

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY
OFFICE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

APPROVED Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting, January 12, 2016

Senators Present:

Stephen Andrews, Nicholas Baham, Lonny Brooks, Ayona Chatterjee, Ken Curr, Roger Doering, Jennifer Eagan, Eric Fricke, Chandrakala Ganesh, Karina Garbesi, Kim Geron, Susan Gubernat, Jennie Guzman, Nina Haft, Michael Hedrick, Tom Hird, Cathy Inouye, Linda Ivey, Yi Karnes, Mark Karplus, Joshua Kerr, Grant Kien, Chong Joanna Lee, Michael Lee, Sherman Lewis, Jim Mitchell, Matthew Moore, Christopher Moreman, Leroy Morishita, James Murray, Jeffrey Newcomb, Chung-Hsing Ouyang, Sharon Radcliff, Mitchell Watnik, Andrew Wong, Evaon Wong-Kim, Lan Wu, Meling Wu

Guests Present:

Eileen Barrett, Luz Calvo, Paul Carpenter, Linda Dobb, Pablo Garnica, Julie Glass, David Lopez, Lindsay McCrea, Sarah Nielsen, Glen Perry, Mark Robinson, Sophie Rollins, Jason Singley, Borre Ulrichsen, Donna Wiley

Senators Absent: Gilberto Arriaza, Joana Chavez, Shannon Coskran, Denise Fleming, Margaret Harris, Sukari Ivester, Ehsan Kamalinejad, Nancy Mangold, Monique Manopoulos, Diane Mukerjee, Supreet Narula, Carolyn Nelson, Diane Petersen, Vibha Puri, Christina Sanchez, Rachael Stryker, Tikerea Tate, Sarah Taylor

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m.

1. Approval of the agenda

M/S/P (Mitchell/Garbesi) to approve, amended to give Item 5.C a time certain of no later than 2:45.

2. Approval of the 12/1/15 minutes

M/S/P (Garbesi/Wong-Kim) to approve.

3. Reports:

A. Report of the Chair

The Provost search committee will be convened soon. There is a call for self-nominations to serve as the faculty representative to the International Programs Council. Faculty interested in serving may contact Meiling Wu, the current representative, and should notify the Senate office by February 8. The position has a three-year term and is appointed by the Executive Committee.

B. Report of the President

Morishita will convene the Provost search committee soon, probably later this month. He reported on the Governor's proposed budget. The Governor has been critical of CSU four-year graduation rates. In response to a question, Morishita stated he is still interested in a discussion about how big we want to be as a campus and is open to ideas about how to have that discussion. In response to a question about the ongoing lawsuit over our campus physical structure, he reported that the city filed an appeal yesterday, the last possible day to file. In response to a question about enrollment, he stated that East Bay is one of only three CSU campuses that are not impacted. Concerns were shared over recent searches and how scheduling of campus visits during finals week and the week after cut into faculty participation.

C. Report of the Provost

The Provost was not in attendance. There was no report.

D. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

There was no report.

E. Report of Student Government

ASI President Lopez gave the report and distributed a one-page Report Summary. The referendum expanding student government passed. ASI discussed resolutions on affordable learning solutions and adding more students to search and review committees. East Bay will be hosting the May CSSA plenary.

F. Report of Semester Conversion

Co-Director Singley reported that the steering committee will meet this Friday in UU 307 AB from 12:00 to 2:00. Glen Perry will discuss the draft budget. Baham raised the issue of 15-16 ASCSC 2, the funding model for GE, on which there was no consultation with CFA. Baham questioned whether the Chancellor's Office will still be assuming a significant portion of the conversion budget. Morishita responded that 100% of the transformational cost will be paid by the campus. The campus share of other non-technical costs has not been decided. The Chancellor's Office will cover 100% of the technical cost.

G. Report of the CFA

CFA Chapter President Baham thanked faculty for wearing red last week and today in support of the Fight for Five. The third and last day of factfinding is tomorrow. The factfinding report will be made public likely in late February, after which job actions are possible. Between 2013 and 2014 the number of administrators at East Bay increased from 107 to 137, an increase of 28%, and the salaries for administrators increased from 11.4 to 13.2 million dollars. The Chapter and administration met again to discuss an MOU on semester conversion. Still at issue is compensation for the lost month that faculty will experience in Summer 2018, when we leave in June and return in August, so we may not be able to reach agreement on an MOU.

Time certain Item 5.C was next.

4. Information Items:

A. 15-16 ITAC 3: Letter to President Morishita and Interim Provost Nelson regarding Qualtrics

M/S/P (Mitchell/Kerr) to accept. Hedrick stated that the President is in support of the recommendation.

5. Action Items:

A. 15-16 CIC 13: Registration Calendar for Semesters (second reading)

M/S/P (Watnik/Curr), amended M/S/P (Karplus/Wu) to change “6th instructional day” to “7th instructional day” in the last bullet on the second page relating to Open University registration. Several faculty spoke in support and several in opposition to the amendment. The vote on the amendment was 13 in favor and 12 opposed.

