

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

OFFICE OF THE  
ACADEMIC SENATE

Approved as amended

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Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting, Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Members present: Dee Andrews, Nicholas Baham, Eileen Barrett, Elizabeth Bergman, Maliika Chambers, Vibha Chandra, Christina Chin-Newman, Emily Cleveland, Randi Cowdery, Denise Crozier, David Fencsik, Denise Fleming, James Houpis, Linda Ivey, Mark Karplus, Chris Kitting, Sweetie Law, Michael Lee, Michael Mahoney, Monique Manopoulos, ZāNean McClain, Christopher Moreman, Sally Murphy, James Murray, Julia Olkin, Chung-Hsing Ouyang, Gretchen Reeve-Manning, Tammie Simmons-Mosley, Jason Singley, Aline Soules, Carl Stempel, David Stronck, Glen Taylor, Johannes Wallmann, Mitch Watnik, Dianne Rush Woods, Meiling Wu, Helen Zong

ASI Members present: Chinna Ford, Mark Laluan, Elizabeth Ortiz, Jay Patel, Derek Volk

Members absent: Janet Green, Sharon Green (excused), Aaron Jason, Derek Kimball, Keith Kravitz, Brian McKenzie (excused), Leroy Morishita (excused), Maria Ortuoste, Jeffery Seitz (excused), Diana Wakimoto, Annette Walker

Guests: Jiansheng Guo, Jen Eagan, Rosanne Harris, Patricia Jennings, Susan Opp, Christopher Prado, Kathleen Rountree, Kathryn Winblad

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm

1. Approval of the agenda

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

2. Approval of the minutes of February 7, 2012

M/S/P (Reeve/Watnik) to approve the minutes of February 7, 2012 as submitted.

3. Reports

**A. Report of the Chair**

Chair Mahoney announced the Winter Quarter election results, congratulating all those elected. He noted that enough regular faculty votes (more than 200 out of 320) were cast to validate the constitutional amendments (which received a 2/3 majority of the votes cast for approval).

The campus will probably license Blackboard as its primary learning management system (LMS) for the next four years at a reduced cost. The Faculty Learning Community that was formed last year recommended keeping Blackboard while continuing to investigate other LMSs (e.g., Moodle). The ad hoc IT Advisory Committee (7 faculty plus 3 ITS members) also recommended keeping Blackboard for the time being. The campus is pursuing an extended contract of four years at a discounted rate. Transitioning to another LMS would take up to four years, so even if a change to another LMS is made, the extended contract will be needed.

Mahoney attended the Statewide Senate Chairs meeting in Long Beach on February 16 which was attended for an hour by Chancellor Reed, who discussed the situation with the CSU budget. Some of the points made by the Chancellor include:

- The number of employees at the Chancellor's Office has been reduced by 114 people during the last 18 months, 75 of whom were laid off;
- There are three state tax proposals (Gov. Brown's, Molly Munger's and "Millionaires") that are being proposed for the November 2012 ballot;
- Without an increase in state tax revenue approved on the November ballot, the state will trigger a \$200M mid-year cut to next year's CSU budget. Such a cut would amount to about a \$7.5M mid-year cut to CSUEB;
- When asked about the possibility of closing a campus, Chancellor Reed stated "I will never close a campus – it would tear apart an institution and a community"
- The California State University has the best health care plan in state government.

Mahoney announced that the online initiative has formally been renamed "Cal State Online." Following an RFP, Cal State Online will provide a suite of services including LMS support, a 24/7 service/help desk, advertising, etc.) for what are currently available self-support programs within the CSU. Campuses will pay for services based on actual usage.

Mahoney mentioned the use of "point of personal privilege" during Senate discussions. It is one of the few ways in which one senator may interrupt when another has the floor (another is a "point of order".) A point of personal privilege interruption may be made by a senator when a disparaging remark is made by another about that senator and the senator finds it necessary to defend him/herself.

Senator Barrett questioned the Chair on the Communique which announced the reorganization of ITS. Mahoney stated that the new structure was presented at ExCom the previous week as a fait accompli by the administration. Senator Woods suggested that this was another example of a lack of adhering to the principles of shared governance, and suggested that it be discussed at the Executive Committee.

#### **B. Report of the President**

President Morishita was unable to attend.

#### **C. Report of the Provost**

Provost Houpis arrived at a later time and did not give a report.

#### **D. Report of the Statewide Academic Senator**

State Senator Woods announced that she was happy to have been reelected for another term as Statewide Senator.

Woods distributed news that Trustee Carter was not affirmed by the California State Senate, and would therefore no longer Chair the Board of Trustees (or even be a member of the Board). The affirmation of his appointment by Governor Brown was not brought to a vote because of an expected lack of votes in favor. His position on presidential compensation during a meeting where a student fee increase was approved was seen as a contributing factor in his removal from the board.

The CSU announced a contract for e-book rentals with Cengage. Woods reported that this was done without apparent faculty consultation. Senator Fleming reminded the Senate that the A2E2 committee has been meeting. One of the topics the committee will continue to discuss is e-books and if they are an affordable, equitable option. Fleming reminded the Senate that care must be taken when deciding on alternate course materials to avoid non-compliance with accessibility regulations.

