

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY
OFFICE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Amended Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting, Tuesday, February 26, 2013

Members Present:

Erin Baca, Jeanette Bicais, Luz Calvo, Chris Chamberlain, Randi Cowdery, Denise Crozier, Roger Doering, Patricia Drew, David Fencsik, Denise Fleming, Kim Geron, Sharon Green, Susan Gubernat, Abdulhadi Halawani, Erik Helgren, James Houpis, Linda Ivey, Patricia Jennings, Yi Jiang, Evelia Jiminez, Shubha Kashinath, Sarah Kelso, Chris Kitting, Keith Kravitz, Michael Lee, Gary Li, Dania Massey, Brian McKenzie, Christopher Moreman, Leroy Morishita, Jim Murray, Jeff Newcomb, Erik Olivar, Julia Olkin, Chung-Hsing Ouyang, Andrew Pasquinelli, Gretchen Reevy, Tammie Simmons-Mosley, Jason Singley, Carl Stempel, David Stronck, Oanh Tran, Diana Wakimoto, Mitchell Watnik, Evaon Wong-Kim, Chongqi Wu, Lan Wu, Meiling Wu, Michelle Xiong, Helen Zong

Guests Present:

Jagdish Agrawal, Steve Andrews, Endre Branstad, Jerry Chang, Linda Dalton, Linda Dobb, Micah Frankel, Jiansheng Guo, Mark Karplus, Nancy Mangold, Sue Opp, Sita Ream-Rao, Sophie Rollins, Dianne Rush-Woods, Michael Schutz, Aline Soules, Timothy White, Donna Wiley

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

1. Approval of the agenda

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

2. Approval of the minutes from 2/12/13

M/S/P (Chamberlain/Doering), as amended

3. Reports

A. Report of the Chancellor

Watnik introduced Chancellor White, stating that the Chancellor is a product of the Master Plan, having attended schools in all three systems (community college, CSU, and UC). He is a CSUEB (formerly Hayward) alum.

Chancellor White's plan is to visit all 23 campuses; CSUEB is the second campus to be visited. He stated that it is good to be back at CSUEB and added that his son graduated from CSUEB in 2011 and is now employed, so the Chancellor is a satisfied parent and alum.

As this is the Chancellor's first non campus-based appointment, he is working to understand the system's regional variations. He stated that he does not believe in "shared governance," as that

term implies compliance and regulation. He prefers “shared leadership,” as that term connotes responsibility, accountability, authority, and transparency. His philosophy is that the origin of a good idea matters less than having that idea touched and shared by “as many great minds” as possible.

In response to a question regarding a special message for lecturers, the Chancellor stated that we are all colleagues, focusing on our intellectual and professional development. Each of us is an “intellectual ambassador” and has the welfare of our students in mind. In response to a question regarding his agenda for making the CSU a national leader in sustainability, White stated that each campus has different language to explain similar ideas and that the system can play a leadership role in redefining the “art of the possible” in public universities. He encouraged all to model, disseminate, and celebrate best practices.

The Chancellor expressed his interest in the welfare of first generation students (he is one) and believes the shift from quarters to semesters will help these students make the transition into higher education. In a semester system, the lengthier learning time allows struggling students to assimilate feedback, make changes, and recover, thereby increasing students’ chances of success. For well prepared students, White believes they can delve more deeply into the target content.

Chancellor White also stated that semesters will reduce faculty workload through fewer preps. Similarly, there will be less strain on resources (e.g., housing, records, and fewer student evaluations). CSU Bakersfield and CSULA are ready to go; SLO is getting ready. San Bernadino is still in the consulting process. White stated that the transition to semesters entails a six- to seven-year roll out and will be funded by the system.

With regard to online programs, Chancellor White stated that this has generated a lot of political and business community interest. Faculty member at CSUEB were driving first online program in 1999, so this campus has been working online for longer than many other campuses. He stressed that it is “not either or,” but a fusion, and encouraged all to be analytical, not cynical, seek ways to increase interactivity, and to view these as “fluid and exciting” times.

Addressing a question about workloads and research expectations in the CSU, the Chancellor stated his belief that, while he does not believe that everyone should be doing the same thing, CSU faculty should emulate the teacher-scholar model and acknowledged that the CSU does not have the same research resources (e.g., Ph.D. students) that fuel the UCs. Notwithstanding, faculty need to be at front edge of their field and should strive to create active learning environments (learning by doing) that include research elements. The community setting of each campus will inform the types of possible learning labs; partnerships with other regional universities are resources to explore. He also expressed his support of graduate programs.

