

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY
OFFICE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

APPROVED Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting, March 8, 2016

Senators Present:

Nicholas Baham, Lonny Brooks, Ayona Chatterjee, Shannon Coskran, Roger Doering, Elena Dukhovny, Denise Fleming, Eric Fricke, Karina Garbesi, Kim Geron, Susan Gubernat, Jennie Guzman, Michael Hedrick, Tom Hird, Cathy Inouye, Sukari Ivester, Linda Ivey, Yi Karnes, Mark Karplus, Joshua Kerr, Chong Joanna Lee, Michael Lee, Sherman Lewis, Nancy Mangold, Monique Manopoulos, Jim Mitchell, Matthew Moore, Christopher Moreman, Diane Mukerjee, James Murray, Carolyn Nelson, Jeffrey Newcomb, Chung-Hsing Ouyang, Diane Petersen, Sharon Radcliff, Mitchell Watnik, Andrew Wong, Evaon Wong-Kim, Lan Wu, Meling Wu

Guests Present:

Eileen Barrett, Linda Dobb, Rhonda Johnson, Lindsay McCrea, Jen Nguyen, Mark Robinson, Sophie Rollins, Maureen Scharberg, Borre Ulrichsen, John Wenzler, Donna Wiley, Jim Zavagno, James Zarrillo

Senators Absent: Stephen Andrews, Gilberto Arriaza, Joana Chavez, Ken Curr, Jennifer Eagan, Chandrakala Ganesh, Nina Haft, Margaret Harris, Ehsan Kamalinejad, Grant Kien, Leroy Morishita, Silvia Ortiz, Vibha Puri, Christina Sanchez, Rachael Stryker, Tikerea Tate, Sarah Taylor

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

1. Approval of the agenda

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

2. Approval of the 2/23/16 minutes

M/S/P (Kerr/Garbesi) to approve. There were abstentions.

3. Reports:

A. Report of the Chair

The Chancellor's Office has announced there will be \$2.5 million of RSCA funding, with approximately \$80K for East Bay. Nominations for the Outstanding Professor Award and Sue Schaefer Faculty Service Award are due soon.

B. Report of the President

There was no report. The President is in Long Beach.

C. Report of the Provost

There was no report.

D. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

Gubernat gave the report. The report for the March plenary was emailed to the Senate list. Many senators wore red scarves at the meetings in solidarity with CFA's planned strike. The resolution Reaffirming the Principle of Shared Governance Within the California State University, authored by Gubernat, passed unanimously. Also passing were resolutions on Support for Requiring a Fourth Year of High School Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning, Selection of Faculty to Serve on Campus Honorary Degree Committees, Preventing Workplace Bullying Within the CSU Community, and Concerns About Administrative Communications regarding Classroom Discussion of Possible Strike Action. First Reading resolutions included Resolution Regarding Evaluation of Online Teaching and In Support of Increased Funding For RSCA. The Chancellor spent a half hour with the Senate. Continuing issues are his unavailability to meet on a regular basis with the ASCSU Executive Committee and the failure of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs to regularly attend the plenary. Board of Trustees Vice Chair Rebecca Eisen has been visiting campuses without faculty leaders being informed.

E. Report of Student Government

There was no report.

F. Report of Semester Conversion

McCrea gave the report. The steering committee meets this Friday. Updates to the time module models will be presented.

G. Report of the CFA

Baham thanked faculty for their support during the February 29 Chancellor's visit. He took issue with the amount of police presence at the event. He also took issue with a letter from the Human Resources AVP that gave instructions on what employees should do if a member of the picket line harasses them or they feel unsafe. Faculty are asked to complete the online Strike Pledge. CFA Strike Schools will be held April 6 and 7.

Item 4.D was next.

4. Information Items:

A. 15-16 ASCSC 3: Change of Summer from Leading to Trailing Term beginning with the 17-18 Financial Aid Year (Executive Director of Financial Aid, Rhonda Johnson, 2:30 pm time certain)

i. Financial Aid Plan for Semester Conversion

ii. 5 reasons to convert to trailing summer

It was noted the link in the document to the Recommendation was not working. Johnson described how the plan will help Pell Grant recipients avoid running out of eligibility. Concerns about two programs in CEAS that start in Summer have been addressed. M/S/P (Wu/Doering) to accept.