The next ASCSU meeting will be held March 14-15, with two main topics for discussion: 1) lack of shared

governance throughout the system; and 2) how to address the budget shortfall insofar as distribution of senators between large, medium and small-sized campuses.

#### **E. Report of Student Government**

Senator Laluan reported that the ASI may have a full bus headed to Sacramento for the March for Higher Education on Monday, March 5. The ASI Board of Directors recently passed two resolutions, one against closing State parks, and one in support of green transportation. The California State Student Association appears to be attempting to circumvent student approval of a small fee by having it administered through the Chancellor's Office. The ASI will continue to monitor this and objects to any new fees without student approval.

#### **4. Consent Calendar:**

**11-12 CAPR 4**, Request to reschedule the Education Leadership and Social Justice Five-year Review

#### **5. 11-12 CFDE 2, FDEC Proposal to become a Standing Committee** (*second reading*)

M/S/P Wu/Olkin to postpone this item.

#### **6. 11-12 FUFM 1, Resolution Calling for Suspension of the CSU Online Initiative** (*second reading*)

M/S Andrews/Reevy to substitute a new version of the resolution, which changes the name from CSU Online to Cal State Online; and to change the first resolved to read:

**RESOLVED** that the Faculty Senate of the California State University, East Bay, call upon the Chancellor to suspend the expenditure of any further University funds on a system-wide online initiative until a majority of campus senates approve the policies and procedures that will implement the Online Initiative; and, be it further

M/S Murphy/Fleming to table the resolution to allow time to review in light of developments since the online initiative began.

Motion to table failed.

M/S Murphy/Fleming to amend the first resolved to read:

**RESOLVED** that the Faculty Senate of California State University, East Bay call upon the Chancellor's Office to engage in all future academic and curricular initiatives with collegiality and through shared governance; and be it further

After discussion which included a statement that this amendment would result in a resolution that has no teeth, motion to amend failed.

There was considerable discussion by Senators regarding the resolution. Those who supported the resolution were opposed to waiting. There are serious issues about lack of consultation and involvement of faculty that must be addressed. The proponents are not anti-online; rather, they wish to see faculty involvement at the beginning of initiatives and are looking for the approval of CSU campus senates before implementing this initiative. Some believe that we are increasingly pushed to privatize and are pressured to develop programs. There is the potential of added costs to campuses, which is especially deleterious in difficult budget times.

Those who argued against the resolution believe that much has changed about Cal State Online since the resolution was crafted, that there is now more information, a Director who has stated she wants faculty

input and who will be coming to CSUEB to speak to faculty. In addition, there is faculty representation on the Board of Directors, and Provost Houpis is now a member of the Board. There is an ASCSU resolution already.

Chair Mahoney welcomed Provost Houpis as our newest senator and reminded all that the change in the Bylaws means that the President is no longer a voting member of the Senate (he's still ex-officio) and that the Provost is now a voting Senator. On the topic of Cal State Online, the Provost acknowledged that the process was poor and that we are all on the same page regarding issues of shared governance. However, we need to remember that the state has abandoned the CSU in terms of funding and we need to obtain additional sources of revenue to supplement what the state no longer provides. Houpis stated that there are strong faculty voices on the Board of Directors, including the Chair of ASCSU Jim Postma and San Bernardino Senate Chair Jodie Ullman, both of whom represent faculty well. Houpis added that every concern that was brought to Board was resolved in favor of faculty.

Senator Reevy stated that the resolution in its current proposed state was almost identical to that which was passed by CSU San Bernardino. Motion to approve passed.

#### **7. 11-12 FAC 2, RTP Policy Update** (*second reading*)

M/S/P Murray/Olkin to insert "primarily" into 8.1

M/S/P Murray/Olkin to insert "primarily" into 8.3.2

M/S/P Watnik/Wallman to remove the last sentence from 5.3.2

M/S/P Andrews/Singley to approve changes proposed by FAC in 4.0

M/S/P Watnik/Woods to remove the last sentence from 6.4.3

M/S/P Andrews/Singley to include "may be" in 4.3

The main Motion to change the RTP policy (as amended) passed.

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

CFA President Eagan said there will be an informational meeting here on campus on Thursday, March 1 regarding the impact of budget cuts on students and faculty. She encouraged all to attend.

Eagan invited everyone including the deans, the provost and the president to join with faculty and ride the bus to Sacramento on Monday, March 5.

Eagan mentioned that there would be an email coming out about an electronic petition regarding a strike vote. She reminded all of Tom McCoy's belief that the best way to avoid a strike is to prepare to strike. A strike vote will take place by secret ballot 4/23 – 4/26.

#### **9. 11-12 CAPR 3, Recommendation to approve the creation of a School of Arts and Media (SAM)** (*second reading*)

M/S/P Karplus/Reevy to amend section C, third paragraph, second sentence to read "The Director shall be a faculty member on course release, rather than an MPP."

Department chairs recommend the director be a faculty member on course release rather than an MPP.

Motion to create the School of Arts and Media (as amended) passed.

10. M/S/P Fleming/Singley to bundle **agenda items 9, 10 and 11** and move to the floor as a first reading.

## **11. Adjournment**

M/S/P Woods/Fleming, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Fleming, Secretary