

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

OFFICE OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting, Tuesday, April 3, 2012

Members present: Dee Andrews, Eileen Barrett, Maliika Chambers, David Fencsik, Denise Fleming, Linda Ivey, Aaron Jason, Mark Karplus, Chris Kitting, Keith Kravitz, Michael Lee, Michael Mahoney, ZÁNean McClain, Brian McKenzie, Christopher Moreman, Leroy Morishita, Sally Murphy, James Murray, Julia Olkin, Chung-Hsing Ouyang, Gretchen Reevy-Manning, Tammie Simmons-Mosley, Jeffery Seitz, Jason Singley, Carl Stempel, David Stronck, Glen Taylor, Diana Wakimoto, Johannes Wallmann, Mitch Watnik, Dianne Rush Woods, Helen Zong

ASI Members present: Cesar Lafarga, Mark Laluan, Elizabeth Ortiz, Chris Prado

Members absent: Nicholas Baham, Elizabeth Bergman, Vibha Chandra, Christina Chin-Newman, Emily Cleveland (excused), Randi Cowdery (excused), Denise Crozier, Janet Green, Sharon Green (excused), James Houpis, Derek Kimball, Sweety Law, Monique Manopoulos, Maria Ortuoste, Asha Rao, Aline Soules (excused), Annette Walker, Meiling Wu

ASI Members absent: Chinna Ford, Jay Patel, Derek Volk

Guests: Jeanette Bicais, Stephanie Couch, Linda Dobb, Jiansheng Guo, Jen Eagan, Rosanne Harris, Susan Opp, Glen Perry, Angela Schneider, Courtney Symonds, Donna Wiley

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

1. Approval of the agenda

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

2. Approval of the Senate minutes of February 28, 2012 to change the second on item #10 from Watnik to Singley

M/S/P (Watnik/Stronck) to approve the minutes as amended

3. Reports

A. Report of the Chair

Mahoney reported that Governor Brown's tax proposal has been merged with the "Millionaires" proposal. Munger's proposal remains as is. In any event, a successful initiative would likely eliminate the need for the additional \$200M mid-year cut.

Due to budget considerations, there are reductions in the numbers of units in which students may enroll. At this point, it appears that there will be a cap of 13 units during "first pass" and a final cap of 17 units. There will be exceptions for graduating seniors and those in high unit majors. This plan, which seeks to comply with an Executive Order from the CO, has passed CIC/

Mahoney updated Senators on the temporary suspension of SUG funding for graduate students. The matter is being evaluated by the Executive Council, which includes campus presidents and the Chancellor.

The Chair encouraged all AAUP members to vote; our own Hank Reichman is running for first Vice

President.

Mahoney stated that the fourth and final finalist for the position of AVP, Research and Development, Kevin Johnson, will be coming next Tuesday, April 9. There will be an open meeting in the Library's Biella Room at 2pm.

Mahoney demonstrated updates to the Senate web page, which now includes some new senate policy and informational links.

The Chair stated that Linda Dalton been meeting with numerous campus committees and constituencies (e.g., UPBAC, ExCom, CIC, ASI) to discuss Strategic Planning and ILOs. She is hoping to finish these visits by the end of SP12.

B. Report of the President

President Morishita greeted Senators and stated he had just come from an Emeritus and Retired Faculty luncheon, where he held a good meeting with retired faculty.

The President discussed the status of the budget. In an effort to reduce enrollment targets by 2% for 2013-14 (to plan for potential additional \$200M funding cuts, of which our share will be \$7.5M), we will need to try to come in 1% below target in 2012-13, which will achieve approximately half of the 2% target reduction goal. In the event of additional cuts, general support will be fall to 1990 levels and, even with increased fees/tuition, the University cannot keep up with costs.

New admissions will be open for winter quarter, but closed for spring. Exceptions will be term; we will be SB 1440 transfers. These are challenging times. Although we hope the tax proposals will pass, we must not take a gamble and avoid planning for the possibility of a no vote. Yet, we do not want to erode our base, especially since we have historically had trouble attracting students.

In response to the temporary suspension of SUG for graduate students, CSUEB's portion is approximately \$9M. The question is, in a time of scarce resources, should this money go to support graduate students? And, if not, how will a loss of funding impact graduate enrollment? Our graduate students will be pushed into situations where they either receive no assistance or must take out unsubsidized loans at higher interest rates. This issue raises the question as to whether the CSU is only for undergrads or committed to graduate students as well. President Morishita is committed to graduate students.

In response to a question about his rationale on the Time, Place, and Manner Policy, President Morishita stated that it is an administrative policy. As President, he is charged with the safety, health, and welfare of all those who come to our campus. Making sure that University has the right policy in place to assure safety and welfare is an administrative decision.

The President stated that he is trying to do everything possible to avoid labor actions.

Finally, he stated that he is glad to be CSUEB's permanent president; he had a choice and told Chancellor Reed that remaining at CSUEB was his desire.

