

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY  
OFFICE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Approved Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting, May 6, 2014

Senators Present:

Eileen Barrett, Jeffra Bussmann, Luz Calvo, Roger Doering, Jennifer Eagan, Dana Edwards, Denise Fleming, Farnaz Ganjeizadeh, Susan Gubernat, Nina Haft, Kathleen Halpin, Erik Helgren, Thomas Hird, James Houppis, Charlton Hua, Patricia Jennings, Evelia Jimenez, Mark Karplus, Michelle Korb, Jane Lopus, Nancy Mangold, Jim Mitchell, Leroy Morishita, Diane Mukerjee, James Murray, Jeff Newcomb, Julia Olkin, Andrew Pasquinelli, Claudia Sandoval, Jeff Seitz, Tammie Simmons-Mosley, Oanh Tran, Mitch Watnik, Gaozong Yang

Guests Present:

Derek Aitken, Nick Baham, Endre Branstad, Dennis Chester, Linda Dalton, Sue Opp, Glen Perry, Dianne Rush-Woods, Sophie Rollins, Randy Saffold, Borre Ulrichsen, Doris Yates

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

1. Approval of the agenda

M/S/P (Mitchell/Doering) to approve, amended M/S/P (Eagan/Gubernat) without objection to make the Report of Student Government the first report.

2. Approval of the minutes of April 22, 2014

M/S/P (Fleming/Barrett) to approve. There were abstentions.

3. Reports:

A. Report of Student Government

ASI College of Science Director Gaozong Yang gave the report. ASI President Katrina Mayol emailed her report earlier. As part of Earth Day, ASI gave out 350 refillable water bottles to students and promoted the unveiling of three hydration stations. A resolution on course evaluations has been drafted and is being discussed by the ASI Board. ASI elections have started.

ASI Director Randy Saffold reported on the recent transfer of University Union (UU) and Recreation and Wellness (RAW) Center programs from ASI to the University. The move of Summer to self support is leading to a \$655K shortfall. Numerous faculty spoke in support of maintaining the Diversity Center, which will become part of Student Life under Student Affairs.

B. Report of the Chair

Senator Doering introduced new Engineering Assistant Professor Howard Lei. Chair Watnik announced that nominations for the Sue Schaefer Faculty Service Award are open until May 23. In response to a question, Watnik clarified that ITAC is currently an ad hoc committee extended for one year by the Senate earlier this year.

#### C. Report of the President

President Morishita stated that the plan is to improve and enhance Diversity Center services and programs, rather than reduce them. As far as he is aware, no one will lose positions or jobs in the UU or RAW Center. East Bay has been designated as an HSI (Hispanic-Serving Institution). East Bay already has an AANAPISI (Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution) grant. Campuses cannot accept grants under both Department of Education programs. Morishita and other CSU Presidents are working with legislators to change that.

Time certain Item 5.E was next.

#### D. Report of the Provost

Provost Houpis stated that there will be funding for 25 new faculty requests, with the possibility of nine more through three sets of affinity group hires, each consisting of three faculty from at least two colleges, in the areas of social justice, sustainability, and communications.

Chair Watnik announced that he had received clarification that the President signed the recent amendment to the Constitution affecting the voting requirements for Bylaws amendments.

#### i. Report of PFD

PEM VP Dalton reported that comments on the support services report can be submitted until May 16. Two forums will be held on the instructional report, dates to be announced after the report is released.

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

Statewide Senator Gubernat reported that the ASCSU Executive Committee and Faculty Trustee met with Chancellor White and that there will be a national search to replace Chief Academic Officer Ephraim Smith. These are both positive signs. Statewide Senator Fleming reported that resolutions on unit limits for engineering degrees and on faculty trustee legislation will be brought to ExCom.

#### 4. Information Item:

A. 13-14 COBRA 7: COBRA's Executive Summary of Mid-Year University Revenues and Expenses Report as of December 31, 2013

M/S/P (Mangold/Mukerjee) to accept. Gubernat suggested that A&F VP and CFO Wells be invited to report to the Senate.