B. Student Center for Academic Achievement (SCAA) presentation (SCAA Director Jennifer Nguyen, 2:45 pm time certain)

Nguyen gave a presentation that was later sent to the Senate list. She noted that the boom in for-profit tutoring presents an equity issue and underscores the need for academic support. The presentation included an introduction to SCAA and its mission. SCAA's staff includes four staff members and 85 tutors and volunteers. Seventeen languages are spoken by staff. Tutors hail from more than a dozen countries and represent 16 majors. Nguyen described the Online Writing Lab (OWL), eTutoring, course-embedded programs, and WST workshops. Faculty are encouraged to recommend tutors, GWAs, and SI Leaders; mention SCAA's services in their syllabus; bring their creativity to SCAA via trainings, handouts, and workshops; and bring a SCAA staff member into the classroom. Several faculty inquired about the supplemental instruction program. It was suggested that SCAA expand into standardized testing preparation.

C. 2/23/16 COBRA information items follow up questions (AVP of Facilities Development and Operations Jim Zavagno, 3:00 pm time certain)

i. 15-16 COBRA 1: Year End Report on the Progress of the "Classroom Planning Study and Classroom Design Standards; California State University East Bay: 21st Century Classroom Plan" project

ii. 15-16 COBRA 2: Report on the Current Status of the Classroom Upgrade Project

Some of the concerns raised at ExCom and at the previous Senate meeting were raised again relating to the costs of the classroom renovations, including the more than \$800K estimate for four classrooms and the \$10 million to be spent over five years. Zavagno traced the project back to 2012 and back to work led by History Professor Bridget Ford to improve classrooms in Meiklejohn Hall. In response to the question of where the money for the renovations will come from, Zavagno stated that it will come from campus reserves, the same source for semester conversion and catastrophic failures. Asked how much money is left in the reserves, he stated he was not privy to that. Faculty brought up an array of complaints, from malfunctioning electronic parking signs to the continuing need for improvements in Meiklejohn Hall. The quality and durability of the proposed furniture for the classroom renovations was questioned.

Item 6.A was next.

D. 15-16 CIC 26: New course request for SOC 3535: Contemporary Brazilian Society-Study Abroad

M/S/P (Lee/Garbesi) to accept.

E. 15-16 CIC 28: Course modification request: HIST 3400 America to 1900

M/S/P (Ivey/Wu) to accept.

F. 15-16 BEC 7: Notification of Spring 2016 Academic Senate meeting date change; moving meeting from 4/19/16 to 4/12/16

M/S/P (Fleming/Wu) to accept. It was stated that not moving the meeting would have permitted a stronger message to be sent about the planned strike and avoided setting a precedent around rescheduling. It was also stated that having the additional Senate meeting before the planned strike may be advantageous for building power.

Time certain Item 4.A was next.

5. Consent Calendar:

A. 15-16 CIC 29: Health Science request for a revision of the Pre-Clinical Preparation Option, B.S. (first appearance)

6. Action Items:

A. 15-16 FAC 4: Addition of second Presidential appointee to the Provost Search Committee as outlined in the Appointment and Review of Administrative Officers of CSUEB document (second reading)

M/S/NP (Murray/Stryker) to approve. Several faculty spoke against the motion. Questions were raised about the membership of the current Provost search committee and whether it already includes two presidential appointees. The motion did not pass.

B. 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)

M/S (Murray/Wu) to approve.

C. 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)

M/S (Murray/Wu) to approve.

M/S/P (Karplus/Wu) to extend the meeting five minutes. Quorum was lost.

Item 7 was next.

- D. 15-16 FAC 3: Reconciling voting threshold differences between the requirements in the University Constitution and Bylaws (first reading)
- E. 15-16 BEC 8: Placement of 14-15 FAC 15 on the Spring 2016 Ballot of the University Faculty (first reading)
- F. 15-16 CIC 17: Minimum grade requirements for native/transfer students in A1-A3 and B4 from EO 1100 (first reading)
- G. 15-16 CIC 19: Granting of academic credit listed upon the satisfactory completion of the Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) test (first reading)
- H. 15-16 CIC 21: Postponement of enacting prerequisite enforcements (first reading)
- I. 15-16 CAPR 6: Proposal for new B.S. Civil Engineering degree program (first reading)
- J. 15-16 CIC 23: Bridge course exemptions to moratorium on curriculum changes (first reading)
- K. 15-16 CR 2: Animal Care and Use Policy Amendment (first reading)
- L. 15-16 FAC 7: Suggested changes to the Appointment and Review of Department Chairs Policy and Procedures (first reading)
- M. 15-16 CAPR 7: Temporary Suspension of the Master of Art and Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (first reading)
- N. 15-16 CAPR 8: Proposed changes to the Academic Program Review Procedures regarding accredited programs and annual reports (first reading)
- O. 15-16 CIC 25: Suggested amendments to the Online & Hybrid Instruction Policy (first reading)
- P. 15-16 CIC 30: Master's Requirements for Semester Calendar (first reading)

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Karplus, Secretary