C. Report of the Provost

Not present

D. Report of ASCSU

Woods reported that she was unable to attend the last meeting; she provided information from Chair Postma's report.

The ASCSU continues to discuss the White paper on online policy; committee on academic affairs worked about six months on the paper and ASCSU supports it. Woods stated that ASCSU asks that local senates review the policy and make decisions regarding online courses, e.g., setting caps, what constitutes an online course, office hours for online faculty, etc.

Woods also discussed the SUG funds for graduate students. Some might ask why we would provide these funds to grad studies when middle class families are struggling. That said, there is a good reason to educate professional students; this should be a thoughtful debate and not a fiat. Two campuses have passed resolutions against the moratorium on SUG funds for graduate students.

Funding for ASCSU is still problematic; first year Senators receive nothing; second year Senators receive funding, although there is talk of cutting more assigned time.

Woods led the Senate in a moment of silence for the seven killed and five injured at Oikos University.

President Morishita appointed Woods as CSUEB's representative to Cal State Online. She reiterated that the initiative would not be a 24th university, but rather a portal through which prospective students would view and apply to online programs that are offered at CSU campuses through Continuing Ed. So far, 63 self-support programs exist, but it is not expected that all would participate.

Ruth Black, Director of Cal State Online sent an open letter to campuses last month and held three conference calls. She is working to solicit input and respond to individuals with concerns or issues. Woods has passed on all responses she has received, including some that say that online "great" for them. Some questions include the nature of faculty involvement, hiring from outside, structural issues, faculty pay, student tuition, and internal competition for students. University is a public good; education should be available at a low cost to traditional students and there is no expectation that the CSU will run in ways that appear to have students "purchasing" online degrees. Woods hopes to see an online FAQ with responses to questions. Black was at CSUEB last week and answered a great many questions.

E. Report of Student Government

Chris Prado reported for ASI. He thanked CFA for providing bus transportation for students for the March 5 trip to Sacramento. He also thanked President Morishita for a productive meeting with ASI and his willingness to move forward on a transportation initiative.

There are still 11 spaces for students to attend an upcoming CA Higher Education Student Summit. The Summit offers workshops on advocacy and activism/

Prado announced that there will be a SpringFest Concert on May 19th. Tickets are available. Performers include Lupe Fiasco, Miguel, Iamsu and THE HBK Gang, and Austin Brown.

4. **Consent Calendar** A. 11-12 CAPR 4, Request to reschedule the Education Leadership and Social Justice Five-year Review (*second appearance*)

11-12 CAPR 4 passes via the consent calendar process

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

M/S/P (Woods/Murphy) to postpone until the May meeting.

FDEC is busy planning for the May 16 Diversity Day activities.

6. 11-12 CAPR 5, Acceptance of the Five-year Program Review of the Psychology BA and BS programs
11-12 CAPR 6, Acceptance of the Five-year Program Review of the Physics BA and BS programs
11-12 CAPR 7, Acceptance of the Five-year Program Review of the International Studies program (*second*

reading, three items were bundled together at first reading)

M/S/P (Fleming/Murphy) to accept all three reviews.

CAPR Chair Michael Lee and the CAPR committee were recognized for their efforts in making these reports clear, well organized, and meaningful.

7. 11-12 CAPR 9, Recommendation to Approve Modifications to Program Review Policies for SB 1440
(first reading)

M/S (Murphy/Woods) to approve.

Initial discussions took place during this first reading. Some questions were raised about the organization and language of the document, specifically that there appears to be some repetition. Lee explained that each part of the document serves a specified purpose and repetition occurred only when needed to clarify requirements and processes.

8. 11-12 FAC 3, Revisions of the Faculty Office Hour Policy *(first reading)*

M/S (Wallman/Reevy) to approve.

Initial discussions took place during this first reading. Concerns about full time faculty office hours were raised (which had not been part of the charge to FAC) and a motion to amend may be made at the next Senate meeting.

9. 11-12 CIC 3 rev, Declaration of Major Policy *(first reading)*

M/S (Murray/Woods) to approve.

Initial discussions took place during this first reading. There are concomitant concerns about students not obtaining and/or seeking out advising at key points during their time at CSUEB.

10. 11-12 CIC 11, Graduate Advisory Council *(information item)*

This was discussion of an informational item. The Graduate Advisory Council, comprised of graduate coordinators and others with interests in graduate student and program issues, has been meeting for decades. It makes sense to formalize the group, which will raise its profile and allow it to bring policy issues to standing committees.

11. 11-12 CR 3, CSU East Bay Institute for STEM Education *(first reading)*

12. Report of the CFA

Eagan encouraged all to vote on the strike item during the voting period. She stated that it is essential for bargaining leverage to have a strong showing of support for a strike. Contact Jen for more information and/or posters and other materials.

13. Adjournment

M/S/P (Fleming/Singley) to adjourn at 4:00

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Fleming, Secretary