B. Report of the Chair

Watnik reminded all that he emailed his Chair’s report to Senate members. He introduced Endre Branstad, the Senate Office’s new Interim Administrative Support Assistant.

Senator Murray introduced new faculty member, Tyler Evans. Evans earned his B.S.

with Honors in Biology (2001) from University of Saskatchewan, and his Ph.D. (2006) in the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology at the University of Saskatchewan. He did postdoctoral work at Stanford's Hopkins Marine Station, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and at the University of California Santa Barbara. He is an integrative and comparative physiologist who studies how animals adapt genetically to environmental challenges, such as global ocean acidification. He has worked on salmon, urchins, zebra fish, and mussels. Evans currently teaches Animal Physiology, as well as advanced courses in environmental physiology.

The call for the George and Miriam Phillips Faculty Award (Outstanding Professor) is out; nominations should be submitted no later than March 11 to FAC and the Senate Office.

The Chair commended Pat Jennings and her committee for their work on the quarters-to-semester transition process.

C. Report of the Provost

Provost Houpis reported on searches, stating that there are 25 hires out of 30 searches currently in progress. Requests for next year are in; the Provost estimates there will be approximately 35 tenure-track faculty searches in AY13-14, but final number of approved searches will depend in part on roll overs of current searches. He is concerned that the use of MOOCs is to do more with even less. All faculty position requests are in. Will hire 25 out of 30 searches in play now. Close searches by end of next week, as will influence roll over and number for next year. Approx. 35 for next year. Good crop of new faculty.

The Provost reported on the first distribution of IREE funds: APGS: \$98K, Library and Student Services: \$159K, CBE: \$193K, CEAS: \$192K, CLASS: \$274K, COS: \$278K, and Concord: \$10K. If more funding becomes available, additional requests will be funded.

i. Planning for Distinction

Dr. Dalton provided an update on the Planning for Distinction process. The Instructional Task Group has concluded its work on what defines a program; they met Friday for six hours to work on evaluation criteria and rubrics. Groups are aiming for March 1 to have drafts of their work in place for the Steering Committee to review. Dr. Dalton was asked whether the proposed MS Accounting program would be reviewed and answered 'yes'. In response to another question, she said that self-support programs will be reviewed in PFD.

D. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

Gubernat referred all to her report. The next Plenary will take place March 13-15. Please send comments on resolutions or other ASCSU business to Gubernat or Fleming.

E. Report of Student Government

Chang reported for ASI, stating that approximately 20-25 students attended each of two Planning for Distinction meetings. There will be a Town Hall meeting on March 6, from noon-2pm;

Chang asked all to encourage their students to attend.

Chang also reported that, in collaboration with the Alumni Association, University Advancement, AACE, and Student Life and Leadership, ASI is working on a series of Industry Job Panels, featuring top industry leaders from Science and Technology, Health and Wellness, Business and Entrepreneurship, Public Service and Social Justice, and Art, Media, and Communications. These events will be part of Career Readiness Month of April. Each event will consist of a one-hour industry leader panel discussion followed by lunch/dinner, where students can talk with individual panelists.

The dates for the panels are as follows:

Thursday, April 4th, 2013 – 12:00 to 2:00 pm: Art, Media, and Communications

Monday, April 8th, 2013 – 12:00 to 2:00 pm: Science and Technology

Thursday, April 11th, 2013 – 12:00 to 2:00 pm: Health and Wellness

Monday, April 15th, 2013 – 12:00 to 2:00 pm: Business and Entrepreneurship

Tuesday, April 16th, 2012 – 6:00 to 8:00 pm: Public Service and Social Justice

4. Election:

A. Diversity and Equity Liaison Officer (DELO)

M/S/P (Fleming/Doering) to approve Geron by acclamation

Action Items

5. **12-13 FAC 6:** Ballot Issues (second reading: APPROVED)

M/S/P (Ginno/Doering) to approve

6. **12-13 CIC 9** and **12-13 CAPR 11** Request to add Self-Support Master of Science Accountancy Pilot Program (second reading: APPROVED)

M/S/P (Murray/Ginno) to approve

7. **12-13 CAPR 8** and **12-13 CIC 7:** Early Childhood Special Education new Self-Support certificate (first reading)

M/S/ (Murray/Chamberlain) to approve

8. Report of the CFA

Kim Geron reported for CFA. He stated that CSU Chancellor White has approved the funding for those faculty eligible for Equity Year II, pending passage of the Governor's proposed budget on July 1, 2013. Those who have questions regarding eligibility should contact the Provost's office.

9. Adjournment

M/S/P (Murray/Chamberlain) to adjourn at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Fleming, Secretary