CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY
OFFICE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

APPROVED Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting, April 5, 2016

Senators Present:
Nesreen Albanna, Stephen Andrews, Nicholas Baham, Ayona Chatterjee, Joana Chavez, Shannon Coskran, Roger Doering, Denise Fleming, Eric Fricke, Kim Geron, Susan Gubernat, Jennie Guzman, Nina Haft, Margaret Harris, Tom Hird, Cathy Inouye, Sukari Ivester, Linda Ivey, Yi Karnes, Mark Karplus, Joshua Kerr, Grant Kien, Chong Joanna Lee, Sherman Lewis, Jim Mitchell, Christopher Moreman, Leroy Morishita, James Murray, Carolyn Nelson, Jeffrey Newcomb, Chung-Hsing Ouyang, Vibha Puri, Sharon Radcliff, Mitchell Watnik, Andrew Wong, Lan Wu

Guests Present:
Derek Aitken, Eileen Barrett, Linda Dobb, Lindsay McCrea, Glen Perry, Mark Robinson, Sophie Rollins, Maureen Scharberg, Algela Schneider, James Zarrillo

Senators Absent:
Gilberto Arriaza, Steven Borish, Lonny Brooks, Ken Curr, Jennifer Eagan, Chandrakala Ganesh, Karina Garbesi, Michael Hedrick, Ehsan Kamalinejad, Michael Lee, Nancy Mangold, Monique Manopoulos, Matthew Moore, Diane Mukerjee, Silvia Ortiz, Diane Petersen, Rachael Stryker, Tikerea Tate, Sarah Taylor, Evaon Wong-Kim, Meling Wu

Vice Chair Ivey called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

1. Approval of the agenda

M/S/P (Murray/Kerr) to approve, amended to give Item 6.F a time certain of no later than 3:30 and Items 6.C and 6.D time certains of 3:00. Questions about the formatting of 6.C and 6.D will be dealt with when those items are reached in the agenda.

2. Approval of the 3/8/16 minutes

M/S/P (Watnik/Fleming) to approve.

3. Reports:

A. Report of the Chair

There was no report.

B. Report of the President

President Morishita reported on the previous week’s visits to the Legislature by the Chancellor and campus presidents. The 2016-17 budget and the impending strike were the main topics of
discussion. Senate faculty stated that the CSU and our campus have considerable money in reserves. In response to a question, Morishita stated that with continuing enrollment growth, the campus will need to start the two-year process of declaring impaction. Faculty noted that more and more students at Northern California CSUs are coming from Southern California, that almost one-half of East Bay’s incoming freshman are Latino/Chicano, and that 500 students were denied campus housing.

C. Report of the Provost

Interim Provost Nelson reported that Professor Michael Hedrick has been appointed Semester Conversion Director. A meeting for faculty search committee members will be held May 2 at 9:30 in the Biella Room. East Bay students in the CSU Student Research Competition will be presenting to faculty and participating in a poster session April 20. A new book authored by History Professor Bridget Ford dealing with the Civil War has been published. At the University Council of Chairs meeting on April 27, Mary D'Alleva will be discussing improvements made by the Center for Community Engagement to the database system that faculty and students use to make service learning placements for their students. The system is now much more user friendly.

D. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

There was no report.

E. Report of Student Government

There was no report.

F. Report of Semester Conversion

Semester Conversion Director Barrett reported that the next steering committee meeting is 12:00-2:00 on Friday, April 8. Of 70 programs, 35 are expected to be reviewed by the end of Spring, with the remainder to be reviewed by the end of Fall. Faculty can expect to receive a survey regarding a possible University Hour.

G. Report of the CFA

CFA East Bay Chapter President Baham reminded faculty that the strike scheduled in eight days will be the largest in higher education in history. The factfinder report released on March 28 found in faculty’s favor and affirmed the need for a 5% general salary increase for all faculty and a 2.65% service salary increase for all eligible faculty. These raises are just a drop in the bucket to the CSU, which has over $2 billion in reserves. CFA strike schools are scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, and Thursday, April 7, from 12:00 to 2:00 each day in UU 102. Kien, who serves as faculty representative to the Alumni Association Board, conveyed verbal support from the board for faculty on the labor issue.

