

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

OFFICE OF THE  
ACADEMIC SENATE

AMENDED Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting, December 3, 2013

Senators Present:

Eileen Barrett, Elizabeth Bergman, Jeanette Bicais, Jeffra Bussmann, Luz Calvo, Chris Chamberlain, Hongwei Du, Jennifer Eagan, Dana Edwards, Denise Fleming, Farnaz Ganjeizadeh, Kim Geron, Liz Ginno, Renee Granados, Susan Gubernat, Nina Haft, Erik Helgren, Thomas Hird, Sukari Ivester, Pat Jennings, Evelia Jimenez, Mark Karplus, Derek Kimball, Michelle Korb, Jane Lopus, Nancy Mangold, James Murray, Julia Olkin, Andrew Pasquinelli, Tammie Simmons-Mosley, Rachael Stryker, Mitch Watnik

Guests Present:

Endre Branstad, Linda Dalton, Jiansheng Guo, Sara Judd, Rita Liberti, Zanean McClain, Michelle Xiong

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

1. Approval of the agenda

M/S/P (Murray/Kimball) to approve.

2. Approval of the minutes of November 12, 2013

M/S/P (Karplus/Stryker) to approve.

3. Reports

A. Report of the Chair

Continuing the tradition of welcoming new tenure-track faculty, Chair Watnik invited Kimball to introduce Physics Assistant Professor Jennie Guzman and Jennings to introduce Sociology and Social Services Assistant Professors Sukari Ivester and Duke Austin. Ivester is serving on the Senate.

In his emailed report of the chair, Watnik included a timeline leading up to the present regarding 12-13 FAC 9. A presidential veto of 12-13 FAC 9 would potentially affect the status of FDEC as a standing committee, APGS AVP Sue Opp's designee on CAPR, and the CR Bylaws change.

Hird extended an invitation to attend the Typhoon Relief Benefit Show December 8 at the University Theatre.

Barrett announced that Professors Nick Baham, Rita Liberti, and Julie Norton had filed a grievance over Planning for Distinction. On the morning of November 22 she attended a public hearing where these colleagues and administration had the chance to present evidence as to whether or not the planning for distinction process violated the rights of these faculty to shared governance. The three-member faculty hearing committee unanimously agreed with our colleagues and voted to sustain their grievance. The President has 21 days to respond. Barrett read the last two paragraphs of the hearing committee decision:

“We believe in the importance of assessment of academic programs. Our concern is the manner in which the Administration initiated the process on this important work that affects all of the University community. PFD was initiated without shared governance. The Committee believes that shared governance means joint decision-making from the start. In this instance the Administration made a decision without consultation with faculty in the initial planning stages of the process. In addition, appointment to committees, which is not the same as democratic election, was employed.

“We recommend that the Committee on Academic Planning and Review (CAPR) takes a more expansive role in the PFD process. The assessment of instructional programs, which is an important part of PFD, should be under the purview of this committee. This may require the restructuring of CAPR.”

Jennings asked whether COBRA might have a role, in addition to CAPR. Watnik commented that faculty would have a say in which committees see what. Eagan stated that she had heard that the PFD instructional group would be holding closed sessions. Fleming stated that the upcoming Friday meeting is expected to be an anchoring session to begin reading all 200 reports. Gubernat sought clarification as to whether closed meetings means that they will involve personnel decisions. Watnik noted that CR, FAC, and ExCom permit closed sessions, but only on personnel issues.

#### B. Report of the President

There was no report.

#### C. Report of the Provost

PEM Vice President Linda Dalton outlined the status of the Planning for Distinction process. The instructional group will be meeting Friday, holding a norming session to ensure that rubrics are applied uniformly. A report for the steering committee should be ready by the middle of February. Dalton stated that ground rules set a year ago included closed sessions.

Olkin noted that some data for Mathematics that was provided by Administration was wrong. She also noted that 100 words to fully express comments was insufficient. In response to a question from Gubernat about Friday's norming session, Dalton stated that the committee will be looking at actual reports. In response to a question from Jennings, Dalton stated that scoring will not be made public.

#### D. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

There was no report.

