CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, HAYWARD

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the
ACADEMIC SENATE

Approved as amended

Minutes of the Meeting of January 20, 2004

Members Present: Cal Caplan, Denise Fleming, Karina Garbesi, Liz Ginno, William Langan, Julia Norton (Chair), Norma Rees, Hank Reichman, Jeffery Seitz, Steve Ugbah, Alison Warriner, Donald Wort

Members Absent: none

Visitors: Carl Bellone, Susan Correia, Jeanne Ekdahl, Hal Gin, J. Glenn-Davis, Myoung-ja Lee Kwon, Jennifer Laherty, Frank Martino, Dick Metz, Sonjia Redmond, Michael Strait, Barbara Storms, Arthurlene Towner, Dorian West, Joe Zelan

1. Approval of the agenda

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting on January 13, 2004 (not yet available)

3. Reports
   A. Report of the Chair
      -Bob Brauer is hoping that faculty will help the Advocacy team by going to Sacramento as many times as possible. He will make a presentation at the next Senate meeting to try and create a group of folks to go together; CFA will be going in the Spring; Norton will be in Sacramento on the 12th of February and will try to meet with legislative representatives, too. Caplan remarked that at the last plenary it was mentioned that we will coordinate our visits to the legislature.
      -Chancellor’s letter of today highlights of budgetary issues; use for legislative visits.
      -Reminded those of us who pledged money for Homecoming, please send it in to either Senate office or CSUH Foundation.
   
   B. Report of the President
      -Nothing new to report since the COBRA meeting last Friday.
   
   C. Report of the Statewide Academic Senators
      -Reichman remarked that they meet tomorrow (through Friday).
   
   D. Report of the ExCom representative to ASI
      -Ugbah noted that they have not met yet.

4. Appointments
   (M/S/P) Garbesi/Ugbah nominated Juan Robles to replace Helen Zong on CAPR for Winter Quarter.

2003-04 CR-1, Nominees to fill vacancies on the Institutional Review Board
   (M/S/P) Ugbah/Ginno to approve the document, appointing Hilary Holz, Robert Peppard, and Terry Soo-Hoo to the Institutional Review Board. Joe Zelan explained to the group what the IRB was and how it was constituted.

5. Approval of the Winter 2004 University-wide Preliminary List (Self Nominations)
   (M/S/P) Ginno/Garbesi to approve the list for Winter Quarter election.
6. Discussion of the Resolution by UC Santa Cruz regarding cutting ties with Elsevier Journals (Science Direct Online)

Ginno explained that the Library wants faculty feedback on this issue. Norton added that this issue is not to be taken lightly, as the pricing is quite rapacious. Jennifer Laherty, Coordinator of Collection Development, gave an overview of the Elsevier ScienceDirect issue. We pay for a pre-selected group of their journals. The publishing system in science, technology and medicine (STEM) is usually funded by public domain funds and then we are charged very high prices for the resultant publication of research results. In addition to the issue of how to pay for the publication of research results, many of these publishers also only offer package deals versus institutions being able to pick and choose which journals by the publisher for which they want to pay. Myoung-ja Lee Kwon, University Librarian, reported that our contract of a year and a half ago will stay in place. Reichman, statewide Senate liaison to COLD, likened the situation to the cable television problem; to subscribe to what you want, you get stuff you don’t want. Asking faculty to restrict their publishing in different ways leads to issues of academic freedom and would not be effective. Kwon remarked that the faculty need to be aware of other things that they can ask for when they publish, such as negotiating for copyright and/or institutional price breaks. Caplan noted that the Library ought to bring an actual resolution and not a discussion topic. Garbesi remarked that a lot of education needs to take place for the faculty to understand the issues. Kwon noted that we could set up a workshop done by Aline Soules on copyright. Martino remarked that the particle physics group has been publishing peer-reviewed articles online for the last 15 years, as an alternative to traditional publishing. Norton suggested that the Library will bring a proposal/resolution to ExCom with facts about journal costs, etc.

7. Disruptive Student Behavior and discussion of draft Resolution on Violence

Norton introduced Sonjia Redmond, Vice President of Student Affairs, who is the administrator who oversees matters dealing with student behavior. Hal Gin gave a presentation on the Student Judicial Affairs process.

Ginno asked about feedback to faculty involved throughout the process. Gin replied that faculty are informed on a “need-to-know” basis. What is the process? Is there a progress report? Resolution can take months and years. Redmond replied that about 90% of faculty have given them good feedback. She recommended that faculty who feel that they are not being kept in the loop should contact her or Hal. She also mentioned that some faculty let student disruptions go on too long before reporting them. Reichman asked if there were any statistics generally for the CSU and for CSUH, for student disruptions - and, do “sanctions” appear on a student’s transcripts. Gin replied that some sanctions are placed on their transcripts but not on a permanent basis, if they transfer before finishing the program here, their transcripts would state “disciplinary probation” as the only notation. Redmond remarked that they have seen more students with mental health issues. Often it is because students discontinue medications. When you witness inappropriate behavior, please contact Redmond or Gin right away. Seitz agreed that communication with faculty is important but that, in his experience, he did not receive any feedback for his complaints. Garbesi asked what the relationship is between campus security and outside criminal justice bodies? The Chief replied that they work hand-in-hand with the Student Judicial Affairs and outside judicial personnel.
8. Continued discussion regarding Writing Skills changes and information for an addendum to 03-04 CIC 7

(M/S/P) Garbesi/Wort to adopt the amended 03-04 CIC 7 - Proposed Writing Skills Policy as backup to 03-04 CIC 7 and put it on the Senate agenda. Caplan recommended that we separate the policy from the proposed changes. He further recommended that we ought to have the complete policy in front of us with the strikeouts and changes. Warriner stated that she would be happy to post it to the web. Reichman recommended reorganizing the document going to the Senate. Garbesi recommended that Warriner give a very short presentation on the topic at Senate when it is introduced.

(M/S) Reichman/Langan moved that his email response and amendment to the proposed policy be sent out to Academic Senators in their packet for the next Senate meeting. Reichman removed his motion and will email the Academic Senators his proposed amendment. Warriner raised the issue of having the Senators see an amendment to something they haven’t seen. Anyone can send along Academic Senate business to senators prior to meetings.

9. Proposed revision to the Faculty Diversity & Equity Committee (FDEC) document and discussion of any other policies which mention the ODEO position and would need to be updated.

(M/S/P) Ugbah/Garbesi move to send the policy changes to the Senate. Caplan asked that abbreviations be spelled out first; what does ODEO mean? Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity. Rees reported that the half-time position of Special Assistant to the President for Diversity and Equal Opportunity is vacant and it will remain unfilled for the foreseeable future. She reported that she talked with David Larson regarding the role of this position in faculty searches and he has volunteered that, as Affirmative Action Liaison Officer, he will perform some of the important search committee duties that were previously done by the DEO position. Langan pointed out that the word “provisional” ought to be struck from item 6 in the document.

10. Electronic Voting

Norton reported that Roger Parker has investigated several different online voting programs. Two of the programs require separate servers which are too expensive at this time. Zoomerang (http://www.zoomerang.com/) has his recommendation, as it seems to be very reliable and inexpensive. Correia investigated and tested the suggested software, which is only $350, and it seemed to pass all tests and would fulfill our needs. Correia suggested that we do a functional test with the FDEC survey. It would have to be determined whether any wording in our bylaws would need to be changed before we can actually use it for Senate elections. Just to compare, the cost of envelopes and duplication of election materials is usually over $500 for the year.

11. Adjournment

(M/S/P) Langan/Caplan move to adjourn at 4:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Ginno, Secretary