Time certain Item 6.C was next.
4. Information Items:

A. 15-16 CIC 34: Revision request for Mathematics M.S. graduate program

M/S/P (Fleming/Gubernat) to accept both 15-16 CIC 34 and 15-16 CIC 35.

B. 15-16 CIC 35: Revision request for Chemistry M.S. and Chemistry Biochemistry Concentration M.S. graduate programs

See Item 4.A above.

5. Consent Calendar:

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

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

6. Action Items:

A. 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 (second reading)

At the first reading, M/S (Murray/Wu) to approve. M/S/P (Karplus/Hird) to reinstate the fourth paragraph in II.A proposed for deletion. Questions arose about whether the “election-eligible” wording in II.B should appear in II.A and if additional language was needed regarding the tallying of votes. M/S/P (Fleming/Gubernat) to refer to FAC.

Time certain Item 6.F was next.

B. 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 (second reading)

At the first reading, M/S (Murray/Wu) to approve. There was discussion of how the proposed changes might diminish the number of faculty on the Executive Committee and on the Senate. There was the suggestion that faculty may wish to add an additional at-large position to the Executive Committee when the past chair position is unfilled. M/S (Watnik/Kerr) to refer to FAC.

Quorum was lost. Item 7 was next.

C. Draft Resolution in Support of AS 3249 (first reading) (given a time certain of 3:00 during approval of the agenda)
M/S/P (Gubernat/Fleming) to approve, following M/S/P (Gubernat/Doering) to waive the first reading. There was discussion of whether the document had been passed by the Executive Committee and should be a BEC or whether it should be a BAS, from the Academic Senate. The item passed as a BEC, unanimously.

D. Draft Resolution in Support of CFA Call for Strike (first reading) (given a time certain of 3:00 during approval of the agenda)

M/S/P (Fleming/Mitchell), following M/S/P (Fleiming/Gubernat) to waive the first reading. An objection was raised that it was inappropriate for the Senate to speak to the issue and to salaries, that doing so might lead to an erosion of shared governance. Several faculty spoke in favor of the item. Lewis noted that the Constitution of the University Faculty (in Article I, Section 4) speaks to recommendations of the faculty that touch on the “welfare of the faculty”: “Recommendations of the faculty should be accorded attention and influence in proportion to the directness with which decisions will touch the competence and the welfare of the faculty.”

Item 4.A was next.

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

F. 15-16 BEC 8: Placement of 14-15 FAC 15 on the Spring 2016 Ballot of the University Faculty (first reading) (given a time certain of no later than 3:30 during approval of the agenda)

M/S/P (Newcomb/Hird) to approve, amended M/S/P (Lewis/Fleming) to change “clarifies” to “amends” in the Action Requested; following M/S/P (Newcomb/Fleming) to waive the first reading.

Item 6.B was next.

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

H. 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)

I. 15-16 CIC 21: Postponement of enacting prerequisite enforcements (first reading)

J. 15-16 CAPR 6: Proposal for new B.S. Civil Engineering degree program (first reading)

K. 15-16 CIC 23: Bridge course exemptions to moratorium on curriculum changes (first reading)

L. 15-16 CR 2: Animal Care and Use Policy Amendment (first reading)
M. 15-16 FAC 7: Suggested changes to the Appointment and Review of Department Chairs Policy and Procedures (first reading)

N. 15-16 CAPR 7: Temporary Suspension of the Master of Art and Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (first reading)

O. 15-16 CAPR 8: Proposed changes to the Academic Program Review Procedures regarding accredited programs and annual reports (first reading)

P. 15-16 CIC 25: Suggested amendments to the Online & Hybrid Instruction Policy (first reading)

Q. 15-16 CIC 30: Master’s Requirements for Semester Calendar (first reading)

7. Adjournment

Quorum was lost during discussion of Item 6.B. The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Karplus