Senators Present:

Guests Present:
Derek Aitken, Sarah Aubert, Linda Dobb, Lindsay McCrea, Michael Moon, Sarah Nielsen, Glen Perry, Mark Robinson, Sophie Rollins, Dianne Rush Woods, Jason Singley, Borre Ulrichsen, Donna Wiley

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m.

1. Approval of the agenda

M/S/P (Wu/Lopus) to approve.

2. Approval of 3/10/15 minutes

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

3. Reports:

A. Report of the Chair

Hedrick seconded the Provost’s thanks in his update on the WASC visit in the April 13 Academic Affairs Newsletter. Nominations by petition are open until April 20. Next week is the Week of Scholarship.

B. Report of the President

President Morishita complimented faculty for their hard work on the WASC visit. He gave an update on the AlertMe message that went out on Friday. Some events on Saturday were cancelled. Calling 885-3791 reaches campus police dispatch; 911 goes to Hayward police which then directs it back. He will look at further training, as well as posting emergency numbers in every classroom. Morishita thanked the semester conversion directors and members of the steering committee. The University Hour that is being discussed would be a good opportunity to meet. He stated concern over the resolution on campus-based equity later on the agenda, that it was a blurring of the lines. He confirmed that the campus is going to have a program for faculty
and staff. Administration and Finance Vice President Brad Wells is leaving for an Associate Vice Chancellor position. Debbie Chaw will be interim. Senators suggested that there be further training, a best practices card, and security checks of all classrooms.

Time certain Item 6.F was next.

C. Report of the Provost

Provost Houpis reported that in the WASC exit debriefing, UC Merced Chancellor Dorothy Leland commented that East Bay is “a great campus doing great things.” On faculty workload, Academic Affairs will be working to standardize release time for large classes, release time for faculty coordinators for classes with large numbers of sections, and release time for student mentoring including independent study. Next week he will asking for a referral to FAC and CR on extra release time for scholars.

D. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

i. ASCSU March 2015 Plenary

Gubernat and Fleming were not in attendance. Fleming submitted the posted report on the March ASCSU plenary and invites senators to contact her if there are questions.

E. Report of Student Government

There was no report.

F. Report of Semester Conversion

Barrett reported that all departments should have received information to complete their conversion budgets. The steering committee meets next Friday; Julie Glass will give a presentation on GE. Representatives from campuses undergoing semester conversion will be meeting at Cal Poly Pomona on April 29. This will include San Bernardino, which is converting in 2019.

4. Consent Calendar:

There being no objections for two consecutive Senate meetings, the item automatically passed.

5. Information Items:

A. 14-15 COBRA 2: COBRA's Executive Summary for Mid-Year University Revenues and Expenses Summary as of December 31, 2014

M/S/P (Wu/Barrett) to accept.
6. Action Items:

A. 14-15 FDEC 1 revised: Resolution to Create Policies and Best Practices to Create a Campus Climate Inclusive of Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming, and Gender Variant Faculty, Staff and Students (second reading)

M/S/P (Geron/Eagan) to approve, amended M/S/P (Seitz/Barrett) to change “FDEC” to “Academic Senate” in the heading for the resolution and M/S/P (Karplus/Wu) to include the posted revisions. The quotation marks around “other” in the next-to-last Resolved will be deleted.

B. 14-15 BEC 8: Resolution in Support of AS-3197-14/FA: The Need for a Comprehensive California State University Policy on Academic Freedom (first reading)

M/S (Stryker/Wu) to approve.

C. 14-15 CAPR 14: Institutional Learning Outcomes Assessment Plan (first reading)

M/S (Murray/Ivey) to approve. ILO Subcommittee Chair Sarah Nielsen provided background on the document.

D. 14-15 CIC 13: Graduate Academic Probation and Disqualification (first reading)

M/S (Wu/Murray) to approve. Senior Director Graduate Studies Donna Wiley provided background on the document.

E. 14-15 CAPR 13: CLASS proposal to form a School of Global Humanities and Cultural Studies (first reading)

M/S (Moreman/Stryker) to approve.

Item 6.G was next.

F. 14-15 FAC 12: Calendar Recommendation of a 3-day Thanksgiving Break Semester Calendar (first reading Dr. Michael Moon, time certain 2:30pm-2:45pm)

Moon, a member of the Semester Conversion Steering Committee and of FAC, described how the proposed calendar was the result of the work of an FAC Calendar Subcommittee, consisting of Liz Ginno, Nidhi Gupta, Glen Perry, Bal Kumar, and himself. The options were narrowed to two prototypes, one with a three-day Thanksgiving break and the other with a five-day Thanksgiving break. FAC’s recommendation was for the three-day prototype. Moon presented the posted PowerPoint, describing the constraints on the calendar, the “footprint” of the proposed semester, and points in the calendar year that pose issues, including holidays and Winter break. A color-coded slide entitled Proposed CSUEB Semester Calendar: Highlights showed the 149 instructional days and 21 non-instructional days proposed for 2018-2019.
M/S/P (Hird/Murray) to approve. In response to a question, Moon confirmed there was still room to negotiate the calendar. The proposed Fall semester starts earlier in the summer than most campuses but ensures that grade due dates are before Christmas. Ten out of 17 semester campuses have two-day Thanksgiving holidays.

Item 3.C was next.

G. 14-15 BEC 9: CSUEB Academic Senate Resolution on Campus-Based Equity Pay Increases for 2014-15 (first reading)

M/S (Geron/Barrett) to approve. M/S/P (Karplus/Stryker) to waive the first reading. Provost Houpis stated that the statement in the third Whereas regarding a $600 K budget surplus in a UPABC document is incorrect, that Administration was willing to meet with the CFA Chapter in March, and that the resolution was argumentative and not needed since the President has stated there will be a program and a meeting is scheduled for next week. M/S/P (Seitz/Hird) to table.

H. 14-15 CIC 21: Moratorium on new courses and curricular revisions (first reading)

M/S/P (Barrett/Taylor) to waive the first reading. M/S/P (Hird/Murray) to approve.

Time certain Item 7 was next.

I. 14-15 CIC 17: Human Development application for D1-3 GE (first reading)

J. 14-15 CAPR 16; CAPR 17; CIC 26; CIC 27: Request for the discontinuance of the options in Liberal Studies B.A. and Request for the revision of the options in Liberal Studies B.A. (first reading)

K. 14-15 CIC 15: Graduate Residency Requirement (first reading)

L. 14-15 CIC 16: Minimum Course Grade Requirement for Master’s Programs (first reading)

M. 14-15 CIC 23: Thesis Committee Requirements (first reading)

N. 14-15 FAC 5: Inclusion of the Administrative Review of the University Diversity Officer under UARC Review - Suggested Changes to the Policies and Procedures Governing Faculty Participation in Appointment and Review of Administrative Officers of CSUEB (first reading)

O. 14-15 FAC 10: Inclusion of the Administrative Review of the Director of Sustainability under UARC Review - Suggested Changes to the Policies and Procedures Governing Faculty Participation in Appointment and Review of Administrative Officers of CSUEB (first reading)

P. 14-15 FAC 3: Proposed policy on adding courses exempted from student evaluations (first reading)
7. Report of the CFA (time certain, no later than 3:50pm)

CFA Vice President Kim Geron reported on Lobby Day in Sacramento the previous week. CFA has released its third Race to the Bottom research paper.

Item 8 was next.

8. Adjournment

M/S/P (Kerr/Karplus) to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Karplus, Secretary