

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

OFFICE OF THE  
ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting, Tuesday, February 7, 2012

Members present: Dee Andrews, Nicholas Baham, Eileen Barrett, Elizabeth Bergman, Maliika Chambers, Emily Cleveland, Randi Cowdery, Denise Crozier, David Fencsik, Sharon Green, Linda Ivey, Aaron Jason, Mark Karplus, Chris Kitting, Keith Kravitz, Sweetie Law, Michael Lee, Michael Mahoney, Monique Manopoulos, Zánéan McClain, Brian McKenzie, Christopher Moreman, Sally Murphy, James Murray, Julia Olkin, Chung-Hsing Ouyang, Gretchen Reevy-Manning, Jeffery Seitz, Tammie Simmons-Mosley, Jason Singley, Carl Stempel, David Stronck, Diana Wakimoto, 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: Vibha Chandra, Christina Chin-Newman, Denise Fleming, Janet Green, Derek Kimball, Leroy Morishita, Maria Ortuoste, Aline Soules, Glen Taylor, Annette Walker

Guests: Linda Dalton, Linda Dobb, Rosanne Harris, Jim Houpis, Patricia Jennings, Terry Jones, Susan Opp, Christopher Prado, Gale Young

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

1. Sally Murphy appointed secretary *pro tem*.
2. Approval of the agenda

M/S/P (Murray/Green) to approve the agenda

3. Approval of the minutes of January 17, 2012

M/S/P (Ortiz/Reevy) to approve the minutes of January 17, 2012 as amended.

4. Reports

**A. Report of the Chair**

Chair Mahoney announced that it was Homecoming Week, and reminded everyone to wear their red and black, and attend events to support our students.

Mahoney congratulated President Morishita on becoming permanent in that position.

Mahoney discussed the downtime the campus Blackboard system experience recently. The server was down for 10 hours. The original crash led to a successful backup process, but when the vendor attempted to repair the disc the secondary system failed and led to the downtime. The campus is planning to change vendors. The CSU is investigating a systemwide provider.

The ASCSU Chair Jim Postma sent out an update on the CSU Online Initiative. The name has been changed to Cal State Online, since others (e.g., Colorado State University) are already identified with the CSU moniker. The current intent is to start with programs currently offered by CSU campuses. CSUEB leads the CSU with

online programs.

The election will go forward next week, a number of faculty members have stepped forward to fill the ballot spots.

The A2E2 Committee has been formed and will be meeting weekly to determine how to best use the \$29.00 per quarter fee.

Mahoney discussed using clickers to facilitate voting in the Senate. There will be a demonstration at the February 13 Executive Committee Meeting, and all are welcome to attend. It would require approval of the Senate to implement the use of clickers.

Times certain have been added to the agenda to facilitate timely completion of Senate business. Speakers are asked to keep their remarks concise.

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

President Morishita was unable to attend.

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

Provost Houpis congratulated the College of Business and Economics on completing three faculty searches, with offers accepted. All other searches have identified the top candidates, and six out of 13 have completed campus visits.

CSUEB is the leader in on-line program offerings in the CSU. We currently offer the most online degree programs, and have more in development. The Certificate in Criminal Justice has plans to expand to a degree program with plans to provide the opportunity to wounded warriors to complete a degree while going through rehabilitation. Since Cal State Online will not offer duplicate degrees, our campus is in a good position to benefit from systemwide support of online programs. There is a webcast available at <http://its.calstate.edu/onlinelearning/> which addresses some of the concerns about Cal State Online. With the resignation of the CSU Chico Provost a spot has opened up on the Technology Steering Committee and President Morishita has nominated Provost Houpis to fill that seat.

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

State Senator Woods reported that the next statewide meeting will be held March 15. Woods will attend on March 14 for committee meetings also. The subcommittee which was formed to address the weakening of shared governance statewide will report on their conclusions and recommendations. Woods reported that she is working to get Trustee Cheyne scheduled for a campus visit.

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

ASI President Prado reported that ASI is scheduled to take three busses to Sacramento to lobby on behalf of the CSU on March 5. Prado invited professors to contact him if they would like to have student government representatives speak to their classes. There has been a 50% increase in club finding this year, and student government is working on speeding the funds to student groups. There is a student travel fund that allows for up to \$1,000 in student travel money to attend conferences or other academic activities.

5. Consent Calendar (no items)

6. **11-12 CFDE 2, FDEC Proposal to become a Standing Committee** (*second reading*)

M/S/P Woods/Olkin to refer back to FDEC. The proposal may come back to the Senate floor directly from the committee.

There was considerable discussion regarding the referral back to committee. Since some issues were only recently brought to the attention of committee members, the referral indicated agreement that the need for discussion outweighed the urgency to change the status of FDEC to a standing committee.

**7. 11-12 BEC 6, Senate Document Distribution Policy** (*second reading*)

M/S at time of first reading. Passed by voice vote.

**8. 11-12 CIC 4, Priority Registration and Registration Order**

M/S/P Seitz/Stronk

M/S/P Watnik/Seitz to waive first reading, approved (one abstention)

**9. 11-12 FUFM 1, Resolution Calling for Suspension of the CSU Online Initiative** (*first reading*)

M/S/P Reevey/Andrews to move to Senate floor. Discussion ensued regarding accreditation, faculty oversight, outsourcing, intellectual property rights, student financial aid, and other topics. The Provost offered to take questions to the Technology Steering Committee if he were to become a member. Matter will return to Senate at its next meeting.

**10. 11-12 FAC 2, RTP Policy Update** (*first reading*)

M/S/P Watnik/Green to move to floor

Senator Barrett, Chair of FAC, presented information on the proposed RTP Policy Update. The changes were made to clarify and make consistent language throughout the document and to bring it into alignment with Section 15.5 of the collective bargaining agreement. The provost indicated that although it would be preferable to require all departments to establish guidelines for professional achievement it would be pragmatic to “strongly encourage” that action. Suggestions were made which FAC will consider incorporating before the second reading. Senator Lee brought up electronic submission of dossiers. Matter will return to Senate at its next meeting.

**11. 11-12 CAPR 3, Proposal for the School of Arts and Media (SAM)**

M/S/P Green/Lee to approve accept the recommendation of CAPR and approve the SAM. Senator Lee outlined the position of CAPR. Questions arose and were addressed by Dean Rountree and Provost Houpis regarding administrative structure and funding. Matter will return to Senate at its next meeting.

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

The CFA has gone to mediation with CSU Administration; all are hopeful that the parties are getting closer to an agreement. The CFA is endorsing participation in the March 1 (national) and March 5 (statewide) days of action in support of public education.

**13. Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Murphy, Secretary *pro tem*