Senators Present:
Reza Akhavian, SaeHya Ann, Jeffra Bussmann, Andrew Carlos, Paul Carpenter, Shannon Coskran, Denise Fleming, Karina Garbesi, Edward Inch, Summer Jackson, Kevin Kaatz, Mark Karplus, Josh Kerr, Grant Kien, Kimberly Kim, Mee Sook Kim, Michele Korb, Kristin Layous, Michael Lee, Sherman Lewis, Nancy Mangold, Monique Manopoulos, Dave Matsuda, Albert Mendoza, Kaumudi Misra, Leroy Morishita, James Murray, Jeffrey Newcomb, Michelle Parker, Diane Petersen, Ian Pollock, Vibha Puri, Gretchen Reevy, Gwyan Rhabyt, Michelle Rippy, Carlos Salomon, Stephanie Seitz, Omri Shimron, Tammie Simmons-Mosley, Jason Smith, Ryan Smith, Michael Stanton, John Tan, James Tandon, Jiming Wu, Semih Yilmaz, Hoang Dao(CEAS), Isaiah De La Cruz(CBE), Daejona Walker(CLASS)

Guests Present:
Kabir Dhillon, Suzanne Espinoza, Chandrakala Ganesh, Silvina Ituarte, Sarah Knudsen, Glen Perry, Mark Robinson, Maureen Scharberg, Myles Watkins

Senators Absent:
Julie Beck, Ken Chung, Nicole Diggs

The meeting was called to order at 2:04

1. Approval of the agenda

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

2. Reports

A. Report of the Chair

Chair Karplus welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Academic Senate. He announced that Mark Robinson is the new Interim Senate Office Coordinator and that Sarah Knudson will be assisting.

Karplus stated that he was heartened by the President Morishita’s affirmation of shared governance and by ExCom’s desire to improve awareness of and participation in shared governance. To that end, he reminded senators that anyone may attend ExCom, Senate, and committee meetings. He will work with Academic Affairs on advance notice of meetings and will be asking standing committee chairs to provide background information on documents.

B. Report of the President

President Morishita welcomed all to the new academic year and our first one on semesters.
He introduced Suzanne Espinoza, our new VP of Student Affairs, who started at the beginning of July.

As we transition to semesters, some students are experiencing difficulty with their financial aid. Some of this is due to moving from quarters to semesters and tuition being paid out ½ year at a time, as opposed to three installments (one each quarter). As of now, no one will be disenrolled due to non-payment; more time and payment plans are being offered.

Enrollment is down, in part due to graduating 600 more students last year than the year before. The headcount is down compared to last year; the unit load is also down about .8 units per student. As we are in transition, there is a grace period to address these issues.

The state budget was approved in mid-June and signed by the Governor. The CSU allocation was increased from $92M to $197M, with $75M earmarked for the graduation initiative. Funding is intertwined with accountability, which poses some challenges.

President Morishita announced that Karina Garbesi and Eric Helgren are recipients of the inaugural Faculty Innovation and Leadership Award.

C. Report of the Provost

Provost Inch welcomed all to the new academic year. He reported on enrollment, as follows:

- Current headcount is 14,594, down from 15,427 and below our target of 15,500.
- FTES is 12,390, down from 13,735 and below our Fall target of 14,139.
- Average unit load is also down to 12.42 from 13.02

With respect to the budget:
- Governor Brown allocated an additional $197M to CSU, including $75M in GI2025 funds, with $25M targeted for faculty hires
- We ended AY17-18 in balance and with most colleges meeting or exceeding a 3% reserve
- Colleges rolled over funds and have a 5% spend down plan
- $277K have been allocated for faculty scholarship (including some designated for senior faculty)
- The budget also includes a one-time system allocation for retention and graduation

GI 2025:
- There is a high level of accountability, with reports for AY17-18 and 18-19 to date due to the legislature by November 15
- Every expenditure and proposal must have a rationale based on best practices as informed by research.
- 25% of the funds are to be spend on new faculty; CSUEB will hire (7) new faculty

D. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators
ASCSU Senator Fleming reported that committees meetings and Plenary will take place next week.

E. Report of Student Government

ASI President, Myles Watkins, and ASI Vice President of University Affairs, Kabir Dhillon, reported on ASI activities and goals.

F. Report of the CFA

Gretchen Reevy, Vice President of CSUEB CFA, is Acting President while Nick Baham is on sabbatical.

Reevy reported that faculty will be receiving two raises, a 3.5% raise on November 1, and a 2.5% raise on July 1.

CFA continues to work to protect health care and pensions.

3. Action Items

A. 18-19 BEC 1: Standing Rules of the Academic Senate

M/S/P (Fleming/Smith) to approve the Standing Rules, as amended
M/S/P (Murray/Garbesi) to change CFAC to FAC
M/S/P (Carlos/Pollock) to delegate to ExCom to make other pro forma changes

M/S/P (Fleming/Smith) to waive the first reading

B. 18-19 BEC 4: Election of the 18-19 University Committee on Layoffs (UCL)

M/S/P (Smith/Reevy) to approve, as amended
M/S/P (Rhabyt/Reevy) to waive the first reading
M/S/P (Pollack/Murray) to add Rhabyt to the slate

4. Election

A. 18-19 Executive Committee member

Senator Garbesi was elected to ExCom by written ballot

5. Information Items

A. 18-19 BEC 2: Excom and Senate proposed meeting dates

M/S/P (Carlos/Rippy) to accept
B. 17-18 BEC 11: Formation of time modules task force
M/S/P (Lewis/Carlos) to accept

C. 17-18 BEC 12: Approval of the Academic Programs Subcommittee
M/S/P (Reevy/Fleming) to accept

D. 17-18 COBRA 4: Semester Conversion Budget Summary
M/S/ (Smith/Rhabyt) to accept

There was no vote due to adjournment

Items 5E – 5U were not addressed prior to adjournment.

E. 17-18 COBRA 5: Academic Affairs Budget Report
F. 17-18 COBRA 6: University Extension Budget Report
G. 17-18 CIC 49: General Education Approvals for Semesters from Biological Sciences
H. 17-18 CIC 50: General Education Approvals for Semesters from Anthropology, Geography, and Environmental Studies
I. 17-18 CIC 51: General Education Approvals for Semesters from Art
J. 17-18 CIC 52: General Education Approvals for Semesters from Business, Accounting, Finance, Management, and Marketing
K. 17-18 CIC 53: General Education Approvals for Semesters from Earth and Environmental Science
L. 17-18 CIC 54: General Education Approvals for Semesters from Communication
M. 17-18 CIC 55: General Education Approvals for Semesters from Economics
N. 17-18 CIC 56: General Education Approvals for Semesters from Human Development and Women’s Studies
O. 17-18 CIC 57: General Education Approval for Semesters from Hospitality, Recreation, and Tourism
P. 17-18 CIC 58: General Education Approvals for Semesters from Ethnic Studies
Q. 17-18 CIC 59: General Education Approval for Semesters from Health Sciences
R. 17-18 CIC 60: General Education Approvals for Semesters from History
S. 17-18 CIC 61: General Education Approvals for Semesters from Philosophy
T. 17-18 CIC 62: General Education Approvals for Semesters from Modern Languages and Literatures
U. 17-18 CIC 63: General Education Approval for Semesters from Physics

6. Discussion Items

A. Report of Ombuds Services

Dr. Silvina Ituarte explained the role of the University Ombuds. While the Ombuds office cannot officially receive complaints, they can assist employees in working through interpersonal strain.
7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Fleming, Secretary