Minutes of the Academic Senate Meeting, Tuesday, March 7, 2006


Guests: Carl Bellone, Bob Brauer, James Kelly

Meeting called to order at 2:07 p.m.

1. M/S/P (Maxwell/Wiley) to approve the agenda as amended.

   The Executive Committee has recalled Item #5 (05-06 CAPR 7, revised) for discussion at its next meeting

2. M/S/P (Maxwell/Garbesi) to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 7, 2006

3. Reports

   A. Report of the Chair
      - The Faculty Affairs Committee has selected Professor Jane Lopus, Economics, as the recipient of the Outstanding Professor Award
      - Donna Wiley was elected to be the ACIP representative for CSUEB (Academic Council for International Programs)
      - Upcoming events include: Women Faculty reading selected works for International Women’s Day on Wednesday, March 8, in the Studio Theatre; the Faculty/Alumni Wind Orchestra will hold a concert on March 8 in the University Theatre; the Winter Choral Concert will be held on March 12 at 7 p.m.; baseball double-header on March 18th
      - The Winter University-wide election for Faculty Marshal and Senate Representatives-at-large, CSUEB Foundation Board of Directors, and CSU Senator are now completed. Results are posted on the Senate NEWS web page.
      - Enrollment services has announced that online grading is available for Winter quarter. CSUEB is making a move toward all online grading.

   B. Report of the President
      - The budget is in. Kris Erway, Budget Officer, is providing analysis.
      - There is still no news on the potential budget impact for next year for not meeting our 05-06 enrollment targets. Schutz asked when that information will be available. President Rees stated that there is still an ongoing analysis of
enrollment numbers and “give back” dollars. Wiley asked if there might be some forgiveness in the amount of money CSUEB may have to return. President Rees stated that any reduction in the amount of money CSUEB would have to return would occur only in the event that the Chancellor’s Office has funds to assist CSUEB. Further, if the CSU does not bring in the enrollment growth as determined under the terms of the Compact, the legislature has decreed that the system will need to remand every FTE $ back to the state. This is challenging for the CO since the system as a whole must meet the enrollment target.

C. Report of the Statewide Senate
   - The March Committee meeting and Plenary will be held this week. There will be a second reading of the initiative to reduce the number of statewide senators because of budgetary reasons. If the initiative passes the Statewide Senate, it will be forwarded to all campuses for approval. Needs a majority affirmative vote from a majority of campuses to pass; there is little alternative in Reichman’s view.

D. Report of CFA
   - No report. Rally tomorrow at noon in the library.

E. Report of the Student Government
   - No report.

4. 05-06 CAPR 6, Five Year Program

   M/S/P (Tontz/Maxwell) to approve, as revised to include the wording “without modification, but including implementation of the recommendations specifically identified by CAPR” to the action requested

5. 05-06 CIC 12, Upper Division General Education application of courses

   M/S/P (Garbesi/Opp) to approve
   There was discussion regarding prerequisites

6. 05-06 CR 1, Policy on Emeritus/a Faculty as PIs on Sponsored Programs

   M/S/P (Garbersi/Opp) to approve with two abstentions
   Seitz asked for justification for the change. Cadwaller responded that we are conforming to Executive Order 890, which trumps our existing policy, thus necessitating the change. Rees noted that it was common in the UC system; it is a standard way of doing things for people who want a relationship with the university. Sawyer noted that it was permissive rather than restrictive.

7. Round Two Consultation for Development of a University Strategic Plan

   - AVP, Academic Programs and Graduate Studies, Bellone stated that the first round of consultation of the University’s Strategic Plan (USP) yielded five draft goals, which were endorsed by the Academic Senate. The next step in the USP process is to develop unit level objectives. Maxwell asked for clarification on the language in proposed objective #1; Garbesi asked how the proposed draft objectives will fit into the
broader goals. Bellone stated that he reviewed more than 100 unit level objectives and distilled these into the draft unit objectives.

- Ugbah asked how one will measure the effectiveness of professional development and suggested an annual report card from units on faculty development. There does not appear to be resources allocated for professional achievement; such resources are important for faculty. Reichman stated that objectives should be measureable; many of the indicators are not sufficiently explicit as to yield to measurement and, in some cases, do not appear to be objectives. For example, how might one measure a climate? How much money would constitute a met goal for fundraising?

- Opp suggested adding indicators that included impacts on students. Garbesi stated that the proposed objectives are a “snapshot” of what one unit has drafted. Faculty should, during their own process, be sure to carefully align objectives with indicators. Bellone stated that, to his knowledge, Colleges are seeking and incorporating faculty input into strategic plans.

- President Rees stated that the process of developing objectives and indicators involving the development of new programs should take into account whether there will be a student market for the programs.

- Phelps suggested adding faculty housing to the indicators. Maxwell asked to see explicit language that indicates that programs are improving as a result of the assessment. Hird suggested that reports of fundraising activities tend to address results, rather than the effectiveness of the process. Nelson suggested that there be some reward in terms of resources for those programs that grow and improve; similarly, it is problematic for programs that are shrinking to make headway in the event of dwindling resources. Suess urged that CSUEB protect numbers of faculty gains in new hires.

8. WASC Update

Campus climate surveys have been sent out. Those who return their surveys by March 17 are eligible for a drawing for a dedicated parking place. The plans and timetable for writing the report are in place. Reichman reported that ICAS have invited WASC representations to discuss faculty representation in the WASC process, in particular to discuss the growing concern that the WASC standards require increasing resources for the reviews even as resources are dwindling.

9. Adjournment

M/S/P (Nelson/Paige) to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Fleming, Secretary