



Summary of Actions from the Senate Meeting of October 25, 2016

ACCEPTED INFORMATION ITEMS	
15-16 FAC 9	Response to Executive Committee referral regarding problems with usability and function of Faculty Search online application process
15-16 CIC 69	Revision request for Psychology B.A.
15-16 CIC 70	Revision request for B.S. Business Administration
15-16 CIC 71	Revision request for B.S. Health Sciences
15-16 CIC 72	Revision request for B.S. Nursing
15-16 CIC 73	Revision request for Statistics M.S.
15-16 CIC 74	Revision request for Biostatistics M.S.
15-16 CIC 75	Revision request for Kinesiology M.S.
15-16 CIC 76	Revision request for M.S. Engineering Management
15-16 CIC 77	Revision request for M.S. Construction Management
REPORTS	
Chair	Chair Karplus attended the CSU Senate Chairs meeting in Long Beach, convened by ASCSU Chair Miller. Several items were discussed, including Academic Freedom, which has been a difficult issue. In order to meet with ASCSU and CFA, the CSU has asked CFA to give up its bargaining rights on the issue. Also discussed was the proposal to increase tuition and the students' (CSSA) response. ASCSU will have the item on the November Plenary. Karplus reported that ITAC is looking at a proposed computer refresh policy; there is no current Senate or administrative policy on refreshing faculty and staff computers. Although ITAC is not required to bring any forthcoming policy to the Senate, Karplus stated that he will do so as an information item for Senators. Vice Chair Karina Garbesi's father passed away; ExCom sent flowers.
President	No report; President not in attendance
Provost	Provost Inch reported that our enrollment target is 13,371. At present, census count is 13,903; since enrollment tends to be higher in the fall, this number allows for some expected drop off. We have seen a large increase in transfer students and about 50 fewer first-time freshmen. The average load for students is 13.3 units. The organization Affordable Colleges Online ranked CSUEB the best online college in California for 2016-2017. Chico ranked #3 and UC Berkeley ranked #5. The Chancellor's Office (CO) allocated CSUEB \$112,373 for course redesign, which is currently funding 35 faculty grants. There will be 30 new faculty hires for next year; the Provost and deans are working to allocate hires. Inch reported that approximately 20% of our students live with food insecurity. CSUEB's Food Pantry and Project HOPE will provide assistance to these students and the 10% home insecurity. The CO also provided funding to meet graduation targets set under the Graduation Initiative. Inch added that the initiative helps us focus on what our efforts

	<p>should be. The initiative targets three focus areas: Academic Innovation, (e.g., faculty development to better address the achievement gap, strategic curriculum design), Focused Student Support (e.g., resources to target the high D/F/W rates, supplemental instruction), and Data (e.g., how to find and use data and predictive analytics to target student needs, allocate resources). Finally, Provost Inch stated that the semester schedule is on today’s Senate agenda. He encouraged senators to carefully consider factors (e.g., a five-day schedule, University Hour) that may affect students’ quality of life and path to degree.</p>
Statewide Academic Senators	No report
Student Government	No report
Semester Conversion	<p>Professor Hedrick reported that the Semester Conversion Planning Committee held its first meeting on October 7. The main topic of discussion was the deadlines for GE and Overlay course proposals. The new deadlines are 12/2/16 for approval by department and 2/10/16 for approval by the college curricular committee. This timing will allow for catalog adjustments and for students’ individualized advisement plans. Hedrick stated that representatives are still needed from CLASS and CEAS for the faculty subcommittee; also, a faculty representative is needed for the student advising subcommittee.</p>
CFA	<p>CSUEB CFA President Baham encouraged all to support Prop 55; he stated that members contributed more than 50 hours of phone banking to the effort. If 55 passes, the ensuing K-14 funding should leave general funds available for allocation to the CSU. Baham reported on misinformation surrounding the proposed \$270 tuition increase. Students have heard that the increase is due to faculty salary increases.</p>