B. 15-16 CIC 14: Registration Calendar for Summer 2016-Spring 2018 (second reading)

M/S/P (Watnik/Mitchell) to approve, amended M/S/P (Karplus/Mitchell) to change “6th instructional day” to “7th instructional day” under Open University Enrollment period. The vote on the amendment was 14 in favor and 11 opposed.

Item 5.D was next.

C. 15-16 CIC 20: General Education Learning Outcomes (first reading, 2:45 PM time certain)

M/S (Watnik/Mitchell) to approve. At least 14 different faculty commented on the document. Several acknowledged the work of the GE Subcommittee. Ivey stated that C2.2 is vague, C3.2 seems limited and could have a broader definition that includes practitioners, and the third bullet under C4 is oddly specific. On the latter, she questioned the visual aid requirement. Area D has the same issue. Eagan stated support for the oral presentation requirement but with the visual aid/graphics requirement crossed out. She criticized our collective reliance on PowerPoint. Lee questioned the wording in D1-3.1 and noted that there is not similar language for the Physical Sciences. Glass noted that the area outcomes adhere to Executive Order 1100 and inherit as much as possible from the current upper division GE outcomes. The GE subcommittee did not object to broadening the descriptions. Moreman also spoke to the visual aid language in the third bullets of C4 and D4, that it was too specific. He also questioned the oral presentation requirement, noting there are different ways to include an oral component that do not require a large audience, for example, with the student meeting with the professor in their office.

Gubernat stated this is one of the most important documents the Senate will review this year and doing so without seeing the overlays is problematic. As a member of the Chancellor's General Education Advisory Committee she has worked with EO 1100 and it does not require verbatim agreement. She questioned how the C3.3 outcome could be measured, cited inconsistencies in

specificity, and expressed concern over the ability of students to embark on a minor. Carpenter, noting the elimination of Area F, spoke for the inclusion of Kinesiology activity classes under C3 creative expression as physically expressive activities, that they not be excluded as skills development. Glass described how the GE Subcommittee built a framework starting with the EO language, was inclusive as possible, and is open to modification of the document. Eagan criticized the language in A3 as word salad, i.e., it sounds like it means something but does not. The language in A3.2 does not come from the vocabulary of critical thinking: proofs are not claims. Are articles of faith? In A3.3, what does it mean to advocate ideas and how does one teach factual or judgmental conclusions? She blamed the sloppiness on the Chancellor's Office and recommended the CIC Critical Thinking Subcommittee look at the language.

Calvo stated that she was the sole member of the GE Subcommittee to abstain on the document. She had higher hopes that it would meaningfully reflect the commitments of the campus, but did not vote no, recognizing the issue of expedience, with departments right now developing their curricula. Postponing conversion for a year would allow for a kick-ass document to be developed, rather than one so poorly written. The GE subcommittee worked every week but the timeline pressure was not ideal. Mitchell voted in favor of the document at CIC. He is okay with it even if it is not perfect. Murray asked for clarity on the language in B3.3 on Page 4 and its relationship to other language in Area B such as that in B6.3. Hird raised concerns about the C4 and D4 writing requirements. By comparison, B6 has no detailed course characteristics or course caps. Eagan emphasized that writing is essential to demonstrating learning outcomes in Humanities and Social Sciences. Garbesi questioned the comparison to B6 and noted that innumeracy is a problem along with illiteracy.

Wu stated she has concerns with each Area in the document and that it is not ready. Ivey acknowledged the chokehold of the EO and echoed Calvo's disappointment. Rather than starting over, the document could be used as a platform from which to jump off. Glass noted that the subcommittee accepted suggestions and made modifications, although doing so is a non-trivial exercise. Nielson spoke in support of keeping the C4 and D4 caps at 30. Gubernat stated that one quarter is not enough for the project. Moreman suggested dividing the document into several smaller documents to be worked on separately. Ivey spoke of the fear held by departments that are dependent on GE for their existence.

Item 4.A was next.

D. 15-16 CIC 6: Revision of requirements for a Minor under semesters (first reading)

M/S (Watnik/Mitchell) to approve.

E. 15-16 CIC 7: Approval of B4 and D1-3 GE designation for FIN 2300: Personal Financial Management (first reading)

M/S (Watnik/Mitchell) to approve. Questions were raised about whether it was appropriate to give the course two designations and whether it would be qualifying under the current rules.

The time was 4:00 p.m. M/S/P (Mitchell/Murray) to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. Quorum was lost. Item 6 was next.

F. 15-16 FAC 1: Allowance for an Executive Committee appointed representative to MPP search committees in emergency situations in the Policies and Procedures Governing Faculty Participation in Appointment and Review of Administrative Officers California State University, East Bay (first reading)

G. 15-16 FAC 2: Establishing a term of service for the immediate past chair on the Academic Senate and Executive Committee within the University Constitution (first reading)

H. 15-16 FAC 3: Reconciling voting threshold differences between the requirements in the University Constitution and Bylaws (first reading)

I. 15-16 CIC 17: Minimum grade requirements for native/transfer students in A1-A3 and B4 from EO 1100 (first reading)

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Karplus, Secretary