Senators Present:
Reza Akhavian, SaeHya Ann, Jeffra Bussmann, Andrew Carlos, Paul Carpenter, Shannon Coskran, Zahra Derakhshandeh, Denise Fleming, Karina Garbesi, Julie Glass, Edward Inch, Summer Jackson, Mark Karplus, Josh Kerr, Grant Kien, Kimberly Kim, Michele Korb, Kristin Layous, Michael Lee, Nancy Mangold, Monique Manopoulos, Dave Matsuda, Albert Mendoza, Kaumudi Misra, Leroy Morishita, James Murray, Michelle Parker, Ian Pollock, Gretchen Reevy, Gwyan Rhabyt, Michelle Rippy, Carlos Salomon, Stephanie Seitz, Tammie Simmons-Mosley, Jason Smith, Ryan Smith, John Tan, Jiming Wu, Semih Yilmaz, Isaiah De La Cruz(CBE)

Guests Present:
Derek Aitken, Kabir Dhillon, Linda Dobb, Kim Geron, Rafael Hernandez, Patricia Irvine, Sarah Knudsen, Mark Robinson, Mitch Watnik

Senators Absent:
Julie Beck, Ken Chung, Nicole Diggs, Kevin Kaatz, Mee Sook Kim, Sherman Lewis, Jeffrey Newcomb, Diane Petersen, Vibha Puri, Omri Shimron, Michael Stanton, James Tandon, Karen Parada(CSCI), Hoang Dao(CEAS), Daejona Walker(CLASS)

The meeting was called to order at 2:06

1. Approval of the agenda

(Carlos/Reevy) to approve the agenda

2. Approval of 9/18/18 minutes

M/S/P (Rippy/Reevy) to approve

3. Reports

A. Report of the Chair

The Senate observed a moment of silence in honor of Dr. Joyce Keyes Williams, Assistant Professor of Public Affairs and Administration, who passed away on September 25, 2018.

Chair Karplus discussed the role of faculty governance in the distribution of GI2015 funds. Under SB 840, we have been allocated approximately $2.5M, including $840K to hire seven new tenure track faculty. Karplus stated that the Provost has requested input from COBRA on how the remaining $1.7M should be allocated. Karplus stated that recommendations are to be broken down into percentages and categorized under the six pillars outlined in the GI2025.
This poses a daunting task. Karplus suggested that we keep it simple and not allow the discussion to be overly driven by a need to understand and fitting recommendations into the six categories. Karplus pointed out that the Student Success and Retention Committee was similarly tasked with making recommendations. They decided to gather proposals and costs and to employ a rubric.

Karplus suggested that we make bold suggestions and allow our administrative colleagues to categorize them and provide supporting evidence. That said, the simplest productive solution would be to hire more tenure track hires, as referenced in SB840.

Faculty are invited to attend and provide input at a town hall hosted by the Provost, which will take place next Monday, Oct 15, from 10-11:30. Faculty may also attend and give feedback at two upcoming COBRA meetings (10/10 and 10/24) in SF 329. On 10/30, the Senate will also discuss this topic.

B. Report of the President

There is now a ballot drop box with on campus for Alameda County residents to use. The President urged all to vote.

President Morishita reported that he received a petition late on Friday and convened the Agenda Committee per the Constitution & Bylaws. A meeting is set for Tuesday, October 23, beginning at 12:15. The agenda items will include eligibility requirements to serve as Senate Chair, recommendations for action, and potential changes to the Bylaws & Constitution.

There is a Faculty Honors reception at 4:00 today.

C. Report of the Provost

Provost Inch echoed the invitation to attend the Faculty Honors event today.

There is a tight timeline for reporting to the Chancellor’s Office on G12015. Information for the 11/15 report is due to the Provost’s Office by October 26.

There was a discussion about what types of expenditures funding may be used for. Inch stated that funds may be used on initiatives or more faculty, so long as we can demonstrate evidence that students will benefit.

D. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators

New ASCSU Senator Julie Glass was welcomed.

E. Report of Student Government

No report
F. Report of the CFA

Gretchen Reevy reported on several upcoming CFA-related events.

4. Business Items:

A. 18-19 FDEC 2: Resolution to Retire the CSUEB Mascot “Pioneer Pete”

Passed unanimously on second reading

B. 17-18 CIC 31: University Honors Program Catalog Revisions

M/S (Rhabyt/Smith) to approve (first reading)

At the next Senate meeting, Watnik will speak to the question of what percentage of students has a 3.6. Another questions involved the reason(s) why honors students are required to do more work than non-honors students.

C. 17-18 CIC 71: Maximum number of Units for Summer Sessions (first reading)

M/S/ (Rhabyt/Reevy) to approve

What data is there to support the statement that the current policy “invites failure?”

D. 17-18 CIC 73: Revision of 14-15 CIC 41: Policy on Graduate Courses to Fulfill the University Writing Skills Requirement Major/Minor Policy (first reading)

M/S/ (Rhabyt/Garbesi) to approve

5. Information Items:

A. 18-19 BC 2: Additional 2017-2018 Committee Chair Annual Reports

M/S/P (Fleming/Murray) to accept

M/S/P (Rhabyt/Garbesi) to bundle 5B-5H and accept

B. 17-18 CIC 64: General Education Approval for Semesters from Theatre and Dance

C. 17-18 CIC 65: General Education Approvals for Semesters from Sociology

D. 17-18 CIC 66: General Education Approval for Semesters from General Studies

E. 17-18 CIC 67: General Education Approvals for Semesters from Engineering

F. 17-18 CIC 69: General Education Approval for STAT 401

G. 17-18 CIC 70: General Education Approval for ECON 101

H. 17-18 CIC 72: Writing Skills Approvals for Semesters

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

Note a correction to Dr. Seitz title in the document: AVP, Research and Sponsored Programs

6. Adjournment

M/S/P (Fleming/Rhabyt) to adjourn at 3:05

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Fleming, Secretary