Senators Present:
Eileen Barrett, Elizabeth Bergman, Jeffra Bussmann, Luz Calvo, Mary Cardaras, Kathy Cutting, Roger Doering, Patricia Drew, Hongwei Du, Dana Edwards, Denise Fleming, Kim Geron, Liz Ginno, Renee Granados, Susan Gubernat, Nina Haft, Kathleen Halpin, Erik Helgren, Thomas Hird, James Houpis, Pat Jennings, Yi Jiang, Evelia Jimenez, Mark Karplus, Derek Kimball, Michelle Korb, Jane Lopus, Nancy Mangold, Leroy Morishita, James Murray, Jeff Newcomb, Julia Olkin, Ching-Hsing Ouyang, Andrew Pasquinelli, Claudia Sandoval, Tammy Simmons-Mosley, Carl Stempel, Rachael Stryker, Oanh Tran, Mitch Watnik, Chongqi Wu

Guests Present:
Derek Aitken, Diana Balgas, Endre Branstad, Linda Dalton, Jiansheng Guo, Terry Jones, Sue Opp, Glen Perry, Sophie Rollins, Dianne Rush-Woods, Michelle Xiong, Gale Young

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

1. Approval of the agenda

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

2. Approval of the minutes of December 3, 2013

M/S/P (Calvo/Stryker) to approve. The spelling of Jeffra Bussmann’s last name will be corrected.

3. Reports:

A. Report of the Chair

Watnik emailed two reports in the last week and is seeking advice on how to proceed on various constitution and bylaws issues, including the President’s veto of 12-13 FAC 9 and the status of FDEC as a standing committee. Following some discussion of the constitution and bylaws issues, Calvo inquired whether it would be appropriate to hear from the President and then come back to the Chair’s report. Watnik stated that it would be possible to make a motion to return to a previous agenda item. M/S/P (Doering/Barrett) to table the Chair’s report and proceed to Item 3.B.

The Chair’s report resumed following the motion following Item 3.E.
FDEC Chair Kim Geron distributed and read from a resolution from FDEC, “Call on President Morishita to Reconsider and Rescind Rejection of Academic Senate Resolution 12-13 FAC 9 Amended,” with the following Action Requested: “The FDEC calls on the Senate to ask the President to reconsider and rescind his decision to reject 12-13 FAC 9 amended. University faculty approved the establishment of the Faculty Diversity and Equity Committee and this vote should be upheld by the President. We respectfully request the vote of the faculty in the Fall election of 2012 be upheld and FDEC continue to be recognized as a Senate standing committee.” Watnik stated that such a resolution would be out of order, as the University Faculty reserve the right to change the bylaws.

M/S (Hird/Murray) to place the FDEC discussion at the end of the agenda. M/S/P (Fleming/Bergman) a substitute motion to adopt a “Resolution that the Senate and President recognize FDEC as a standing committee.” There were several abstentions. Prior to approval, the resolution was amended as follows: M/S/P (Kimball/Barrett) to amend the resolution, adding at the end, “as established in 12-13 FAC 9 amended.” M/S/P (Stempel/Hird) “That the Academic Senate interpret Article V, Section 2 K as including the chairperson of the Faculty Diversity and Equity Committee until the University Faculty speaks on the matter through a vote.”

Item 5 followed the completion of Item 3.A.

B. Report of the President

President Morishita welcomed faculty back. On the constitution and bylaws issues, he stated he would leave it to the Senate to decide how to proceed and that the constitution is a very important document. He stated that he does not have an up or down approval on bylaws changes, but he does on the constitution, and he feels that the bylaws should not be without a minimum voting threshold.

In response to a question regarding the $50 million proposed to go to the three segments of higher education, the President noted that it would be one-time money. In response to a question regarding quarter-to-semester conversion, he stated that at East Bay it would happen in Fall 2018 at the earliest. Asked whether there would be a need to undergo conversion at the same time as another campus (as is occurring with Bakersfield and Los Angeles), his response was that it would be easier to undergo conversion at the same time as another campus.

Asked for reassurance that FDEC will continue to be recognized as a standing committee, the President stated it’s something the Senate needs to do and, “I will support a decision to grandfather those things in the past, if the Senate decides that.”

In response to a question, the President clarified the intent of his rejection of changes to the administrative appointment and review document in 12-13 FAC 13. In response to a question, he clarified that he is not seeking a minimum voting threshold for changes to the Constitution, just an appropriate minimum for changes to the Bylaws. Noting that there was an executive directive that only came to light when it was cited in 12-13 FAC 13, Watnik proposed that executive directives be posted more prominently; a mechanism already exists to post Presidential
responses to Senate actions. The President stated it was a reasonable proposal. Watnik noted that directives do not override Senate policy.

C. Report of the Provost

Provost Houpis reported that IREE funds are being allocated and that requests for faculty searches for 2014-15 are due this week. He stressed the importance of increasing diversity on campus and improving retention and graduation rates.

D. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

Gubernat reported that the ASCSU will be meeting next week and that she will attend the Chancellor’s state of the university address. She emailed the link to the Legislative Analyst’s Office review on Early Start to the Senate list.

E. Report of Student Government

Student Senator Kathleen Halpin gave the report. ASI is working with AACE and the Alumni Association on a job panel for February. Covered California will have representatives on campus to assist students, faculty, and staff.

M/S (Barrett/Murray) to return to Item 3.A Report of the Chair. The motion was adopted without objection.

4. Consent Calendar:

A. 13-14 CAPR 2, 13-14 CIC 7: Discontinuance of Theatre and Dance for Children and Community option (first appearance)

B. 13-14 CAPR 3, 13-14 CIC 8: Discontinuance of Children’s Theatre and Dance minor (first appearance)

C. 13-14 CAPR 4, 13-14 CIC 9: Discontinuance of Theatre: History and Literature option (first appearance)

Action Items:

5. 13-14 CAH 1: Data Integrity Policy (second reading)

M/S/P (Stryker/Murray) to approve as amended, by the consent of the body, to have an effective date of Spring 2014 and be placed in the catalog for Fall 2014.

Time certain Item 11 followed Item 5. Adjournment followed Item 11.

6. 13-14 CIC 3 revised: Military Credit Policy update version (second reading)
7. 13-14 CIC 5: Approval of Modifications to GE Courses, including conversion to Online/Hybrid, by the GE Subcommittee (second reading)

8. 13-14 BC 4: Amendment to the CSUEB Bylaws regarding CR procedures and the Centers and Institutes Policies and Procedures Document (first reading)

9. 13-14 FDEC 2 Amended: Diversity Rubric for CAPR Five-year Reviews (first reading)

10. 13-14 BEC 8 revised: Uniformity of Elections Policy (first reading)

11. Report of the CFA (time certain, no later than 3:50pm)

CFA East Bay Chapter Vice President Pat Jennings reported that membership is at 70%. Bargaining was held last week and meetings are scheduled through June. Signs are available to support bargaining. To keep informed, check CFA Headlines and contact campus representatives.

M/S/P (Gubernat/Doering) to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

12. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Karplus, Secretary