5. Action Items:

A. 13-14 CIC 18: Ethnic Studies Application for GE credit, ES 3010 (second reading)

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

B. 13-14 CIC 21: Educational Psychology Application for GE credit, EPSY courses 3000/3001 (second reading)

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

C. 13-14 CIC 22: Theater Application for C1/C3 GE credit, THEA 2225 (second reading)

M/S/P (Mitchell/Murray) to approve. There were comments as to whether Blackboard discussion boards are sufficient for fulfilling the GE oral component requirement for online courses and the suggestion that the issue be referred to ITAC.

D. 13-14 FAC 6 revised: Fall Quarter 2015 schedule change to the academic calendar (second reading)

M/S/P (Barrett/Calvo) to approve. APGS AVP Sue Opp noted that a Wednesday-only class that meets only nine times is permitted.

E. 13-14 cFAI 1: Committee name change and Fairness document revision (first reading, 2:30 pm time certain, Dr. Doris Yates)

M/S (Barrett/Fleming) to approve. Fairness Committee Chair Yates and Senator Fleming spoke in support. The main revision is the committee name change.

Item 3.D was next.

F. 13-14 CAH 4 revised: Formation of a Learning Management Subcommittee (first reading)

M/S (Murray/Edwards) to approve. Fleming spoke in favor of a committee that would be more broadly-based than a subcommittee of ITAC, itself an ad hoc committee. Bussmann suggested that there be student representation. Newcomb spoke in favor of forming a task force. M/S/NP (Eagan/Doering) to refer back to ITAC. Several senators spoke against the motion, noting that the Senate could amend the document. The motion to refer failed.

G. 13-14 COBRA 4: Consultation of Faculty on Building Development and Use (first reading)

M/S (Mangold/Barrett) to approve. Gubernat suggested that the recommendation process outlined in the Action Requested should start with a referral from ExCom rather than starting with COBRA. Karplus suggested that the document be clearer than any COBRA

recommendations will be routed through the Senate. Watnik read from Article XVII, Section 5 of the Bylaws, clarifying that COBRA makes recommendations to the Academic Senate.

H. 13-14 COBRA 5: Addressing Large Classroom Issues (first reading)

M/S (Calvo/Mangold) to approve. Calvo commended the History faculty involved for their student-centered approach.

I. 13-14 COBRA 6: Recommend University Extension to provide MOUs and financial reports of University Extension programs to College Deans, Department Chairs, and Program Directors (first reading)

M/S (Mangold/Jennings) to approve.

J. 13-14 CAPR 11: Permanent Implementation of the Interpretation in 12-13 CAPR 4 (first reading)

M/S (Sandoval/Murray) to approve. Some questions were raised about the designee language. Watnik noted that there is a related item to amend the Bylaws currently on the faculty ballot. If it passes, 13-14 CAPR 11 would not overrule it.

K. 13-14 CAPR 12: Philosophy Five-year Review Report (first reading)

M/S (Eagan/Barrett) to approve. There were comments that this report and several of the other five-year review reports were short and that their summaries could provide more detail.

L. 13-14 CAPR 18: English Five-year Review Report (first reading)

M/S (Barrett/Fleming) to approve.

M. 13-14 CAPR 19: Health Sciences Five-year Review Report (first reading)

M/S (Mitchell/Edwards) to approve. The report was praised for its thoroughness. There were comments regarding the unevenness of the various reports.

N. 13-14 CAPR 20: Sociology Five-year Review Report (first reading)

M/S (Jennings/Barrett) to approve.

A quorum count was called for. After a count showed 24 out of 47 elected faculty present, Watnik ruled that there was a quorum.

O. 13-14 CAPR 21: Human Development Five-year Review Report (first reading)

M/S (Mitchell/Hird) to approve.

P. 13-14 CAPR 22: Information Literacy Five-year Review Report (first reading)

M/S (Bussmann/Edwards) to approve. There were questions whether “continuation of the program with improvements” is an appropriate recommendation category.

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

CFA East Bay Chapter President Jennifer Eagan encouraged faculty to send a votervoice message on the budget for higher education to the Governor. CFA presented its salary proposal at bargaining.

7. Adjournment

M/S/P (Bussmann/Lopus) to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Karplus, Secretary