#### E. Report of Student Government

ASI President Michelle Xiong thanked faculty for their participation in the previous week's meeting on the SJSU hate crimes. ASI will be adopting a resolution against hate crimes. Two Covered California coordinators will be on campus the first two weeks of Winter Quarter to assist students.

#### 4. Consent Calendar (no items at this meeting)

Information Item:

#### 5. Report of Athletics (Sara Judd)

New Athletic Director Sara Judd has been on campus for 17-plus years, 11 as faculty in Kinesiology and then in administration. Her goals are that Pioneer student-athletes will graduate, win championships, and engage in the community. Highest priority is that student-athletes will succeed academically and get their degree. Through community engagement, including visiting local schools, student-athletes discover how powerful they are as role models. Judd presented a two-page handout showing Cal State East Bay Athletics Facts 2013-14 and 2011-2013 Athletics Academic Data. She commended the work of Faculty Athletic Representative David Larson.

#### 6. 13-14 COBRA 1: Report of the May, 17, 2013 Budget Question and Answer Session

M/S/P (Barrett/Calvo) to accept.

#### 7. 13-14 CR 3: Proposal for the Center for Economic Education

M/S/P (Chamberlain/Lopus) to accept.

Action Items:

#### 8. 13-14 BEC 9: Resolution Against Hate Crimes at San Jose State University (first reading)

M/S/P (Fleming/Kimball) to waive the first reading. It was reported that the student prefers to remain anonymous; the resolution will not be forwarded to the student. The following addition was proposed: "Resolved, That the Academic Senate call for a study into the state of African American students in the CSU, including on our own campus at CSUEB, so that problems can be identified and addressed." The SJSU ASI President will be added as a recipient. M/S/P (Fleming/Calvo) to approve as amended. The resolution passed unanimously.

9. 13-14 CIC 1: Request for modification of Kinesiology Elementary School PE and Secondary School PE courses (second reading)

M/S/P (Murray/Barrett) to approve.

10. 13-14 BEC 7: Recommendation to make ITAC an Ad-hoc Committee for 2013-14 (second reading)

M/S/P (Eagan/Hird) to approve.

11. 13-14 CAPR 1: Art and Multimedia Graduate Program merger (second reading)

M/S/P (Hird/Stryker) to approve.

12. 13-14 CIC 4 revised: Policy for Renewal of General Education Classifications (information) (second reading)

M/S/P (Murray/Eagan) to approve the revised document as amended. (13-14 CIC 4 had been referred to CIC at first reading at the previous Senate meeting.) Eagan suggested changing “opportunities” to “opportunity” on Page 1. Helgren suggested using the area C “renewed or revoked” phrasing for each use of “renewal” in the second and third sentences of the policy. These amendments were accepted without objection.

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

M/S (Stryker/Murray) to approve. Watnik noted that the CAH prefix refers to “committee ad hoc.” It was noted that the policy permits faculty to be more magnanimous than the suggested phrasing on the last page.

14. 13-14 CIC 3 revised: Military Credit Policy update version (first reading)

M/S (Murray/Ginno) to approve. Murray noted that the policy is consistent with the Chancellor’s executive order cited at the bottom of Page 1 of the document.

15. 13-14 CIC 5: Approval of Modifications to GE Courses, including conversion to Online/Hybrid, by the GE Subcommittee (first reading)

M/S (Murray/Eagan) to approve. Ginno questioned whether the policy was intended to be retroactive. CIC Chair Murray stated that it is not the intention to go searching for courses to “deactivate” and CIC member Eagan concurred.

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

CFA East Bay Chapter President Jennifer Eagan announced that the first bargaining session on the successor contract will be December 12-13. In Winter quarter CFA members will be called on to support the fight for a fair contract, including hanging door signs. Eagan called on faculty

to support Hayward city workers who are being asked to take an additional 5% cut in pay. There is a City Council action tonight. CFA members are asked to sign the electronic petition; one doesn't need to be a Hayward resident.

Watnik acknowledged the outstanding work of Academic Senate Assistant Coordinator Endre Branstad.

17. Adjournment

M/S/P (Ginno/Eagan) to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Karplus, Secretary