSUEB’s budget is predicated on having a general fund of \$64M and \$76M from state university tuition fees. There is an additional \$3.7M more in cuts forthcoming. There are some funds in reserve to cover the cut; programs will not be cut. The hope is that this will be a one-time cut, but that is not a certainty.

In light of the forthcoming CFA/faculty strike, the President will shortly issue a Communiqué regarding service to students, safety and welfare of all, and permitting access to those who want to come to class and/or to work. Morishita called for civility and to remember that we are all colleagues and will remain colleagues after the strike. He reiterated that he respects faculty rights and that we will continue to work together. His hope is that we will collectively “take the argument” where it belongs—Sacramento—to those who determine our funding.

All IRA funds and course fees already collected will be exhausted prior to using any funds collected through A2E2.

### C. Report of the Provost

The Provost presented an update on A2E2. The initiative has three components: Component I: Enhancing Student Learning and Success (begins 11-12), Component II: Electronic-text and Rental Services (begins TBD), and Component III: Electronic Devices (begins TBD). The fee is intended to facilitate student retention, success, and workforce development through improved use of technology, enhanced classroom resources, innovative use of high impact programs focused on approaches to increase retention and success of underrepresented students, enhanced teaching, learning and support systems, and student access to electronic platform-based educational learning materials.

A2E2 fees will replace all existing Category III miscellaneous course fees except those over \$50 as of SP11; replace the IRA fee, except the portion of the IRA fee dedicated to Division II athletics as of SP11; and provide clickers for all incoming freshman beginning F12.

There will be an A2E2 Advisory Committee, composed of equal numbers of faculty and students.

Component I: Enhancing Student Learning and Success is funded at \$40 per quarter up to a maximum of \$120 per quarter. That component will provide funding for instructional activities, instructional and research equipment, course materials, and University-wide student services and high impact programs. Component II: Electronic-text and Rental Services.

There are no fees in place as of yet for Component II: Electronic-text and Rental Services; fees will not exceed \$177 per quarter. Fees for Component III: Electronic Devices, have not yet been determined.

In response to a question, the Provost stated that \$2.2M in equipment funds has been distributed. There will be an Instructional and Research Equipment (IRE) committee in each college.

### D. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

Gubernat reported that the CSU Academic Senate held a caucus to discuss shared governance. Because the ASCSU exists in an advisory capacity, but has no power, the current way of writing resolutions has become ineffective. Resolutions regarding Early Start, SB 1440, and campus visits for presidential candidates have not had the desired effect. Thus, the Statewide Senate is planning to work on a resolution to change the way that faculty might participate in more meaningful ways. Gubernat will send a link to the item and invited comments.

There were second readings on, among other things, the right to have oversight in Senate committees on doctoral programs, restoring quality to CSU, guidelines for presidential

compensation, more faculty engagement in CSU online, nursing programs, and access to data from CPEC. First readings were held on sustainability, more faculty involvement in shared governance.

#### E. Report of Student Government

Chris Prado, President of ASI, reported that current ASI priorities are on filling open committee positions, becoming more visible and accessible to student populations (including online students and commuters), and environmental affairs. Student union director positions are open; he hopes to see these filled in two weeks.

Prado stated that ASI is working to make transportation affordable and sustainable and to increase awareness of the impact of state budget cuts. ASI has no official position on the strike.

Tickets are still available for Cornel West's presentation on 11/17.

#### 4. Consent Calendar (*no items*)

#### 5. 11-12 BEC 4, Constitution and Bylaws Voting Requirement Modification (*second reading*)

M/S/ (Woods/Fleming)

M/S/P (Watnik/Olkin) to change Article X, section 1 to read: when "two-thirds of those who vote" approve the amendment, and to set a minimum length of time for the vote of 10 working days.

M/S/P (Karplus/Reevy) to change "majority" to two-thirds in Article IX in the Constitution.

Motion passed as amended.

#### 6. 10-11 CR 2, Center for Math Education and Research (CMER) (*first reading*)

M/S (Seitz/Woods) to recommend the CMER to the President.

Olkin presented on CMER and addressed a number of questions, such as including a representative from STAT and Biostatistics on the advisory board, diversity, accountability, and assessment.

#### 7. 10-11 CR 3, Center for Sport and Social Justice (CSSJ) (*first reading*)

M/S (Seitz/Green)

Rita Liberti presented the CSSJ.

8. 11-12 BEC 5, Time, Place and Manner of Free Expression Policy (*first reading*)

M/S (Singley/Gubernat) to approve.

Woods discussed the background context of the document, including the issues of sound, administrative point of view, and the work of the committee led by Stan Hebert. There was discussion of concerns about the document, e.g., why the academic freedom portion was removed and the lack of student involvement in the process.

9. 11-12 CIC 1, SB 1440 Policy Recommendation (*first reading*)

M/S (Fleming/Woods) to approve

Discussion took place around the options presented by the CO, which were all rejected in the CIC recommendation. These options would necessitate some majors reducing units and/or pitting American Institution requirements against majors.

10. 11-12 CFDE 2, FDEC Proposal to become a Standing Committee (*first reading*)

M/S (Woods/Fleming)

M/S (Watnik/Green) to refer back to FDEC for revision.

The motion passed.

11. Report of the CFA (*Time Certain, no later than 3:50*)

Luz Calvo reported for CFA. She announced that there will be a one-day strike on November 17 and asked that faculty not cross the picket line. Cornel West will join CFA on the picket line from 4-5 p.m.

Tomorrow, there will be informational picketing on campus; Gary Rhodes, AAUP General Secretary, will be on campus and will join the picket line between 11-12:30.

In response to a question, Calvo stated that faculty who cancel class or other work duties in order to participate in the strike can be docked a day's pay; it will be up to the administration to decide if pay will be docked for cancelling classes.

12. Adjournment

M/S/P (Gubernat/Singley) to adjourn at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Fleming, Secretary